



Annual Report On VIC/TAS Branch's Projects, Activities And Events In 2017.

1) ISANA VIC/TAS MEMBERSHIP

ISANA VIC/TAS's membership grew to 170 at 30 October 2017.

ISANA has identified that the membership base has changed from predominantly student advisors to include migration agents, education agents, accommodation providers, caregiver agencies, private colleges, TAFE and government departments. This significant increase is due to new members being able to access current information, share contacts, knowledge and network with other members within the international sector. The current cohort of members is dispelling the myth that ISANA is only involved within the university sector.

2) PROJECTS

All these programs and projects listed below are ongoing and ISANA is dedicated to seeing them through their completion.

Employability

The Victorian Working Group On International Student Employability (VicWISE).
(Connecting Employers with International Students and Graduates)

The Victorian Working Group on International Student Employability (VicWISE) has been growing in membership, exposure and links to the many projects in employability for international students.

VicWISE has successfully generated a:

- **Employer factsheet**
- **Student Fact & Job Hunting Fact Sheet**
- **Student Stakeholders List**
- **Indian Student Employability Trial**

If you require more information on this project please contact: [Sharon Smith/ Manorani Guy](#)

Homestay

ISANA VIC/TAS is currently involved in research on homestay with Trinity college and UOM. The research findings will showcase new data on the nature of Victorian homestay students' experiences as they transition into life in Australia and highlight student trends and knowledge gaps within the industry in the 21st century.

OSHC

The project is being revisited with a new working group made up of OSHC providers, various student bodies and VTI. The first phase of the project is to collect current data on the use of emergency services by international students in a Victorian hospital. This information will assist us in preparing a more comprehensive report with up to date data and recommendations that can be presented to relevant stake holders. ISANA is also collaborating with AFIS to organise a survey to capture data on how international students are utilising and understanding their OSHC. The survey is currently being rolled out to the international student cohort in Victoria.



Mental Health

“Mental Health and Well Being Ambassadorship Program.” In the proposal student “ambassadors” are trained to deliver mental health first aid to international students in need. ISANA in conjunction with CISA, AFIS and other student bodies are applying for a grant to roll out this program.

Preventing Gambling Harm In Culturally And Linguistically Diverse Communities

ISANA has been invited to participate in a forum and research on preventing gambling harm in culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

The Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation has funded ECCV to build capacity, reduce stigma and raise awareness of gambling harm in culturally, linguistically, and religiously diverse communities in Melbourne and regional centres in Victoria.

3) VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT COLLABORATIVE MEETING

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ISANA VIC/TAS is a member of Victorian International Education Ministerial Advisory Roundtable that meets monthly to discuss the International Education Sector strategy (Victorian and Commonwealth) and other issues pertaining to international students.

Study Melbourne Advisory Network Meeting

ISANA VIC/TAS is a member of SMSC Stakeholder Advisory Network and attends regular meetings

Victorian Schools International Group (VSIG)

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The group brings together representatives from Catholic, government and independent schools, the City of Melbourne and the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority. The group meets once every 6 months.

4) OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

VIC/TAS works very closely with other organisations.

- Study Melbourne
- IEAA
- ACEN
- ACPET
- VISION
- Department of Children and Young People
- Department of Justice
- CAV
- RAAV
- ALLIANZ
- Medibank Private
- BUPA
- ACCUHO
- Indian Business Council
- City of Melbourne
- Others



Student Bodies

- AFIS
- CISA
- Melbourne Universities international student leaders
- Monash Universities international student leaders
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- Vietnamese Associations
- Indonesian Associations
- Chinese Associations
- AAYS and Others

5) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND STATE CONFERENCE FOR 2017

PD 1: Monday April 10 **Victorian Child Safe Standards** Including Workshop

PD 2: Tuesday July 4 - **When the Government Knocks**

PD 3: Thursday November 23 - **International Students Mental Health: Common issues, challenges, strengths and useful support strategies**

PD 4: Tasmania, Friday 9 June
Theme: **The importance of Collaboration in Providing Information to International Students”**

6) ISANA VICTORIA /TASMANIA ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Date: Friday, 1 September 2017

Theme: Working together: Solution-focused Support for International Students in the 21st Century

ISANA VIC/TAS 18th state conference was held at William Angliss and was very well attended with 121 participants from a diverse range of institutions as well as a significant number of international student leaders. It was exciting to note that 25% of our attendees were student participants due to the generous grant from Study Melbourne.



7) OTHER PD SESSIONS THAT ISANA HAS PARTICIPATED IN

- **Staff Professional Development in International Education' Symposium**

ISANA presented at the symposium. This event was supported by the Australian Research Council and hosted by Deakin University's Research Centre, Research for Educational Impact (REDI).

- **Melbourne International Student Conference**

ISANA VIC/TAS sponsored students to the event
ISANA VIC/TAS facilitated at the conference

- **Volunteer and Skills Expo 2017 at Melbourne Polytechnic**

ISANA VIC/TAS was able to promote volunteer opportunities to the international students.

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