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### 2018 A word from the CEO

At this time of year many people attempt to summarise the year in a single word. Perhaps it is a word that came to prominence in the last 12 months (binge-watch perhaps?) or one that captures the zeitgeist, which in 2018 is probably an emoji rather than a word; take your pick.

Personally, I would choose perseverance and here is why.

Overall as a sector we are living through a period of uncertainty. Growing student numbers for most but with capped funding and an overall uncertain policy environment, but always with the hint of dramatic changes to come. We have had to continue to plan and work through this uncertainty with a keep calm and carry on mentality.

For HES and the sector we finished the implementation of My eQuals. A four-year endeavour that faced many obstacles but by working together and persevering we got there. Congratulations to all involved.

But perseverance is a continuing need. There were several activities that I was personally working on that I had hoped to finish in 2018 but did not. You may have examples of these as well. So we continue to persevere with these tasks. A short break at Christmas to recharge and then back into the fray in 2019.

Sustained effort will always pay off, eventually.

To all our committee member volunteers, thank you for volunteering your time not just for the benefit of your institution but for the whole sector. A special thanks go to all the chairs who often devote considerable personal time.

I want to especially thank the HES team. It's a small group with broad responsibilities. Some of the work they do is relatively simple, much is very difficult. Sometimes the work they do is highly visible, sometimes less so, but always valuable. My thanks go to Jacqui, Jay, Karen, Lynne, Roy (honorary member), Steve, Scott, and Wendy.

To all, stay safe over the holiday period and have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## HES Board Update

I would like to announce the following changes to the Board.

After several years of excellent service, Scott Henderson retires from the Board. I would like to personally thank him for the support he has shown both to HES as an organisation and to me since I joined. I am sure there will be more opportunities to collaborate in the future.

Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington also retires from the Board. However, she will continue to work with HES on various My eEquals committees. She doesn't get to make a clean get away!

Three new Board members start their terms in 2019.

### **Christine Burns**

Christine is the Chief Information Officer at University of Technology Sydney. Her specialities include: Board membership, impact of technology on business models and the future of work, developing and implementing strategy, change management, leading large teams through transformational change, operational excellence, IT portfolio development and management. She is also a Director of AARNet.

### **Professor Kerri-Lee Krause**

Kerri-Lee is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Professor of Higher Education at La Trobe University. Her national leadership roles include: Chair of the Ministerial Implementation Working Group for the Transparency of Higher Education Admissions, Co-chair of the Universities Australia Executive Women's Group, member of the Universities Australia Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Executive, Non-Executive Director of the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education and member of the Higher Education Standards Panel.

A member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Professor Krause's international leadership in the field of higher education quality enhancement has been recognised through such appointments as international reviewer and advisor on student engagement for the Scottish Quality Assurance Agency.

### **Dr Stephen Weller**

Steve is the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Australian Catholic University. He leads the Corporate Services Portfolio which is focused on performance and service excellence and features 500 staff located across six campuses. He has more than 25 years' experience in tertiary education across six universities in three states. He holds a PhD in Organisational Justice from Victoria University and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr Andrew Trnacek  
CEO

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TEQSA Conference and HEQ Forum

The third annual Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Conference and Higher Education Quality Forum (HEQF) in late November in Melbourne brought the higher education sector together around the theme: *Innovation, Excellence, Diversity*.

Keynote speakers and panel discussions over the first two days probed the theme offering delegates a range of views, penetrating insights and the opportunity to reflect on the current state of the sector. The final day featured more than 50 concurrent sessions.

You can view photos from the final day of the combined TEQSA/HEQF [here](#) while presentations are available [here](#).



The best paper award was presented to Dr Tim Rogers, a lecturer in the University of South Australia's Teaching Innovation Unit, for his paper *The Ties That Bind Are Quality Assured: Balancing Teaching Innovation and Compliance Requirements*.

The conference, which has been supported by Higher Ed Services since its inception, has quickly become a "must attend" event on the Australian higher education conference calendar and has increasingly attracted participation from overseas delegates.

Photo at right: Emeritus Professor Kwong Lee Dow (right) Patron of HES' Higher Education Quality Network and TEQSA CEO Anthony McClaran

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## Higher Education Quality events in 2019

Registrations are now open for three events in 2019 hosted under the umbrella of the Higher Education Quality Network. The *Enhancing and Sharing Employability Practice Conference* will be held at Southern Cross University's Gold Coast Campus on 13 and 14 February while the *Learning Leaders in Higher Education Conference* and the *Higher Education Quality Network Conference* will be held from 3 to 5 June in Melbourne. Further details below.

