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From the President

As we move towards the end of the year, I am delighted to have this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and restful festive season and to thank you all for the work you do in providing and promoting the best possible collegiate life for our residents.

I also want to thank those who worked so hard to make our recent conference in Adelaide so successful, especially convenor Rose Alwyn (St Mark's College), organiser Bob Cope, and our Executive Officer Deborah Pugh. Of course, many thanks to our major sponsor Starnet Systems, and to our other sponsors, and for the very cooperative and productive partnership we have formed with AICD in the delivery of a significant part of the conference program and in the conduct of ongoing regional sessions.

We look forward in the very near future to the outcomes of two major survey reports: (1) the National Census of Colleges, Halls and 100+ Commercial Student Accommodation Providers conducted by 'Tertiary Balance'; and (2) the ARC Linkage Grant Research Project on Alcohol Use in the Student Population, led by Toni Schofield, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney. We will also continue to collaborate in projects and advocacy with AACUHO, and I was pleased, just following my election as President, to sign an up-dated MOU with current AACUHO President, Edwina Ellicott. With Higher Education

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proposals before the federal parliament, our panel discussion at the conference was valuable, albeit we are in very uncertain times, and I hope soon to have the opportunity in Canberra of meeting with Dr Don Markwell, now Senior Adviser to the Minister of Education.

I am very conscious of the privilege and the responsibilities in following so many wonderful past Presidents, most recently Lyla Davies. We are a relatively small but special professional association, supporting leadership in collegiate life within an area increasingly viewed in corporate and commercial terms and referred to by some as an 'industry'. Of course, there are realities to all this, but I want to affirm the wisdom and continuing resonance of words of the late Dr Davis McCaughey who, in an address to the 1979 AHAUCHI conference, emphasized that we are part of the "academic enterprise ... part of the business of learning"!

Please do not hesitate to contact [me](#), any [members of the Executive](#), or [Deborah Pugh](#) if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

With warmest regards,



(Dr) Ian Walker

Chapter Updates 2014

Answering a request at the Adelaide Conference to provide news on what is happening in the Chapters, here are some brief [updates](#) from the Australian Capital Territory, Brisbane, Sydney, University of New England, South Australian and Melbourne Chapters.

Adelaide Conference Survey

In order to plan for future conferences, the Executive Committee would appreciate member feedback on the recent Adelaide Conference. Please complete the following short survey by no later than Monday 8 December <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSBG6NH>

Save these dates

UCA Mini-Conference 2015: Wednesday 30 September - Friday 2 October, 2015. Conference location TBC.

2015 Advancement Tour to the UK

Global Philanthropic's Advancement Tour to the UK is a unique opportunity for College Principals, University and School Executives, Directors of Development and other executives to tour with the leading international philanthropy consultancy to the United Kingdom, to meet with educational executives and development staff and observe best practice in advancement.

The Tour, from 24-28 August, 2015, utilises site visits and expert presentations to cover the key aspects of educational fundraising: alumni affinity and engagement, annual funds, major gift programs, and campaigns.

Program highlights include: Oxford University and Colleges; King's College London; Eton College; The American School in London; and London School of Economics.

Global Philanthropic is pleased to offer UCA members an exclusive discount. To find out more or to register please contact Lauren Vertigan, Consultant on 0417 347 403 or email l.v@globalphilanthropic.com

Position Advertised

[Deputy Principal](#), Cromwell College: Applications close Wednesday 3 December, 2015

GST Tool & misreporting of student meals

UCA requested advice from Peter McDonald on the circumstances in which colleges and halls that have elected to use the ATO's *Residential Colleges* GST Tool to determine how much Goods and Services Tax (GST) to remit to the ATO, have a taxation liability if they fail to report bundled student meals to

the Tool.

Catered colleges potentially exposed to this issue are those that have elected to use the GST Tool and have answered 'No' to question 17 in the contracts worksheets in cases where students are subject to mandatory charges for meals.

Please find a copy of Peter McDonald's advice [here](#), or contact the [Executive Officer](#) to request a copy of this advice by return email.

Should you have difficulty with the initial 'login' process at the Members Section of our website, please contact Deborah Pugh at [Executive Officer](#) who can set up the initial login for you.

Legal Employment Status of RA's

Peter McDonald's advice on the legal employment status of College RAs can be found [here](#).

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