



22nd March 2024

ACODE 91

Dear Colleagues

Another year begins and I am sure it will be as busy as ever for ACODE. However this will be my last ever Exec report as I am going on LSL next week and retire in September.

I have very mixed emotions of retirement as I have enjoyed ACODE over the last 13 years.

I have seen 5 Presidents come and go, many Exec members (too many to add up), overseen 36 ACODE Workshops, 6 Benchmarking Summits, 5 LTLI events, been on 5 THETA organising committees and COVID! I also attended a Benchmarking Summit in the UK, redeveloped the website and that is happening again today, and have seen the Benchmarks updated twice. ACODE has been a wonderfully busy experience for me.

As a parting gift I have given ACODE a name change to keep us far more contemporary, and cleverly we did not have to change the acronym! We are now the Australasian Council on Open and Digital Education.

I am very proud of the state that I leave ACODE in, financially we are in good shape and we practise what we preach in being Online and Open.

On a personal level during my ACODE time I lost my husband to cancer, have seen 1 child married and the other one engaged and I now have 3 grandsons whom I suspect will consume my time in retirement along with a bit of travel.

I want to thank you all for your support over the last 13 years it has been a great journey.

Now please welcome Zoe Allen who will be a younger and I am sure more dynamic version and between Kate and Zoe (as well as a great Exec Team) I am sure ACODE is in good hands. I had the pleasure of having Zoe stay with me and we worked through a lot of handover but I am sure that there is still more to do. Please make Zoe welcome and support her to support you.

ACODE accounts have been Audited and finalised and they will be shown in the Annual report once completed.

We hope that you have enjoyed the first of the Tel Tech talks two weeks ago with may more to come during the year, we had a great turn out with 111 registrations and ACODE 91 has 75 registrations only a handful face to face but mostly on line.

Please consider attending a face to face meeting at some stage as the networking is invaluable. The Benchmarking Summit in July (7-8) is the perfect opportunity to be face to face.

There are many changes happening in the sector so if your reps change please let the Secretariat know so we can update our website and email lists.

Goodbye and Thank you

Karen Halley Executive Officer
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