

Annual Report 2021 – AUSIT SA/NT Branch

Committee for 2020–2021

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Secretary: Ludmila Berkis

Treasurer: Shahin Entesari-Tatafi

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Committee elected at branch AGM, 25 August 2021

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Professional Development Activities

- [#1] At our last AGM on August 26th, 2020, we had the presence of the President of AUSIT Dr Erika Gonzales for a half hour beforehand and she presented a very valuable overview of AUSIT and the developments planned and challenges we have for the future for the benefit of the members. 39 members who attended.
- [#2] On the 20th April, a PD event via Zoom run by Melanie Robinson, a Legal Education Officer on Community Law and Legal Concepts for Interpreters and Translators, attended by 135 members.

Social & Community Awareness Activities

- [#1] A face to face network meeting on 13 March at Bonython Park. 6 people attended in the pouring rain.

Since the pandemic restrictions, no other face-to-face PD or network sessions have been conducted.

Thanks

- Alicia Rex is thanked for sending out letters of welcome to new members to the Branch. Our membership has increased in the last 12 months from 108 members at this time last year to 133 at the end of June this year. At the end of July, the new membership year, the number stands at 100,
- Haleh Khazrai for organising the MCCSA venue for our meetings, and Marina Morgan for organising the earlier PD events.
- David Moore in Alice Springs for continuing to promote AUSIT and the interpreter education activities with Year 11 and 12 high school students and the local community.

Also for his work as NAATI examiner in the Alyawarr and Anmatyerr languages and expanding aboriginal languages to include more Arrernte trainees and to other languages such as Western Arrarnta and Pitjantjatjara.

- AUSIT for providing AUSIT awards to outstanding students at TAFE and University of Adelaide.

Joe van Dalen
Branch Chair

25 August 2021