

Annual General Meeting 15th AGM (2022)

Time: 12:00pm AEDT (Melbourne), 2.00pm NZDT (Auckland)

Date: Tuesday 13th December 2022

Zoom link: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/87963224103>

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Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Confirmation of the minutes** of the previous Annual General Meeting (7 December 2021)
- 3. Reports from the officers** of the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year, 2021/2022.
 - President's Report (Malcolm Campbell)
 - Treasurer's Report (Chris Murray)
 - Membership Secretary's Report (Paul Harris)
 - Secretary's Report (Matthew Ryan)
- 4. Amendment to the Rules.** Proposal to amend Section 21.4 of 'THE IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (ISAANZ) RULES' by adding: Section 21.4 (c) "the member of the Association approved by the Committee as Membership Secretary, to hold office until the annual General Meeting next after the date of his or her approval."
- 5. Bursary for MA or Honours Student in Irish Studies**
- 6. Election of the officers** of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee.
- 7. Any Other Business**

Any questions regarding the AGM should be directed to the Secretary.

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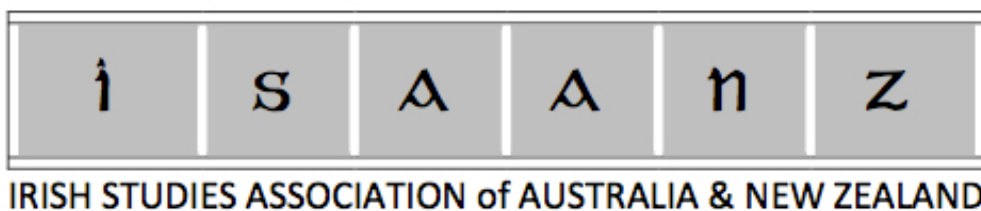
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APPENDIX A AGM 2021 Minutes



Minutes of Irish Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (ISAANZ)

14th AGM (2021)

Time: 3:00pm AEDT (Melbourne), 5.00pm NZDT (Auckland).

Date: Tuesday 14th December 2021

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/94948478260?pwd=TXlnM0NjRlZtcj9FWGd3NmpuLzl2Zz09>
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Present: Malcolm Campbell (chair), Matthew Ryan (minutes), Rónán McDonald, Brad Patterson, Kathryn Patterson, Dymphna Lonergan, Sharon Crozier-De Rosa, Sonja Tiernan, Kevin Molloy, Paul Harris, Chris Murray, Maebh Long, Dianne Hall, Elizabeth Malcolm, Frances Devlin-Glass, Michael Christie, Jeanette Mollenhauer, Jimmy Yan, Michael Christie, Val Noone.

Apologies: Olga Walker, Jeff Kildea, Peter Kuch

1. **Confirmation of the minutes** of the previous Annual General Meeting (9 December 2020)
Moved by Brad Patterson, Second by Diane Hall. Carried.
2. **Reports from the officers** of the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year, 2020/2021.
 - a. **President's Report** (Malcolm Campbell – see Appendix B) Moved by Dymphna Lonergan. Seconded Matthew Ryan. Carried
 - b. **Treasurer's Report** (Chris Murray - see Appendix C) Moved Malcolm Campbell. Second Diane Hall. Carried. Diane noted the cost of postage has increased. It was proposed that the membership fee with Journal subscription be increased by \$10 for local and \$15 for international subscriptions. Moved Malcolm Campbell. Second Diane Hall. Carried.
 - c. **Membership Secretary's Report** (Paul Harris - see Appendix D) Moved Diane Hall. Second Brad Patterson. Carried.
 - d. **Secretary's Report** (Matthew Ryan – see Appendix E) Moved Malcolm Campbell. Second Frances Devlin-Glass. Carried.
3. **Election of the officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee.**

President: Malcolm Campbell, nominated by Brad Patterson and seconded by Kathryn Patterson. Declared.

Vice-President: Ronan McDonald, nominated by Matthew Ryan and seconded by Chris Murray. Declared.

Treasurer: Chris Murray, nominated by Matthew Ryan and seconded by Diane Hall. Declared.

Secretary: Matthew Ryan, nominated by Malcolm Campbell and seconded by Chris Murray. Declared.

