Meet the New DPRET Forum members;

In 2017 we welcomed four new members to the DPRET Forum

Professor Justin Kenardy
Professor Jason Mattingley
Professor Craig Speelman
Professor Tracey Wade,

and farewelled Forum members Professors David Badcock, Tim Carey, Simon Crowe, Mike Kyrios and Paul Martin.

Click here for the current membership of the DPRET Forum.

Generic Rules for Divisions

At the General Meeting in June 2017, Generic Rules for Divisions were passed. These rules specify who is eligible to be a member of DPRET. Please contact science@psychology.org.au if you have questions about DPRET membership.

APS Board Elections

Under the new governance model adopted at the General Meeting in June, there will be one position on the APS Board for DPRET. Members of the Division will be able to vote for the candidates for General Director for DPRET. We encourage you to participate in the elections.

2017 Priorities

The DPRET Working Groups have established priorities for 2017. These include:
Advocating for better funding of psychological science, especially by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF)

- Supporting the implementation of the Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP) by collaborating with the Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Association (HODPSA) on training academic staff and providing resources [http://www.indigenouspsyched.org.au/](http://www.indigenouspsyched.org.au/)
- Supporting innovations in quality education and training, including bridging programs for area of practice endorsement.

Advocacy via submissions has included

- Independent Review of Accreditation Systems within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions (May 2017)
- Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (July 2017)
- Excellence in Research in Australia (ERA) 2018 Peak Body Journal List Consultation
- Consultation Paper 28 on the National Psychology Examination Curriculum (September 2017)

APS Science Awards

The DPRET Forum overviews several committees engaged in the selection and endorsement of candidates for the APS Science Awards. These awards are intended to showcase the strengths of Australian psychological scientists and educators. In 2017, a number of outstanding candidates were nominated for the different awards. [Click here](http://www.ausbrain.org.au/) for information on the APS Science Award recipients.

For noting in the Teaching and Training Space

AusPLAT Conference

The inaugural Australian Psychology Learning and Teaching (AusPLAT) Conference will be held in Ipswich Queensland 15-17 September 2017.

The conference is an opportunity for psychology academics to network and progress the scholarship of learning and teaching in psychology.

You can still register for the conference.
Secondary Education

Secondary education psychology classes are currently offered in all Australian states except New South Wales and Queensland (Queensland is currently developing secondary education psychology programs). Psychology is one of the most popular subjects in year 12; it is of great interest to students and has the 3rd highest VCE subject enrolment in Victoria.

The DPRET Teaching and Training Working Group aims to support quality secondary education in psychology.

Elements of psychology are also incorporated in other subjects across the curriculum, and identifying these aspects may help to gain funding and program support. The Psychology Curriculum will also provide guidance to teachers how to include psychology into the curriculum for earlier years of education.

Review the Framework for an Australian curriculum for psychological science

Supporting Higher Degree Research (HDR) Supervision

Many higher education providers (HEP) have general resources for HDR supervision. The DPRET Forum has identified a gap in support for HDR candidates and supervisors: information on relationships and training that is informed by psychological science. A working group is developing a webinar for HEPs, so watch this space. For other supervision training click here

APS Journals

The APS Journals continue to improve with the 2016 Impact Factors(IF) for Australian Journal of Psychology, Australian Psychologist and Clinical Psychologist all displaying an increase from 2015 IF’s. Impact factors show the strength of the Journals based on a measure of the frequency with which the average article in a journal has been cited in a particular year.

Impact Factors for 2016 are as follows:

- Australian Journal of Psychology - 1.309
- Australian Psychologist - 1.086
- Clinical Psychologist - 1.037

For more information or to register for this event click here
Publishing your work in APS journals

Do you have an article you would like considered for publication in our APS Journals? Submit online via our publisher Wiley by visiting their website or using the links below:

- Submit to Australian Journal of Psychology
- Submit to Australian Psychologist
- Submit to Clinical Psychologist

You can also submit to The Educational Developmental Psychologist or The Australian Community Psychologist, APS journals by following the links below:

- Submit to The Educational Developmental Psychologist
- Submit to The Australian Community Psychologist

2018 APS Congress


Watch for calls for submission in APS matters and on the Congress website.

The DPRET Forum will again organise symposia, forums, and early career researcher activities to support members in education and research settings.