



Australian Association for
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Tasmania Branch President Report 2019

4.1 IMPROVE PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION

After discussions with AAIMH National and mentoring from Emma Toone, VIC AAIMH, TAS AAIMH was established this year with the inaugural committee meeting held on 19th June 2019. The inaugural committee for the new TAS AAIMI Branch is:

- Dr Caroline Diamond, President
- Dr Naomi Thomas, Secretary
- Prof Fiona Judd, Treasurer

We held two other meetings since the formation of our Branch.

- 23 July 2019 to open up a TAS Branch bank account with ANZ.
- 28 August 2019 to establish a work plan for the upcoming year, and to plan the Professional Development event in November 2019.

As part of our event planning for November, we are considering a high-profile government leader to officially open our Professional Development event, and officially launch our branch, to highlight Infant Mental Health's place in the broader field.

4.2 EDUCATE MEMBERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK WITH INFANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Tasmanian branch held a successful "soft launch" professional development Movie Night featuring the movie "Babies." Twenty people attended from the Hobart professional community. Feedback was very positive with further enquiries about membership and future events.

The next event will be our official launch in November with Professor Louise Newman as our guest speaker.

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4.3 PROMOTE AND DISSEMINATE RESEARCH

Nil to report.

4.4 ADVOCATE IN THE INTERESTS OF INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

Tasmanian branch president, Caroline Diamond attended a B4 Early Years Coalition meeting in Campbell Town in July, and promoted AAIMH and encouraged attendees to join the new branch. Brochures and conference brochures were provided and encouraged distribution within their own organisations.

4.5 DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES, STANDARDS AND RECOGNITION

Nil to report.

4.6 PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SERVICES TO MEMBERS

During the last PD event, suggestions for future professional development was requested of attendees.

4.7 LIAISE WITH AFFILIATED AND INTERNATIONAL COLLEAGUES

Liaison with National members and Victorian branch president, Emma Toone in establishing the Tasmanian branch.

4.8 ENHANCE GOOD GOVERNANCE

Processes are being established with the creation of the Tasmanian branch to ensure good governance is adhered to – i.e. development of role descriptions, correspondence registers, opening bank account, and other infrastructure.

Memberships is in the process of being transferred from Victorian branch to the Tasmanian branch.

Report prepared by Caroline Diamond.