



# ADFAS IN THE COMMUNITY REPORT FOR 2019

Dear Chairmen,

My apologies for inflicting yet another report on you at the beginning of another busy ADFAS year, but I wish to ensure that societies are adequately informed about immediate past and impending events of these important adjuncts of ADFAS.

## **March Council Meeting:**

The March Council meeting provides an opportunity for societies to display the fruits of their labours in the different facets of ADFAS in the Community. Could I please request chairmen to bring along any hard copies of Church Recordings and SoA/MI projects for display, as well as any portfolios of Young Arts projects. Tables will be made available at the rear of the auditorium for display, so please make contact with me on Thursday morning if you have an item for display.

## **Church Recording & Church Studies**

- **Mudgee conference:** The minutes and a report of the highly successful Church Recording and Church Study conference held in Mudgee in October 2018 were subsequently posted to the website Noticeboard. These postings have now been removed and have been placed to the Church Recording and Church Study log-in section. (Login = **Church2018** until after the March Council meeting)

Although we were only small in numbers, attendees enjoyed the busy programme and social activities, and appreciated inspections of 3 significant Mudgee churches. One visit included a stunning organ recital during which one of our attendees was allowed to play the magnificent Brindley and Foster organ (1870s) in the Anglican church. Attendees were privileged to have lunch at, and an inspection of, an historic Mudgee homestead which also features its own historic stone chapel.

- **St. Paul's Anglican Church, Maryborough, Queensland:** ADFAS Sunshine Coast will be presenting a Church Recording of this substantial church at the March Council meeting. This will bring the total number of Church Recordings to 40.
- **2018 Annual Return Data:** Thank you to the societies which completed the return data. Several societies indicated that they are involved in ongoing projects, either a Church recording or a Church Study, while several were also interested in undertaking a Church Study.

I now realise that some of the questions in the annual return could have been combined, and will therefore condense the questions for the 2019 annual return.

## Young Arts

- **ADFAS societies' philanthropy.** By my reckoning from the annual return data, the total amount of ADFAS Young Arts philanthropy in 2018 was \$79,604 which is admirable in financially challenging times.
- **Pauline Hopkins Cup Judging:** The Pauline Hopkins Cup for 2018 will be presented to the winning Society during the 2019 AGM. Executive members Ann Dean and Jane Smith are assisting me in judging the Pauline Hopkins Cup entries for 2018. Thanks to Ann and Jane for their input.
- **Pauline Hopkins Cup Judging Process:** Material for judging for the past several years has been limited to the annual return data which doesn't allow societies to adequately describe the full extent of their projects. After discussing concerns with a Society chairman, I mentioned that discussion had already occurred at the November 2018 executive meeting about the need to refine the process. Consequently I will implement a new system for the Pauline Hopkins Cup for 2019 which will be awarded in March 2020.

I propose a separate submission form which will allow for greater room for descriptors and also allow for photographic and audio-visual supporting material. I would collate all submitted files and install on USBs for circulation to the judges. For archival purposes the Young Arts section of the annual return will be retained.

## Schools of Arts and Mechanics' Institutes Project

- **Bound copies of the online projects.** 3 bound volumes of the contributions to the project. will be presented to the Association at the AGM during the March 2019 Council meeting. To date there are 59 contributions in order of receipt of contributions:

Vol 1 : Nov 2011 – Dec 2014 (30 items - 255 pp)

Vol 2 : Jan 2015 – Dec 2016 (15 items - 249 pp)

Vol 3 : Jan 2017 – Dec 2018 (14 items - 254 pp)

A fourth volume is expected to be filled by late 2020.

Congratulations to Coordinators Marlena and Helen for instigating what will be an important historical reference of national significance, all of which is available online.

- 15 ADFAS societies are involved in the project: Armidale, Brisbane, Camden, Canberra, Gold Coast, Hobart, Launceston, Molonglo Plains, Mudgee, Newcastle, Pokolbin, Scone, Shoalhaven, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.
- Further contributions are expected in 2019 from the work continuing in several societies: Armidale, Canberra, Gold Coast, Molonglo Plains, Newcastle, Rockhampton.
- It would be wonderful to see some input from ADFAS societies in Victoria and South Australia, states which both have a rich history in this project area.

- In November 2018 SoA/MI project coordinator Helen Creagh attended a Mechanics' Institutes Australia Conference held in Ballarat at which she gave a Powerpoint presentation to showcase the ADFAS SoA/MI project to a much wider audience which included an international attendance. The executive would like to thank Helen for taking this opportunity to attend the conference to highlight the important work done by ADFAS societies.

Many thanks to Marlena and Helen for all the 'hard yakka' in this burgeoning project.

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