### ***Enhancing and Sharing Employability Practice Conference***

The *Enhancing and Sharing Employability Practice Conference* in mid-February is the culmination of the Embedding Employability Exchange Initiative (EEEI) which involves 24 higher education institutions in Australia, New Zealand the Pacific and is based on a collaboration between HES, Advance HE and Online Peer Solutions. A workshop for participating institutions will be held on Wednesday 13 February while the conference the following day is open to everyone with an interest in the topic. Conference delegates also have the option of attending an Employability Symposium hosted by Study Gold Coast on Friday 15 February. [Click here](#) for further details about the conference and the EEEI.

### ***Learning Leaders in Higher Education Conference***

*Learning and Teaching Leadership in Higher Education: Emerging Models for the Future* is the theme of next year's Learning Leaders in Higher Education Conference which is sponsored by the Council of Australasian Leaders in Learning and Teaching (CAULLT) and supported by HES' Higher Education Quality Network. The 2019 conference will explore new ways in which staff and students are leading learning, how the leadership of learning and teaching is changing, and what opportunities and challenges these new strategic approaches to learning and teaching leadership present. It will be of interest to academics and professionals working in the higher education sector, accrediting bodies, Deans Councils, government, industry and students

Registrations for the conference on Monday 3 June are now open and further details are [available here](#). Submissions are invited under the following sub-themes:

- Authentic leadership and changing leadership identities

- Adaptive challenges in learning and teaching leadership
- Distributed leadership strategies for the advancement of learning and teaching
- Leading through partnerships and collaboration
- Leaders as learners: Leadership development
- Data driven and technology-mediated strategies for informing leadership

Submissions may take the form of theoretical and philosophical papers, strategies and frameworks, good practice reports and showcases, and new and emergent initiatives. [Click here](#) for further information.

### **Higher Education Quality Network Conference: Assessment, Integrity, Review: A sector in transformation**

The 2019 HEQN Conference: Assessment, Integrity, Review *A sector in transformation* will explore the way in which the higher education sector could be substantially reshaped by two major reviews now underway - the Australian Qualifications Framework Review and the Review of the Higher Education Provider Categories Standards.

[You are invited to register for the conference](#) which will be held on 4 and 5 June at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park and respond to the [call for presentations](#) where you will also find further details about the streams.

Presentations are invited under the broad theme *A sector in transformation* and under the streams Assessment, Integrity, Review.

Contact Jacqui Elson-Green, [jacqui@hes.edu.au](mailto:jacqui@hes.edu.au), for further information.

## Groningen Declaration Network Annual Meeting



Registrations are open for the 8th Annual Meeting of the Groningen Declaration Network.

Delegates from across the globe will convene at the Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP), located in the iconic UNESCO world heritage city of Puebla, Mexico from 24 to 26 April 2019.

For the first time since its establishment, the 2019 annual meeting will be a bilingual event with simultaneous interpretation being offered in English and Spanish, under the theme: Creating the New World for Academic and Professional Mobility.

A range of registration fees are available to cater for delegates from educational institutions, not-for-profit organisations and corporations with a substantial discount for financial participants of the GDN.

[Register now](#) for what is poised to be a stimulating event, featuring thought-provoking keynote addresses, workshops, case studies and roundtable discussions, along with ample time for networking and connecting with colleagues from all over the world.

## Call for presentations

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee invites you to submit a presentation for consideration for the 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda. Presenting at the 2019 GDN Annual Meeting offers a valuable opportunity to connect directly with colleagues in the digital learners data ecosystem and share your achievements, challenges and projects.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

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## An update from the AUPN Executive

The AUPN has been on real journey over recent years, reshaping the AUPN to deliver enhanced member benefit, ensuring the AUPN is relevant in the modern procurement landscape and striving to improve the profile of procurement and in particular the AUPN within the sector. Next year sees us with a defined strategy to take us even further.

Following your input from the September Procurement Leaders workshop the AUPN Executive worked hard to develop a set of initiatives based on our discussions. These initiatives were grouped into four major activities areas as outlined. Each activity will be led by a member of the Executive with a working group made up of AUPN members established to outwork each one. We are looking for volunteers to participate in working groups to help us progress these initiatives. Please feel free to contact us: we would love to hear from you. We encourage Members interested in participating in any of the initiatives to send their nominations to Scott Boulton at Higher Ed Services on [sboulton@hes.edu.au](mailto:sboulton@hes.edu.au), we welcome your input and ideas, and it's a great opportunity to network with your peers.

### AUPN as Peak Body

- Leadership and influence on items that matter
- Emerging technologies
- Social and Sustainable procurement
- Ethics framework

### Leveraging Best Practice: Organisation

- Building partnering capability
- Response to the liquid workforce
- Procurement structures
- Procurement models

### Leveraging Best Practice: Tools and Training

- Training programs
- Better practice tools
- Supplier relationship management
- Benefits Realisation policy
- Better commercial outcomes

### Ongoing Activities

- Best practice
- Benchmarking
- Increasing awareness to non-AUPN members

- Procurement workshops

The AUPN Executive looks forward to working with you in 2019!

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[Jacqui Elson-Green](#), who welcomes your comments and ideas.

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