

# SUIHAA Newsletter, December 2019



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## Coming events

### CALENDARFEST- request for card and calendars

Please send calendars and cards for the welcome to new residents – by 3 February 2020!  
New residents just love them every year! Many thanks.

### Notice of SUIHAA Special General Meeting

Thursday, 6 February 2020, Wool Room at IH, 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm

#### Agenda:

1. Proposed changes to the SUIHAA Constitution with respect to extending membership to affiliate members of IH: Discussion and vote. [6.30 to 6.45 pm]
2. Jessica Carroll (IH Director) and Professor Margaret Harris (Chair of Council): Progress with planning IH future. [6.45 – 7.15 pm, allowing some time for questions before Margaret and Jessica may depart]
3. Harry Bergsteiner: Presentation on his adaptive reuse proposal, comparing it to other proposals in terms of: Economics, Environmental impact, Cultural continuity, Respect for heritage, Logistics, Quality of ultimate architectural fabric, Marketing edge, Compliance [7.15 to 7.45 pm]
4. SUIHAA (Karen Rowe-Nurse, President SUIHAA and Ros Madden, immediate past President): Overview of SUIHAA work, past and future [7.45 to 8 pm]
5. Discussion [8 to 8.30], including of motions proposed to be moved by Harry Bergsteiner:
  - That SUIHAA request IH Council to allow Dr Harry Bergsteiner (architect, town planner, adaptive reuse specialist, PhD in management) to present his adaptive reuse proposal to IH Council.
  - That SUIHAA establish a new SUIHAA officer position for its SUIHAA Committee titled something like “SUIHAA strategist” or “SUIHAA architectural advisor”, and that in the interim Dr Harry Bergsteiner be appointed to this position, and that SUIHAA request IH Council to consider appointing Dr Harry Bergsteiner as an ex officio member of IH Council

If you are unable to attend this SUIHAA Special General Meeting but would still like to cast a vote on the proposed changes to the SUIHAA Constitution and motions put forward at the meeting, please contact the SUIHAA Secretary at [secretary@suihaa.org.au](mailto:secretary@suihaa.org.au) for a copy of the proxy form that you can submit to enable a fellow member of SUIHAA who will attend the meeting to vote on your behalf. Proxy forms should be returned to the SUIHAA Secretary before the meeting.

Information about IH affiliate membership is included under ‘News items’ in this Newsletter. The proposed SUIHAA constitutional amendments are attached at the end of this newsletter. There are currently two vacancies on the SUIHAA Committee. The Committee would like to call for nominations for these positions. All SUIHAA members are welcome to nominate, and we particularly encourage nominations from alumni based outside NSW or Australia.

## Recent events

### Fellows Lunch 1 December 2019

A large gathering of IH Fellows and alumni celebrated the awarding of two new Fellowships to artist Lyn Woodger Grant and former Council Chair Denise North.

**Lyn Woodger-Grant** (IH 1971-72) is a highly lauded artist having been nominated for the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes. Lyn made substantial contributions to the 50th Anniversary Art Exhibition held in the Wool Room in 2017 and was involved in fundraising for the Bo Children's Hospital in her early years and a SUIHAA Committee member.

An energetic and strategic non-executive director with broad experience across a range of corporate structures and industry sectors, **Denise North** (IH 1980-81) has held positions as Chair of the IH Council and President of SUIHHA. On her retirement from the position of Chair of Council, she was the longest serving appointee, and has continued to support the International House community since with resident mentoring and attendance at numerous events and celebrations.



## Scholarships and prizes

SUIHAA was pleased to award scholarships to two residents in Semester 2.

Huai-Jin (Sarah) Choong was awarded a **Rosalie McCutcheon Scholarship** to assist in expenses in attending a conference organised by the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA), to be held from 1st to 4th December 2019, at Monash University, Melbourne.

Idhika Sahi was awarded a **Graeme de Graaff Scholarship** to assist with expenses involved in (a) work on the importance of integrating sustainability and the needs of the community with new designs; (b) a workshop in these areas that would help her progress with her degree; and (c) exploring the relevance of available 3D printing and laser cutting facilities that are offered by the university.

Both scholarships are paid after SUIHAA receives a report on how the funds were used in pursuit of the recipients' agreed goals.

The annual **Rosemary Berrick photo competition** winners were also awarded recently. Congratulations to Lindsay Rui, whose photograph 'Outback Australia' was awarded first place; and Idhika Sahi who received the People's Choice award for 'Humankind in the purest parts of earth.'



**WINNER:** *Outback Australia.* Lindsay Rui.



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE:** *Humankind in the purest parts of earth.* Idhika Sahi.

