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Message from your CEO, Karen Lee

Dear members,

A big thank you to everybody who attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and member forum held on 31 October 2018, and to those who voted on the resolutions. If you weren't able to attend, the [Member Portal](#) now hosts all the records, including the minutes, the [Chair's address](#) on matters relating to the 2017–18 financial year, the updated [Constitution](#) and [By-laws](#), and the [Q&As](#) from the member forum. You can also watch the full AGM and member forum [recording](#).

In summary, all the resolutions passed, including the Special Resolution to form a New Zealand branch, which was carried with 94% of votes in favour, and the Ordinary Resolution to increase member fees, which was carried with 62% of votes in favour. The new fees will take effect from 1 January 2019.

As I wrote in the previous IPEd Notes, our membership fees are – and remain – among the lowest of any profession, and the cost of delivering our services exceeds the income from these fees; this increase will help to ensure our survival as a national professional organisation while allowing us to provide you, our members, the best possible service and support.

A quick update to let you know that we are finalising the process for expressions of interest (EOIs) for the Ambassador Program, which should be out in early 2019. This will be a wonderful opportunity for many of our members, so keep a lookout for announcements.

The IPEd office will be closed from COB 21 December and reopen on 2 January. We wish you all a safe and happy festive season with your loved ones. I know I'll be looking forward to time with

my family and sleeping in. Wait, what am I saying? I have little children. So, in that case I hope that you get time to rest and recuperate. See you all in the new year.

Karen Lee
CEO

IPEd Prize and Rosie Award

The IPEd Prize and the Rosanne Fitzgibbon Editorial Award (the Rosie) are now open for entries. Both are part of IPEd's mission to support and recognise the work of Australian editors.

The IPEd Prize is designed to support and foster teaching and research in editing and publishing. Awarded annually, it offers \$250 for a high-quality essay on a topic relevant to the editing profession or Australian publishing industry, written in the context of a postgraduate coursework program and submitted in 2018. Essays submitted for this prize must be received by IPEd by Monday 14 January 2019. [Enter now](#).

The Rosie is an award to recognise excellence in editing, as demonstrated in one work, with testimony from author, publisher and editor. The nomination can come from any of the parties. Editors Queensland initiated the award in memory of Rosanne Fitzgibbon DE. It was first awarded in 2017, with the inaugural winner – Jacqueline Blanchard – announced at the 8th IPEd National Editors Conference in Brisbane last year. The initial, short, nomination for the second Rosie Award is due by Monday 21 January 2019. [Enter now](#).

National Editors Conference news

With the call for papers closing last week, the 2019 conference organising committee is now deep in the process of reviewing the submissions. More than 60 abstracts were received, and an initial overview shows a wonderful breadth of ideas. It's shaping up to be a fantastically diverse program – a provisional program will be announced soon.

Also attracting big numbers are our [workshops](#), with places filling up fast, especially in Mastering Macros, which is edging very close to capacity already. Give yourself an early Christmas present and book in now before you miss out.

Speaking of Christmas, we're pleased to offer festive gift vouchers – a top-quality PD option for in-house publishers or managers looking for an alternative to the usual Christmas gift hamper or annual staff bonus. The closing date for Christmas gift vouchers is 14 December. See the [blog](#) for more, or contact Emma on 02 6281 6624 or emma@conlog.com.au.

There's so much exciting conference news – including details about our super book club – that we don't have room for it all here. So keep an eye on your inboxes for a more in-depth update soon, including details of a fourth keynote speaker!

Visit iped2019.org.au and follow the conference [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for more.

Australian Inclusive Publishing Initiative update

The Australian Inclusive Publishing Initiative (AIPI) met for its third annual forum on 2 November in Sydney. Editors NSW president Julie Ganner attended on behalf of IPEd, joining representatives from more than 20 organisations to discuss their continuing efforts to promote an “accessible by default” approach to book production in Australia and to map out the next steps.

The Australian Publishers Association (APA) has published a [report](#) on the forum, detailing among other things the remarkable progress made so far by this world-leading cross-industry group, including towards establishing an AIPI digital knowledge hub, “a space to share information about the regulatory framework publishers need to work within, guidelines for publishers and disability services personnel, and also conversations from the global context about developments in the inclusion and book accessibility milieu.”



Membership benefits

IPEd members are eligible for discounts on a variety of products and services, year-round, including:

- *Books+Publishing / Weekly Book Newsletter* – **25% off subscription**
- Macquarie Dictionary & Thesaurus – **up to 15% off subscription**
- PerfectIt – **30% discount** off subscription to PerfectIt Cloud, available to PC and Mac users
- Geoff Hart titles including *Effective onscreen editing*, 3rd edition – **up to 25% discount**
- *Australian manual of scientific style* (AMOSS) – **\$10 off**
- Society for Editors and Proofreaders (SfEP, UK based) online courses and conferences – **various discounted rates**
- Editors Canada – **member rates on webinars, online training courses and conferences**
- Editorial Freelancers Association (EFA, US based) – **member rates on webinars, online training courses and conferences**
- National Association of Independent Writers and Editors (NAIWE, US based) – **member rates on webinars, online training courses and conferences**

EVENTS FOR EDITORS

All IPEd branches host workshops, seminars, webinars, member meetings and other events, open to all IPEd members at member rates. *IPEd Notes* will list these events in each issue, but members are encouraged to visit the [events page](#) of the IPEd website for links to more information.

Attending an event at a branch other than your own is an opportunity to meet members of other branches and attend a professional development event that may not be available in your own branch.

Editors NSW

END-OF-YEAR GATHERING

Editors NSW northern region end-of-year freelancers lunch (all welcome)

1pm, Friday 14 December

Bistro on Cinders, 14 Cinders Lane Armidale

Enquiries and RSVP by 7 December to Linda Nix linda@goldenorbcreative.com

Editors Queensland

ANNUAL PICNIC

Brisbane Botanic Gardens (near the pond)

Sunday 20 January

MEMBER MEETINGS & PD

Topic TBC

Wednesday 6 February

Building alliances with publishing professionals

Saturday 16 February

Editors SA

Visit the branch [website](#) for 2019 information.

Editors Tasmania

Visit the branch [website](#) for up-to-date information.

Editors Victoria

Visit the branch [website](#) for 2019 information.

Editors WA

Visit the branch website for 2019 information