

Annual Report 2022 – AUSIT ACT Branch

Committee for 2021–2022

Chair: Jennifer Plaistowe

Secretary: -

Treasurer: Henry Chen

Branch delegate: Vesna Cvjeticanin

PD coordinator: Jessie (Jialing) Huang

Membership liaison officer: -

Other members: Gabrielle Edmonds, David Deck

- Jessie Huang began as the PD Coordinator in November 2021.
- David Deck joined the ACT committee in February 2022.

Professional Development Activities

Date	Type	Description	No. on day
13 November 2021	Zoom	Catch up and talk ethics with your ACT colleagues	20 attendees
12 May 2022	Zoom + in-person	Ethics for Translators - translation of official documents	10 in-person, 220 Zoom
10 September 2022	Zoom + in-person	ACT branch AGM + Linguistic Ecology	TBC

Social Activities

Date	Type	Description	No. on day
5 March 2022	In-person	Picnic and networking at the Southern Cross Yacht Club	16 attendees
4 June 2022	In-person	Coffee Catch-up	9 in-person
2 July 2022	In-person	Coffee Catch-up	5 in-person
6 August 2022	In-person	Coffee Catch-up	TBC

The Year in Review

In February 2022, AUSIT ACT developed a Branch Action Plan to outline obstacles and priority objectives until August 2022.

The three main objectives were:

1. To bring ACT members together in-person and provide professional development opportunities
2. To outline and communicate goals and planned activities for 2022 and 2023
3. To establish and maintain core committee functions

The branch committee sent out messages directly to ACT translators and interpreters via NAATI email and indirectly through the AUSIT National Facebook page. These messages aimed to remind translators and interpreters about the benefits of joining AUSIT and to advertise vacant committee roles. We recruited a PD Coordinator through these initiatives.

Two main obstacles for the committee were a lack of volunteers for office-bearing roles and restrictions put in place by the ACT Government in response to COVID-19. These barriers remain in place moving into 2022-23, despite efforts to grow the committee and boost numbers at in-person and hybrid events.

In a more recent initiative, the committee began holding monthly coffee catch-ups to initiate casual contact with ACT members and promote the benefits of joining the committee. The committee believes that these coffee mornings should continue, as they contribute to the committee's first objective and allow for flexibility during the ACT's response to COVID-19.

During the year ahead, we plan to develop induction materials and guidelines to assist committee members and establish core committee functions.

Thanks

A huge thank you to the NSW Professional Development Coordinators, who assisted the ACT Committee throughout 2021-2022.

Jennifer Plaistowe
Branch Chair