

IPEd Notes: September 2016 to November 2016

Editors Directory to launch on 1 January 2017

IPEd's national Editors Directory (ED) will be launched on 1 January 2017, and will be the first time a comprehensive list of Australian editors with broad skills and expertise is publicly available.

The ED will be created in IPEd's membership system MemNet, which will link to the IPEd website and be accessible and visible to the public.

Anyone looking for an editor will now be able to search the directory for editors nationally with particular skills and experience based on search terms they use.

The ED's design was developed by the Systems and Records Transition Team and approved by IPEd Council. It was based on a review of directories in use by the various Australian societies, as well as those of the Society for Editors and Proofreaders (UK), Editors Canada, Professional Editors Guild (South Africa), the Association of Freelance Editors, Proofreaders and Indexers (Ireland) and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers.

IPEd encourages all members to create an entry, with the minimum of their profile details as this will give us a better understanding of our membership.

Only those Professional and Honorary Life Members of IPEd who have elected to appear in the ED will have their listing visible to the public.

To check whether you have an ED subscription, please log in to your [IPEd member portal](#) and go to 'My subscriptions'. If you have an ED subscription it will appear here alongside your regular membership subscription (e.g. Professional). Only Professional and Honorary Life Members are eligible for an ED subscription. If you do not have an ED subscription but would like one (and you are a Professional or Honorary Life Member) please email the [membership officer](#), Nicole Mathers, and she will create a subscription for you.

Important steps to take before you create your entry:

1. Login to MemNet
2. Read the instructions on the ['About the Editors Directory'](#)
3. Watch the 6-minute silent video on the 'Create an Editors Directory entry'.

If, after following the instructions, you have any difficulties or queries, please email Elizabeth Spiegel for help email: web@spiegelweb.com.au.

IPEd advocates for editors

IPEd has made a submission to the Federal Government regarding changes to the VET FEE-HELP Scheme that details the impacts they will have on the editing profession.

The cuts will limit opportunities for students to undertake study in courses such as diplomas in Professional Writing and Editing and in Journalism. This in turn could see losses in skilled professionals, jobs and opportunities.

The submission also highlighted the need to develop the skills of editors, the diversity of the profession and the myriad of industries in which skilled editors play a valuable and important role.

The [full submission can be found on the IPEd website](#).

IPEd Conference to launch national editorial award

Editors Queensland, in conjunction with IPEd, is about to launch a new national award for editorial excellence, the Rosanne Fitzgibbon Editorial Award – the Rosie – to be presented at the 8th IPEd National Editors Conference in Brisbane, 13–15 September 2017. Details will be released shortly.

Call for papers out now

The website for the [8th IPEd National Editors Conference](#) is live and the call for papers and workshop proposals is out.

Would you like to deliver a presentation or workshop? Perhaps be on a panel?

If so, fill in the [Expression of Interest](#) on the conference website by Monday 16 January 2017 when applications close.

Registration for the conference opens in February.

Member portal for member-only content

With the transition to a new membership system, we have been able to create an area on the member portal to access content that was previously restricted to the members-only section on IPEd's website.

The content of these pages includes useful information for editors, including an editor's library, links to online resources, articles, and details of insurance for editors. Included in this area is information and registration details of professional development training and courses offered to IPEd members at a special rate.

The member-only area includes the link and details to create a listing in the Editors Directory.

Members are encouraged to visit this area for information and links to some valuable and useful resources.

Council news

Staff update

IPEd is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Mathers as the new Membership Officer who started on 3 October 2016. Nicole is also Administrator for Editors Victoria.

Nicole replaces Karen Gillen who, from July until September, was responsible for much of the important and invaluable groundwork to set up processes, and assisted individuals and branch committees to familiarise themselves with the new system. The Council has thanked Karen for her work during this critical transition phase.

Council update

IPEd Council is pleased to welcome Michael Wyatt AE as councillor representing Editors New South Wales.

Michael served on the committee of the Society of Editors (NSW) including two terms as president and has served on the committee of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers (ANZSI). Michael is a Council member of ANZSI and member of its Board of Assessors.

Michael became an Accredited Indexer in 1990 and an Accredited Editor in 2016. He has worked as a librarian and is a freelance editor and indexer.

Mary-Jo O'Rourke has been appointed as Alternate Councillor for Editors Victoria.

New SfEP training course bridges training gap

The Society for Editors and Proofreaders (SfEP) has launched a new intermediate-level course, Headway, which IPEd members can enrol in at a discounted rate.

Headway, which is available online, bridges the gap between the existing beginner and advanced copy-editing courses. It guides students through the technicalities of copy-editing, displayed matter and bibliographies, and introduces photographs and figures.

Further information and discount information is available on the [SfEP website](#).

IPEd Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The IPEd AGM was held on Sunday 27 November via teleconference.

The following councillors were confirmed:

- Michael Wyatt – Editors New South Wales
- Kerry Davies – Editors Queensland
- Loene Doube – Society of Editors (South Australia)
- Joely Taylor – Editors Victoria
- Stephen White – Editors Western Australia

The retirement of councillors Kathleen Stewart (Editors WA), Eris Harrison (Canberra Society of Editors), Julie Ganner (Editors NSW) and Charles Houen (Editors Victoria) during the 2015–16 financial year were noted and Council thanked them for their many and varied contributions to IPEd's work.

Events for editors

All the branches of IPEd host workshops, seminars, webinars, member meetings and other events. These are open to all IPEd members and the IPEd website has a list of links to more information about these events.

IPEd Notes will list these events in each issue, but members are encouraged to visit the [events page of the IPEd website](#). 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 at your own branch.

Upcoming Events

Editors Queensland Picnic by the Pier – Moora Park, Shorncliffe

Sunday 22 January 2017 – from 11.30am

