

President's Report

ANZFSS AGM – 26th August, 2020

Due to Covid-19, the last half of the 2019-2020 financial year has been an interesting, but frustrating and challenging year for the Tasmanian ANZFSS branch. As a result, there is not much to report on for this year.

Since the last AGM we have only had two face-to-face meetings

30th October, 2019, Dr Kaye Ballantyne presented to a meeting and conducted a workshop the following day to members and non-members.

26th February, 2020, the Director of NIFS, Dr Linzi-Wilson-Wilde, presented.

Fortunately, some interstate ANZFSS branches have made their meeting available online to all ANZFSS members, notably presentations by Dr Max Houck (courtesy of the WA branch) in June 2020 and Dr Georgina Meakin (courtesy of the NSW branch) in July 2020.

I attended the National ANZFSS AGM in Darwin in October 2019 where I presented a case study.

The combined ANZFSS/IAFS symposium due to be held in September 2020 was postponed until May 2021 due to the Covid-19 situation. Members registered to attend this event will have recently received an email stating that this meeting has now again been postponed until 2023. Things are confusing regarding where ANZFSS as an organisation stand with this and how scholarship awardees will be able to use their awards. National ANZFSS council will meet tomorrow (27th August, 2020) to vote on issues and come to some resolution. Members will be updated as soon as the situation becomes clearer.

I would like to thank all members for their continued support and especially thank the local committee for their help over the last year.

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