

Well 2020 certainly has been one for the books. In March at A81 we discussed not if but when COVID19 would shut us down little did we expect that it would be the next week.

I must admit that I am enjoying the working at home aspect and the Secretariat has not suffered at all from remote working. I have found that I am more dedicated to work from home than I thought I could ever be.

The Membership invoices went out in August as per normal with a \$1000.00 COVID19 discount as we do not have the expenses this year as per normal. Reminders for accounts not paid went out last week and purchase orders are dripping in.

To date we have only had one institution tell us that they are not renewing for 2021.

Financially we are still in a good place. The books have been audited and I am pleased to report that the Auditor was happy with our accounts.

We welcomed Colin Lowe as the new Treasurer for 2020 and I have enjoyed working with him and pleased that he has accepted a secondment for the next 12 months.

The #anewreality took place online and was another successful meeting hosted by Griffith University

The Benchmarking Summit also was a victim of COVID19 and was online over 7 weeks as Michael will outline.

The TEL Awards have closed with judging now taking place.

ACODE 82 was another event transferred to the online environment and we hope that you have enjoyed the Workshop from your desktops.

We are on the look out for Host institutions for 2021. Don't be shy we help you through it all and many hands make light work.

A reminder that we are always on the lookout for articles/photos to populate the Learning Spaces pages on the website. If you haven't already checked them out, follow this link:

https://www.acode.edu.au/course/view.php?id=28§ion=1

Credit card facilities are still in place for 2021

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