## Affiliate membership pilot

In semester 1 2020, International House will be piloting a new affiliate member program. The aim of this program is to increase the accessibility of the unique IH student experience to other students of the University who are not currently residing at the house or any other student accommodation facility.

The affiliate membership program shall only be available to University of Sydney students, the intention being to appeal to those who are likely to benefit from the additional support of being a member of an established community. This particularly includes students commuting to main campus, and especially international students who feel displaced by coming to study in Australia.

### **Benefits of affiliate membership will include:**

- A home away from home: lockers to store personal belongings while on campus, and access to study and recreational spaces at International House (including access to University Wi-Fi and printing facilities)
- Daily lunches and dinners in the dining hall with residents Monday-Friday (10 meals per week)
- Affiliated Membership of the International House Members' Association (IHMA), allowing access to all social events and activities run by IHMA
- Participation in the IH welcome week program, the Global Leadership Program, the peer-led academic assistance program, and the international Davis Projects for Peace grant scheme.

The 2020 Semester 1 pilot will be capped at 12 students.

- *From Bradley Kunda*

## IH Future and Alumni advocacy

Ros reported in the last newsletter that the IH Futures Steering Group was due to make recommendations about the future of the House by the end of the year. In their final report they have recommended that there be a future IH with similar idealistic purposes as in the present constitution, it will have a program similar to the present one including a dining hall, and will be located on the present site. The Steering Group report has been endorsed by the IH Council and accepted by the University Senate. Plans will be further developed in 2020, and ongoing care and discussion will be needed for some time into the future.

*Some background: SUIHAA documents containing Alumni ideas on IH future, were presented to the Steering Group, and were included in reports to Council. They were based on: SUIHAA strategic work, meetings and consultation since early 2017; correspondence with alumni; letters from alumni to the Vice Chancellor; a special meeting in June where participants focussed on three key 'things' they want to see in a future IH.*

*If you missed these documents from past SUIHAA newsletters, please request them from [secretary@suihaa.org.au](mailto:secretary@suihaa.org.au)*

## **Alumni news**

### **From Anne McCarthy**

Hello SUIHAA,

I am an IH alumna of 1967-68. My daughter Eliane McCarthy will turn 25 in December. She has recently been awarded the Paddy Pallin scholarship (\$2000) which will go towards the purchase of a drone for her Master's of Research (MRes) project at the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury based at Richmond. She is studying population densities of the endangered grey-headed flying fox by using a camera mounted on a drone to take thermal images of flying foxes flying out in the morning and back to roost at night. She has recently presented her work, which was well received, at a bat conference in Canberra. She may, in the future, also study the endangered Christmas island flying fox and her work has potential to be applied to other endangered species.

Anne McCarthy

## **Alumni news invited**

If you would like to contribute to 'people' news in the future please write a brief note (to [info@suihaa.org.au](mailto:info@suihaa.org.au)), maybe with photos, for inclusion in this newsletter. Group and reunion news welcome!

## **Happy New Year – and meet the new SUIHAA Executive and committee**

*From Immediate Past President*

Dear Alumni,

It has been a privilege to be SUIHAA President for some four years. These newsletters have, I hope, kept you informed about what we have done, in the celebratory times (2017) and in the years of challenge and then hopefully breakthrough (2018 and 2019). It has been wonderful to connect and reconnect with so many alumni. Thanks for all your correspondence with SUIHAA and your letters about IH. I am delighted to be handing over to Karen Rowe-Nurse as the new President. Karen, Josh and Brittany will make a strong SUIHAA Executive for all the challenges ahead.

*Best wishes to all IH alumni from outgoing President Ros Madden*

## Farewell 2019 and Welcome 2020.

My name is Karen Rowe-Nurse and I will be taking over from the marvellous Ros Madden as president. Ros has steered the SUIHAA ship for the past four years and has done a wonderful job in very trying times. Over the past four years we have celebrated both the 50th Anniversary of IH at Sydney University and its possible losses and Ros had kept a calm head during this quite turbulent time. Thank you Ros for your hard work on representing SUIHAA as a concerned voice. I, and the committee, hope you get to enjoy a well earned rest over the break!

The SUIHAA Committee is looking forward to 2020 being a transforming period for the house. The fact that IH and SUIHAA are in this position is due to the hard work of Jessica Carroll, the IH Council and SUIHAA as led by Ros. There are adventures for us all ahead.

I look forward to carrying on the work that Ros has done on SUIHAA's behalf. For those who do not know me, I lived at IH in the years 1980-81 and shared a room with the redoubtable Denise North, who was recently admitted as an IH fellow along with Lyn Woodger-Grant. I have been a member of the SUIHAA committee for several years now and look forward to meeting as many alumni and IH residents as I can at the House next year. Wishing you all a wonderful end of year break and as they say, see you on the other side of 2019.

