

IPEd Notes – June to August 2016

IPEd Notes now emailed directly to members

On 1 July this year, the Institute of Professional Editors became a direct membership organisation following votes by members of six of the societies of editors to become direct members of IPEd and those societies to become branches. This new structure, together with the new membership system, allows us to communicate directly with you, our members.

IPEd Notes has been in place for a number of years and IPEd relied on the society committees to circulate IPEd Notes to members by email, their website or their society newsletters. IPEd is most grateful to them for their support with this.

We are now looking forward to the next exciting steps for IPEd and that includes being able to communicate directly with you.

For now, IPEd Notes will be produced quarterly in this format and sent directly to you. Its aim is to keep you informed of IPEd activities, member benefits and future plans.

Macquarie Dictionary member offer

IPEd is pleased to announce that we have negotiated a member discount for online subscriptions to Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus Online.

The discount codes for the subscription were included in the newsletter sent to your inbox on Friday 16 September.

To find out more visit the [subscription page](#) of Macquarie Dictionary.

Now for some editing fun and your chance to win a copy of *Best Aussie Slang!*

[Macquarie Dictionary](#) want your slang. Comment on their [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or tag them on [Twitter](#) with your top yarn, chockers with Strine. Keep it clean & don't swear like a trooper & you will have a chance to win.

Three winners will be chosen at the end of September.

IPEd Transition Update

The IPEd Member Portal, accessible from the homepage of the IPEd website has been in place since the beginning of July but many members have not yet registered to access this.

IPEd encourages members to register for the portal as it will provide you with access to your personal account and will allow you to do the following:

- Update your personal contact details

- Book for event
- Renew subscriptions
- Make online payments
- Download and print invoices and receipts
- Manage contact from IPEd
- Manage your Editors Directory listing, if applicable

In order to do this, you will need your IPEd Member Code, which was sent to you during the first week of July.

You will then need to register your username and set your password.

Instructions on how to go about this are at [How to register for the IPEd Member Portal](#) .

Please note that the IPEd Member Portal is not linked to the member area of your state branch website, so you need to set up new login details for the IPEd Member Portal.

Members are reminded that there are subscription types available for specific circumstances with further details available on the [Membership Categories](#) page of the IPEd website.

Event bookings

Some members are booking for events being hosted by the branches without using the Member Portal. IPEd would like to encourage members to book and pay for events via the portal. This ensures your registration and payment are recorded as efficiently as possible, which is a significant help to your branch volunteers so you are encouraged to use this system.

Establishment of the Editors Directory

IPEd is in the process of establishing the national Editors Directory (ED), which will be accessible from the IPEd website. It will be a central, national database of IPEd professional members available for freelance work.

Elizabeth Spiegel is the web administrator and budget officer for the Society of Editors (Tas) and has been appointed as a contractor to establish the ED in MemNet.

Council Update - new councillor appointed

IPEd Council is pleased to welcome a new member, Dr Joely Taylor AE representing Editors Victoria with new alternate councillor for Victoria, Mary-Jo O'Rourke.

Joely is a freelance editor and writer. She graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University in the US in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science. She has a Masters of Wood

Science and a PhD from the University of Melbourne. She has worked for the private sector as a development scientist and for the CSIRO, and started her freelance editing business in 2010. Joely completed RMIT's Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing in 2012. She is an editor in the Life Sciences and has certification from the international Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS).

Joely also runs the micropublishing imprint Billycan Press, which provides custom publishing solutions to clients in government, research and private industry.

With Joely joining the council, the present councillors are as follows:

Kerry Davies AE, Queensland (Chair)

Loene Doube AE, South Australia (alternate, Katy McDevitt)

Joely Taylor PhD, ELS, AE, Victoria (alternate, Mary-Jo O'Rourke)

Stephen White, Western Australia (alternate, Anna Sweet)

The New South Wales councillor will be announced shortly.

Alternate councillors are those nominated to stand in during a councillor's absence.

Accreditation Update - Exam results announced

On 25 June, 85 candidates sat the accreditation exam – the first to be offered onscreen – and we are pleased to announce that 40 of those passed, becoming accredited editors. This brings the total number of Australian accredited editors to 364.

The breakdown by State in Australia of newly accredited editors:

Australian Capital Territory:	8
New South Wales:	7
Queensland:	3
South Australia:	4
Tasmania:	1
Victoria:	13
Western Australia:	2

Newly accredited editors outside Australia:

Hong Kong 1

New Zealand: 1

This year's pass rate was 47 per cent, which is lower than it has been in the past when it has ranged from 51 to 85 per cent. While this result may seem disappointing, it also shows that the exam serves its purpose of granting the AE designation to those who demonstrate competency across all parts of the exam paper and in the skills specified in *Australian standards for editing practice* .

