

Arlis/ANZ QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

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Report from the Chairperson -Therese Nolan-Brown

Activities

During 2019 and 2020 the Queensland Chapter fulfilled the role of Arlis/ANZ National Executive

The Executive's main activity during this time involved developing the *Society's Biennial Conference* during 2019 and working to deliver the conference in 2020

The event was held on site and streamed online to delegates in Australia, NZ, UK, HK, USA, 11-13 November 2020.

The Executive planning group (Judy Gunning, Ellen Thompson, Christene Drewe and Therese Nolan-Brown) worked collaboratively with conference partner [Artists Books Brisbane Events](#)' Convenor Tim Mosely and liaised with our NSW, Victorian, ACT and SA Chapter colleagues to plan the event.

Key achievements included the formation of a partnership with [abbe 2021](#) and securing support from State Library of Qld to host the event.

The emergence of COVID 19 presented substantial challenges for the Conference planning group due to constantly changing circumstances during 2020 including:

- the replacement -at short notice- of confirmed keynote speakers from Melbourne with locals, due to unexpected border closures;
- changes to the conference format from onsite to hybrid to incorporate online and onsite attendance.

Success was measured by

- more than anticipated participation and attendance- onsite or online
- positive feedback from participants and delegates about the quality and diversity of the program;
- enjoyment by members and delegates;
- satisfaction from partners (abbe 2021 and State Library) in regard to the working with Arlis/ANZ.

Outcomes included

- high attendance rates onsite (maximum numbers under COVID Safe conditions) and online;
- increased membership of Arlis/ANZ particularly from Queensland;
- new members and registration achieved through partnerships with abbe 2020 and cross promotion with book arts communities in Brisbane;

- attendees reported satisfaction with the diversity of the event achieved through book arts/ library intersections.
- introduction of professional development (workshops) into the Conference program.

The Queensland Chapter (acting as National Executive) also -achieved substantial benefits for the National Society.

Business improvements

- created a new more affordable and reliable website that can be managed by the Chapters directly
- Consolidated financial accounts
- Replaced previous membership and conference systems with in house applications managed through the new website.

Membership

- increased membership overall but particularly in Queensland.
- increased diversity, communication with members and wider communities of interest including the book arts and academic communities.

Financial Membership statistics - Queensland

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| 2018-2019 | 6 Individual | 2 Institutional |
| 2019-2020 | 7 Individual | 2 Institutional |
| 2020-2021 | 20 Individual | 2 Institutional |

Proposed new initiatives for 2021

- Professional development program
- A Queensland Chapter section on our website to document and publish activities

Thank you

Sincere thanks to the Conference Planning group and all our members for your work, ideas and participation over the last 2 years.

Therese Nolan-Brown

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