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## AILA ACT Chapter Annual Report 2015-2016

### Presidents Report

The ACT Chapter Executive Committee for 2016/16 and 2016/17 is:

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| President      | Catherine Keirnan                                                      |
| Vice President | Gay Williamson                                                         |
| Secretary      | Andrew MacKenzie                                                       |
| Treasurer      | Deb Matthew (thanks go to Stephen Kirsu and Carly Porecca for 2015/16) |

In 2015-16, this first year of our two year term, we have made significant progress on the actions and targets in executing the Strategic Implementation Plan. The 2015 member survey informed this Plan, which was endorsed by National Council in early 2016. We are on track to meet the Plan's strategic outcomes with their targets. Membership is growing with the changes to membership rules, the ACT now has a total of 101 members including 8 Fellows and 36 students.

This Plan plus the 6 and 12 monthly report cards are available on the AILA ACT web page. The actions in this Plan will be renewed by the Executive for the 2016-17 year, pending amendment from feedback from the Annual Chapter Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The ACT Chapter has no sub-committees and the services from the National Office, particularly administrative and event management support from Grace Bodman, is much appreciated. Further, the appointment of Amelia Souter in the National Office has freed the ACT Chapter from coordinating the details of Festival Fringe events. The Festival arriving on our doorstep in October, is our big chance to make a splash and showcase how great our national capital is. It is up to us all to pitch in and participate in October.

The most popular events over the last 12 months were the Presidents lunch with ACT Minister Shane Rattenbury, free Christmas drinks with AILA Fresh and the 2016 ACT Awards. These all generated great feedback! Our alliances with allied professions is expanding our reach and our efforts in campaigns like My Park Rules, the Mt Ainslie competition, and Design Canberra, is achieving a greater local profile in the community and with government. Engagement with ACT Government is focused on meeting member needs, responding to proposals and policies and working carefully to provide our view to key decision makers. With our small Chapter, the involvement of members to support the Executive Committee is always welcome to share the writing of submissions, going to engagement meetings and working with the community.

Looking ahead we have another full year combining social gatherings with continuing professional development and commemorative events. The calendar of events for the next six months is on the ACT web page. Highlights, will be the celebration of AILA's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in August, commemoration of the life of Richard Clough with a ceremony in Commonwealth Park in September, the Festival of



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Landscape Architecture in October, and the Living Cities Workshop and 2016 Student prize in November.

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