The results have been analysed to determine the factors that may have made this exam different from past exams, resulting in a disappointing pass rate. Both the difficulty of the paper and the marking process and team have been considered and deemed not to have had an influence on the result. It is perhaps to be expected that the pass rate will decline over time, as more and more experienced editors become accredited.

It should be noted that a high proportion of candidates did exceptionally well, clearly demonstrating their knowledge and skills as editors.

A survey of exam candidates was undertaken soon after the exam and this reflected overwhelming support for the onscreen format.

A detailed [exam report](#) is available on the IPEd website and provides further insights into this year's exam. It also includes suggestions of ways to ensure future accreditation exam candidates are prepared for future exams.

Accreditation Board Update

There have been a number of changes to the Accreditation Board, with Alison Moodie (NSW), Sandra Duncanson (Vic) and Sue Thomson (WA) finishing their terms and Julie Ganner (NSW) and Anna Nicole Sweet (WA) joining for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018. Desolie Page (Qld), Val Mobley (SA) and Elizabeth Spiegel (Tas) have been renominated.

IPEd thanks retired board delegates for their contribution, in particular overseeing the accreditation exam move to an onscreen format.

Accredited editors are reminded that they can have their names on the IPEd website linked to *one* online address such as their website, listing in a freelance register or LinkedIn profile. To arrange for this, please email communication@iped-editors.org with your name and the web address you would like added and this will be actioned within a week.

SfEP offers medical editing course to IPEd members

As part of an ongoing arrangement IPEd has with the Society for Editors and Proofreaders (SfEP) in the UK, IPEd members can take the new Medical editing online course at a discount.

This course will equip experienced copyeditors with the skill to work for medical book and journal publishers and medical communications agencies. It is aimed at competent editors who would like to expand their skillset into the field of medical editing.

For more information, visit the [Medical Editing](#) page of the SfEP website.

IPEd Members can take this course at a discount rate of £161. If you are interested in taking this course you will need a discount code to register.

Please email communication@iped-editors.org and include 'Medical editing discount code' in the subject line and you will be sent the discount code.

Viva La Novella IV - manuscript assessment

In the second in a series of articles written for the IPEd website, Viva La Novella IV editor Tom Langshaw gives a personal account of his process and what he learned while assessing the manuscript.

He clearly identifies the need for diplomacy in providing queries and comments to authors, giving these in a 'solid framework of praise'. Tom's article closes with him describing his role as both tenuous and humble.

The article is both entertaining and enlightening and can be found on the [Articles about editing](#) page on the IPEd website.

IPEd Prize 2016 launched and call for judges

IPEd is pleased to launch the IPEd Prize for 2016. The prize is sponsored by IPEd and is \$250 awarded for a high-quality essay written as part of a postgraduate degree in editing, publishing or another discipline.

The winner of the IPEd Prize gains valuable career recognition among editors, the editing profession and IPEd stakeholders.

IPEd's aim in sponsoring the prize is to support and foster research in editing and publishing, which is part of its broader mission to enhance the profession of editing.

Entries must be submitted to the IPEd Secretary on email: secretary@iped-editor.org by **Friday 9 December 2016**.

Further information about the IPEd Prize and the IPEd Prize Entry form are available from the [Awards](#) page of the IPEd website.

Call for judges

Are you interested in being a member of the judging panel for the IPEd Prize 2016? We are looking for three to four judges and the ideal candidates are experienced editors who have

some experience marking tertiary education level papers. The prize winner will be announced towards the end of February 2017 and so you will have at least a couple of months to judge the entries.

Please send your expression of interest to the IPEd Secretary on email: secretary@iped-editors.org by **Friday 25 November 2016**.

National Survey of Editors 2016 launching soon

The biennial National Survey of Editors will be launched soon and editors are encouraged to take part. The survey serves as one of the most comprehensive reviews of editors and the editing profession in Australia. It gives IPEd a picture of where editors work and live, the nature of the work they do, the rates of pay they receive, the industries they work in and more.

The survey is important as it provides IPEd with an understanding of the challenges and issues faced by editors across Australia. The results will be used to inform critical advocacy work going forward.

You will soon be emailed the SurveyMonkey link and are encouraged to take part in this important IPEd initiative.

IPEd conference 2017: Advancing Our Profession Save the date: 13 to 15 September

The organisers of the 8th IPEd National Editors Conference to be held in Brisbane from 13 to 15 September next year are pleased to announce that a professional conference organiser, Conference Logistics, the PCO for the 2015 Canberra conference, has been appointed.

The conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, in the heart of South Bank on the Brisbane River.

The conference logo and a dedicated website will be launched soon.

The conference committee is well on its way to securing keynote speakers, who will be announced shortly, and the call for papers will soon be issued.

How should we go about advancing our profession? Start thinking of a conference paper topic now.