*Regards, Karen Rowe-Nurse.*

### **Greetings from our new Committee for 2020!!!**

Karen Rowe-Nurse (President), Joshua Lee (Secretary), Brittany Ridley (Treasurer).  
The general committee members for 2020 are: Karam Ali, Harry Bergsteiner, Nicole Dunn, Moe Hassan, James Kane, Julia Krattli, Ros Madden, Paul Reisner. Ex officio members from IH and IHMA will also continue to be part of the Committee.



# Sydney University International House Alumni Association

## Constitution

Revised, ~~September 2014~~February 2020

### 1. Name

The Association shall be named the Sydney University International House Alumni Association. The abbreviation SUIHAA may be used to refer to the Association wherever appropriate.

### 2. Aims

- (a) To foster and maintain communication between all members.
- (b) To promote engagement by members with International House, the University of Sydney (hereafter, "International House" or "the House").
- (c) To work with International House in promoting the aims and ideals of international understanding within the University of Sydney and the wider community.

### 3. Ordinary Membership

Ordinary Membership is extended to all persons who:

- (a) were Ordinary Members prior to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, or
- (b) have lived at International House as a signatory to a residential contract with the House. Such membership starts at the commencement of residence.

#### 3A. Affiliate Membership

Affiliate Membership is extended to all persons who:

- (a) are not Ordinary or Honorary Members of SUIHAA, and
- (b) have never lived at International House as a signatory to a residential contract with the House, and
- (c) have participated in an International House non-resident member program (however named). Such membership starts at the commencement of the non-resident member program.

### 4. Honorary Membership

Honorary membership is extended to persons:

- (a) who were Honorary Members prior to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

(b) who are staff/former staff, Council members/former Council members or Fellows of International House and who wish to participate in SUIHAA activities. The request for Honorary membership shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary and approved by a majority vote of members present at any Committee Meeting or General Meeting.

(c) who support the aims of the Association, are proposed in writing to the Secretary by three members, and approved by a majority vote of members present at any Committee Meeting or General Meeting.

(d) who have ordinarily resided at International House as the partner, spouse or relative of an Ordinary Member during the time of that Ordinary Member's residence at the House. The request for Honorary membership shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary.

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## 5. SUIHAA Committee

All positions on the SUIHAA Committee (the Committee) may only be held by ~~both~~ Ordinary and Honorary members of SUIHAA.

(a) SUIHAA shall have an Executive consisting of three officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer, who are normally resident in Sydney. The three office bearers shall be elected by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) In addition to the Executive, SUIHAA shall have a minimum of four and up to ten committee members which may include Newsletter Editors, Functions Officers, Communications Officers and General Committee Members. These committee members shall be elected by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Without limiting the eligibility of any member to be nominated for, or be elected to the Committee, the Association shall, in electing members to the Committee, endeavour to comprise as wide a representation as possible of members who have resided at the House at different times throughout its history.

In addition to the above, the following individuals shall be ex officio members of the Committee:

- i) The Director of International House
- ii) The Residential Life Officer of International House
- iii) The Chairperson of International House Members Association (or his or her nominee)

(c) The members of the SUIHAA Committee shall hold office from the date of their election or appointment until the next Annual General Meeting. Any member of the SUIHAA Committee may at any time retire therefrom by giving written notice to the Secretary, or may be dismissed from office by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those members voting at a Special General Meeting of SUIHAA.

(d) The President shall convene a meeting of the SUIHAA Committee within one month of the Annual General Meeting and subsequently at periods not exceeding three months. Four members shall constitute a quorum of the SUIHAA Committee. The committee members shall be given at least two weeks notice of each meeting.

(e) The President, or in his/her absence the Secretary, shall preside at committee meetings. The chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of an equal division of votes on any question.

(f) Any vacancies of the SUIHAA Committee may be elected by the majority vote of those present at any subsequent meeting of the SUIHAA Committee. The Executive may appoint any member of SUIHAA to fill any casual vacancy that may occur in the committee until such an election should take place.

(g) The SUIHAA Committee may act by a majority of its members and may continue to act notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership.

## 6. Duties and Responsibilities of Office Bearers

(a) The President or President's delegate shall:

- (i) Supervise the general functioning of the SUIHAA Committee.
- (ii) Preside at meetings of the SUIHAA Committee.

(iii) Be the SUIHAA-nominated representative on, and present a report to, the International House Council, and attend meetings convened by the Council as required (including meetings of the House and Finance Committee).

(iv) Carry out other duties normally associated with the work of President.

(b) The Secretary shall:

(i) Keep minutes of the proceedings of General and SUIHAA Committee meetings, and maintain the minutes record as both hard and soft copy.