Committee Members:

Postgraduate representative Jimmy Yan, nominated by Pau Harris and seconded by Matthew Ryan. Declared.

Sonja Tiernan, nominated by Malcolm Campbell and seconded Brad Patterson. Declared.

Sharon Crosier-De Rosa, nominated by Matthew Ryan and seconded by Chris Murray. Declared.

Brad Patterson, nominated by Malcolm Campbell and seconded by Katheryn Patterson. Declared.

Diane Hall co-opted by the committee as ex officio member.

Paul Harris co-opted by the committee as Membership Secretary.

4. Any Other Business

Possibilities for the venue and timing of the next conference were discussed. It was proposed for the conference to be held in Melbourne in 2023. A suitable venue will be sought.

A postgraduate bursary for a project in Irish studies was discussed. The committee is to consider the amount and sources of funds.

Diane Hall expressed thanks to Paul Harris for his extensive work on the website.

APPENDIX B President's Report

2022 has been a mixed year. Covid continued to affect our lives and restricted our activities in a variety of ways. For example, in Auckland I spent most of first semester teaching Irish history online before resuming in person classes. Many people, including some members of ISAANZ, experienced periods of illness. On the other hand, our lives resumed a sense of normality that was absent in 2020 and 2021. Opportunities for travel improved compared with the previous year and some members managed international research including time spent in Ireland. Social gatherings became possible. As we move towards the end of the year, there is good reason for optimism that our association will be able to fully resume in-person activities and engage more effectively with our community of members.

There were bright spots on the Australasian scene, and like last year, I would particularly like to acknowledge the organisers of the Melbourne Irish Studies Seminar for their very good programme that provided opportunities for those interested in Irish Studies to gather together in person, virtually, or in a hybrid setting. Dianne Hall and the team from the Australasian Journal of Irish Studies worked hard to produce the new 2022 issue. Congratulations to all involved. I'd also like to congratulate our Vice President, Ronan McDonald, on the success of his team of researchers in securing a prestigious Discovery Project grant from the ARC for their project 'Close Relations: Irishness in Australian Literature'. This is excellent recognition of the academic importance of Ireland in Australia. In New Zealand, an event of note (not an ISAANZ sponsored event) for those interested in Irish Studies was the launch at the Auckland Writer's Festival of Hēmi Kelly's translation into Te Reo of Brian Friel's play *Translations*, a project spearheaded by the Irish Embassy. I hope exploring Irish-Indigenous connections will be an area of focus for our association in coming years.

Late last month, Ronan McDonald organised an excellent symposium at the University of Melbourne on the future of Irish Studies featuring a distinguished visitor, Professor Chris Morash from Trinity College Dublin. In addition to posing important questions and stimulating debate about our area of shared interest, the event was a reminder of the value of in-person meeting and collaboration. We look forward to the staging of the next ISAANZ conference at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne in December 2023 and encourage all members to look out for the release of the call for papers.

Before closing, I'd like to acknowledge the passing earlier this year of Richard Davis, whose historical scholarship on the Irish in Australia and New Zealand laid the foundation for so much of the subsequent work in the field.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow committee members for their contributions and to wish all members the very best for a healthy and happy festive season.

Malcolm Campbell
12 December 2022

APPENDIX C Treasurer's Report

IRISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

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Treasurer's Report for Financial Year 2021–22

Financial position 1 July 2022 **\$16,324.16 cr**

Income FY 2021–22

Membership and <i>AJIS</i> subscriptions	\$3,360.95
Copyright Agency	\$268.58
EBSCO	\$630.00
Total in	\$4,259.53

Expenditure FY 2021–22

AJIS typesetting	\$1,400.00
AJIS printing	\$1,518.00
AJIS postage	\$971.18
Total out	\$4,269.18

Note: the ISAANZ postgraduate essay prize was awarded in 2022 but not credited in FY 21-22.

