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Wynyard, Tasmania

AUSTAT NEWS

January 2019

Welcome to 2019

It is an eventful year for AT, kicking off with FM's 150th which, thanks to Penny McDonald's enthusiasm, is being celebrated in style in Wynyard this weekend. You will have received an email about how you can help use this event to improve exposure of AT in your area.

<https://mailchi.mp/62ef8d1ac3eb/150celebrations>

Council 2019

Council sat its first session for the year last weekend. It will take me a little while to get the hang of the Chair's role, but we have a great team on council and I feel well supported.

Council's work so far this year has included quite a bit of setting up for the new office bearers. Updates to banking and getting everyone up to speed on their roles has been made easier by the retiring members' help and the ongoing support of our administrator.

Council has reviewed its confidentially practices. We are also looking at our document handling to make it easier to access and track procedural decisions past councils have made. This will also support turnover of each council.

AGM

Following up on the AGM, council spent quite some time discussing the role of students in AGMs and the best pathways for student issues to be managed.

Richard Peng's application for Head of Training status has now formally been approved. Council is pleased that Rosslyn McLeod has accepted her honorary membership.

New Members

Applications have been processed for new members and council would like to welcome Karen Anderson, Alexandra Lepikhin and Simon Hingee as teacher members and Maeve McKeown as a new student at SOFMAS.

Promoting AT and FM's 150th

Council recruited some professional advice in preparing promotions around FM's 150th. Please use the resources which have been developed. They are available at <http://www.austat.org.au/150th-celebration/>

Media releases have been sent to newspaper, TV and radio and a social media campaign is underway. You have received information on what you can do to boost this. The media is most interested in articles if there is some kind of 'hook'. Let's make the most of this milestone opportunity.

<https://www.facebook.com/AUSTATau/>

Health Funds

In spite of council's efforts to oppose it, the federal government is disallowing health funds to rebate for AT from 1st April 2019. The health funds are preparing for the implementation of the legislation. HBF withdrew rebates from 1st Jan this year, with all other health funds withdrawing from 1st April. It is important that teachers ensure their students are aware of the change and that all promotion on websites etc displays up to date information.

Anyone interested in protesting the government's decision can add their voice or solicit signatories to this [online petition](#).

List of Institutions where AT is taught

Our British counterpart, STAT, has sent a request for a list of institutions where Alexander Technique is taught. Thanks to those who have responded - if anyone else has an addition,

please email info@austat.org.au

The Poise Project

The Poise Project is reaching out to Austat members. It is inviting teachers or anyone interested to join a mailing list to follow the project. Subscribe at <https://www.thepoiseproject.org/>

Your role in Austat

The search goes on for a new ITM editor. If you value the publication, please consider the editorial role. At the moment it is done mostly by our administrator which is at cost to the society.

Council also needs to appoint teachers of 10+ years experience to the Training Course Standing Committee. There are four teacher member vacancies, and one for a member who need not be an Austat member.

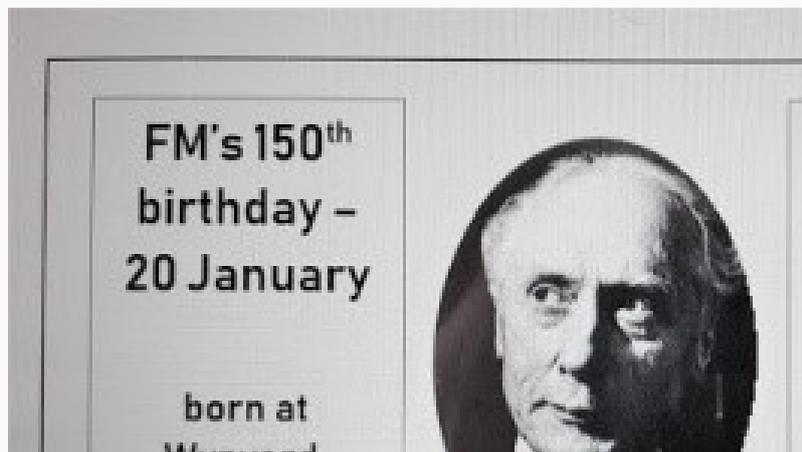
ITM submissions

Please send your articles, news or events by 21st January to info@austat.org.au.

Thank you to all for your support. Here's to an uplifting year ahead,

Jeremy Woolhouse

Chair, Austat



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You are invited to submit details of coming events and/or links to relevant articles you feel may be of value and interest to other members.

You may also like to send a comment about this initiative to keep members informed.

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