(ii) Report relevant correspondence to the SUIHAA Committee.

(iii) Issue due notice of the date and agenda of the above meetings.

(iv) Receive and respond to correspondence sent to the SUIHAA e-mail address info@suihaa.org.au and disseminate such information to the appropriate recipients.

(v) Submit information for publication in relevant University publications.

(c) The Treasurer shall:

(i) Receive membership subscriptions, accompanied by a related list of new members, from IH.

(ii) Issue receipts of all moneys paid to SUIHAA (other than membership subscriptions collected by IH).

(iii) Pay all moneys received to SUIHAA bank accounts.

(iv) Report to each Committee Meeting on all transactions over the amount of twenty five (25) dollars, and obtain the approval of the Committee for all transactions over the amount of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars.

(v) Keep a record showing details of receipts, expenditure and balance.

(vi) Compile and present an audited financial statement to each Annual General Meeting.

(vii) In consultation with the Committee, determine the membership fees for the Association, and present these to the Finance Committee of the Council of International House for its approval.

(d) The Newsletter Editor(s) shall:

(i) Present an advance schedule for each SUIHAA newsletter to the SUIHAA Committee.

(ii) Organise editorial meetings for each newsletter as required.

(iii) Edit information from:

(a) incoming mail (postal and electronic)

(b) Members Feedback Sheet (from IH, newsletter and web)

(c) Any other sources

for publication in newsletters.

- (iv) Organise the creation of newsletters and other publications.
- (v) Organise a task force for the distribution of the SUIHAA newsletter and other publications.
- (e) The Communications Officer(s) shall:
  - (i) Liaise with the Committee, the House, IHMA and other organisations to communicate upcoming programs and functions to the International House community and other interested stakeholders.
  - (ii) Organise the printing of any publications apart from the newsletter.
- (f) The Functions Officer(s) shall:
  - (i) Liaise with the House and other third parties to organise functions including (but not limited to) the Calendarfest, Foundation Day Address, Stargazing Night, Spring Back to Sydney and Walter Westman Lecture.
- (g) The General Committee members shall:
  - (i) Promote the aims of SUIHAA and assist as delegated
  - (ii) Assist the Executive in endeavouring to achieve the aims of SUIHAA
  - (iii) Act as liaison personnel between the SUIHAA Committee and members.

## 7. General Meetings

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of SUIHAA shall be convened in September each year to:
  - (i) Receive a President's Report and the Treasurer's audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year
  - (ii) Elect Office Bearers and the General Committee members for the ensuing year
  - (iii) Transact any other business
- (b) Notice of all General Meetings must be sent to all members at least twenty-one (21) days before the proposed date.
- (c) Ten members shall constitute a quorum of a General Meeting. A member is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of the member. The chairperson or another Ordinary or Honorary member of SUIHAA can be appointed as a proxy. Both-Only Ordinary and Honorary members are entitled to vote.
- (d) The proxy form shall be included in the notice of a General Meeting. The completed form shall be posted, faxed or emailed (from a pre-registered email address) and accepted until the commencement of the Meeting.
- (e) The Secretary may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting, and shall do so forthwith on the written request of any eleven members stating the purpose(s) for which the meeting is called. The business at such Special General Meetings shall be confined to the purpose(s) stated in the notices.

(f) The President shall preside at a General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the members present shall elect one of their number as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of an equal division of votes on any question.

(g) The office of President shall be transferred to the new President after the election of the Executive and Committee has been completed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **8. Amendment to Constitution**

These rules may be repealed or amended, or new rules made, by a two-thirds majority of those members voting at any General Meeting. Notice of such proposed repeal, amendment or new rule must be given to the Secretary in writing and included in the notice of the meeting given pursuant to paragraph 7(b).

Any changes to the Constitution voted at a General Meeting shall be presented to the International House Council for approval.

## **9. Property**

(a) The Association shall conduct its activities on a not for profit basis. All assets and property of SUIHAA shall be vested in the Executive and Committee who shall administer them in such a manner as considered to be in the interests of SUIHAA. No portion of these assets and property may be allocated to members of SUIHAA except as fair compensation for services or expenses incurred on behalf of SUIHAA.

(b) In compiling its financial statements SUIHAA shall adopt a financial year concluding on the 30th of June each year.

(c) If in any year there has been no Annual General Meeting with the required quorum at which at least four members of the SUIHAA Committee, including at least one of the offices of President, Treasurer or Secretary has been filled, then the Treasurer of the previous year shall hold the funds and assets of SUIHAA until a new Executive of SUIHAA is formed under the terms of this Constitution.

(d) If the Association should be dissolved or cease to operate all assets and property of SUIHAA shall be held by International House to be applied as far as practicable for purposes that reflect the aims of the Association.