NET profit/loss FY2021–22 **\$9.35 dr**

Financial position 30 June 2022 **\$16,314.11**

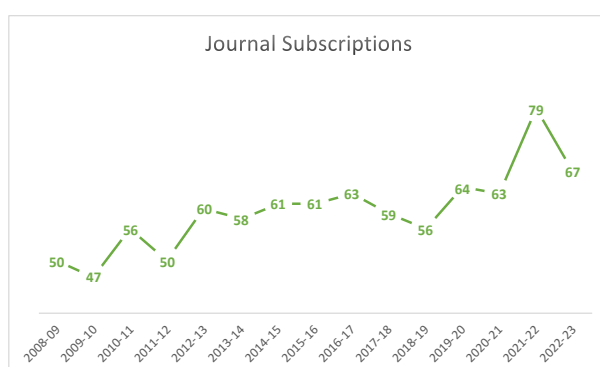
Chris Murray
12 December 2022

APPENDIX D Membership Secretary's Report

Membership and journal subscriptions

Numbers current at the time of writing are summarised below. More students and early career researchers are joining the association, and many retirees are switching to concession contributing to an increase in this category and concomitant decrease in paid memberships. This trend could reverse as students/ECRs become paid members. While most members also have journal subscriptions, renewals are down on the previous year.

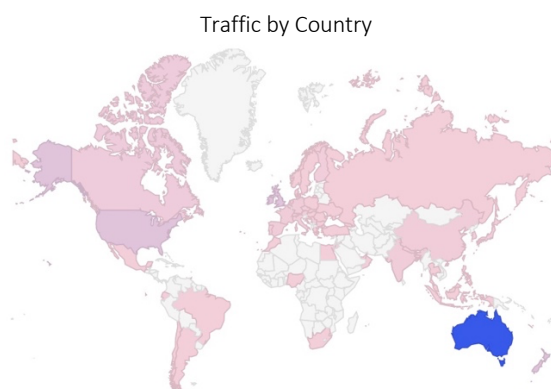
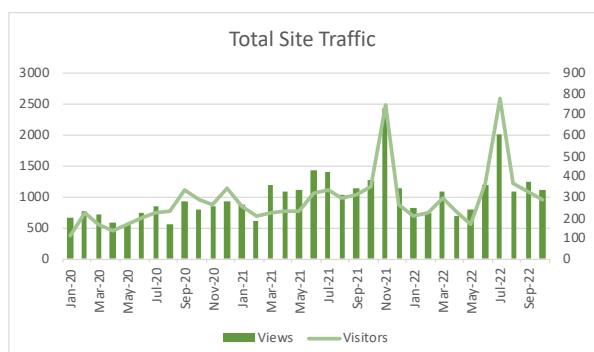
Membership Breakdown								
Paid (inc. Life)			Concession			Total		
With Sub.	No Sub.	All	With Sub.	No Sub.	All	With Sub.	No Sub.	All
37 (-9)	5 (3)	42 (-6)	30 (-3)	38 (22)	68 (19)	67 (-12)	43 (25)	110 (13)
88.1%	11.9%	38.2%	44.1%	55.9%	61.8%	60.9%	39.1%	



The move to automatic payments was moderately successful, with most members choosing recurring subscriptions over manually initiated payment options. Other ways to simplify subscriptions, reduce administrative burden, and provide flexibility are being considered.

Website

A gradual upward trend in site traffic the past few years continues, with most views/visits originating in Australia, New Zealand, United States, Ireland, and United Kingdom. There are roughly 3-5 posts each month. Social media accounts are managed from Auckland and Melbourne, and they continue to be used mostly to promote upcoming events.



Paul Harris
12 December 2022

APPENDIX E Secretary's Report

Committee

The ISAANZ Committee met via Zoom, in March, July and November of 2022. During the year Sonja Tiernan stepped down from the committee. Maebh Long was co-opted by the committee as a member. In September, Jimmy Yan stepped down as the postgraduate representative on the committee, nominating Ciara Smart to take up that role.

Annual Information Statement

The ISAANZ Annual Information Statement was submitted to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission on 17 December 2021. The 2022 Statement will be submitted in December, following the AGM.

Conference

The committee agreed that the next ISAANZ conference will be held 12-14 December 2023 at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne. The call for papers will be sent out to members early in 2023.

Change to Rules

While the Membership Secretary, Paul Harris, has provided reports on membership to the committee, it was proposed that the rules of the Association be amended to make Membership Secretary an officer of committee. This proposed change to the rules will be put to the members at the 2022 AGM.

Matthew Ryan
12 December 2022