



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Consortium

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# NATSIHEC NEWSLETTER

*June 2019*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Planning and arrangements are well underway for the forthcoming NATSIHEC Executive Committee meeting on 12 June 2019 followed by the National Caucus meeting on 13-14 June hosted by QUT on its Kelvin Grove, Brisbane campus.

We strongly encourage all NATSIHEC members to attend and participate directly in the National Caucus meeting. This is your opportunity to personally hear and receive updates from the NATSIHEC Executive Committee and representatives from relevant Higher Education sector Government and non-government agencies and, just as importantly, to have your say.

It's free for members to attend and it's not too late to register by simply emailing the NATSIHEC Policy Officer [ianrobinson60@bigpond.com](mailto:ianrobinson60@bigpond.com)

## Meetings

On 22 May 2019 NATSIHEC Executive President Distinguished Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson met with staff of RMIT discussing development of a comprehensive NATSIHEC Communications Strategy.

## Professional engagement

The NATSIHEC Executive President on 21 May 2019 attended the Universities Australia plenary meeting of Vice Chancellors in Melbourne.

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## AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND STANDARD RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION (ANZSRC) REVIEW

NATSIEHC's submission to the ANZSRC Review has been completed and lodged. The Review is currently being jointly undertaken by the ARC, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Statistics (Stats NZ), and the New Zealand Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

### FROM THE NATSIEHC PORTFOLIO V-P's

#### *Research portfolio:*

Professor Peter Anderson in his capacity as Director of the National Indigenous Research Knowledges Network (NIRAKN), which collaborates with NATSIEHC, has been invited to serve as a member of an Advisory Group to the Australian Academy of the Humanities <https://www.humanities.org.au/>. The group will provide advice on a current project to map international research infrastructure models in Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and to 'identify the technology platform and capabilities needed to establish HASS and Indigenous research platforms'.

#### *Academic portfolio:*

In last month's NATSIEHC Newsletter edition we invited expressions of interest from members to join the sub-committee of the *Academic* portfolio which will explore Teaching and Learning priorities and opportunities to grow our Indigenous Academic and Professional Workforce.

V-P *Academic* Associate Professor Clair Andersen is still waiting to hear from those members who have an interest and are willing to assist her in this crucial work. Please email your expression of interest to: [Clair.Andersen@utas.edu.au](mailto:Clair.Andersen@utas.edu.au)

The Vice-Presidents have provided the following brief portfolio updates for the information of members:

### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY

Prime Minister the Hon. Scott Morrison on 29 May 2019 issued an Order establishing as an Executive Agency the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) commencing on 1 July 2019. The NIAA will be responsible to the recently appointed Minister for Indigenous Australians, The Hon. Ken Wyatt.

Details of the Order can be viewed at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019G00474>

Briefly, the functions of the NIAA will be:

- to lead and coordinate Commonwealth policy development, program design and implementation and service delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- to provide advice to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Indigenous Australians on whole-of-government priorities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;

- to lead and coordinate the development and implementation of Australia's Closing the Gap targets in partnership with Indigenous Australians;
- to lead Commonwealth activities to promote reconciliation;
- to build and maintain effective partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, state and territory governments and other relevant stakeholders to inform whole-of-government priorities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and enable policies, programs and services to be tailored to the unique needs of communities;
- to design, consult on and coordinate the delivery of community development employment projects;
- to analyse and monitor the effectiveness of programs and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including programs and services delivered by bodies other than the Agency;
- to coordinate Indigenous portfolio agencies and advance a whole-of-government approach to improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
- to undertake other tasks the Prime Minister and the Minister require from time to time.

## SHAPING THE FUTURE

Earlier this year, the Equity Practitioners in Higher Education Australasia (EPHEA) sponsored an event entitled 'Shaping the Future: Learning from Indigenous Higher Education Research in the Northern Territory' held in Darwin on 23 January 2019.

This was well attended by a wide range of professionals with an interest in Indigenous and/or equity considerations in higher education.

All the presentations were video-recorded and are now available online, along with the respective power-point presentations. They can be accessed via this weblink:

<https://www.cdu.edu.au/indigenous-leadership>

## EVENTS CALENDAR

23 – 27 June 2019      Indigenous Nationals

The 2019 Indigenous Nationals are being hosted by the University of Western Australia, Perth 23 – 27 June 2019 and will be contested in a mixed competition across four sports: touch football, basketball, netball and volleyball. Team registrations are open online at <https://www.unisport.com.au/indigenous-nationals>

But be quick because a late registration fee of \$20 per competitor will apply after 8 June 2019.

26 – 29 June 2019      NAISA Conference

The 2019 annual conference of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) is being hosted by the University of Waikato/Te Whare Wanango o Waikato in Hamilton New Zealand 26 – 29 June 2019. Registrations are open online at <https://naisa2019.waikato.ac.nz/conference/registration/>

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7 – 14 July 2019      NAIDOC Week

Join in the celebration and activities for this year's NAIDOC Week 7 – 14 July 2019 with the theme '*Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together*'.

16 – 18 August 2019      UATSIS National Conference

The Union of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Students (UATSIS) National Conference will be held from 16-18 August 2019 in Canberra. EOP's can be emailed to Bryce Wilson via [events@uatsis.org](mailto:events@uatsis.org)

## SECTOR APPOINTMENTS, OPPORTUNITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

### Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science

The Australian Academy of Science is seeking to increase diversity amongst Fellows of the Academy. Women, and those from other under-represented groups, may be reluctant to put themselves forward for consideration, even though they may be highly competitive for recognition as a Fellow.

Vice-Chancellors and Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Research) are being asked to help by actively identifying potential diversity candidates, and forwarding their names to [fellowship@science.org.au](mailto:fellowship@science.org.au) by 30 June. The Academy's network of Champions of Diversity can then assist candidates with preparing formal nominations.

### State Library Fellowships

Applications for Fellowships at the State Library of NSW opened on 24 May 2019.

Over \$200,000 in research funding is now available for scholars to work with the Library's rich collections. Attached is a summary of the opportunities available, a media release and the link to the online application forms: <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about-library/fellows-and-residents>