SSA QUEENSLAND BRANCH

***PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2018***

**1. BRANCH COUNCIL**

The Branch Council for 2018 were Lee Jones (President), ASPRO Dimitrios Vagenas (Secretary), Dr Nicole White (Treasurer), Dr Peter Baker (Immediate Past President), Dr Megan Steele (Membership), Professor Adrian Barnett (Website Officer), Dr Carmen Lim (Young Stats), Dr Susanna Cramb (CPD Representative) and Dr Miranda Mortlock (newsletter).

**2. MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2018**

The following meetings and events were held in 2018. The range, quality and breadth of talks was exceptional throughout the year. Full details are available on the branch website.

* 20th February 2018, QUT KG. A/Prof Michelle Gatton, Queensland University of Technology. The Evolution of the WHO Product Testing Program for Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests; Challenges, Impacts and New Directions (12 Attended)
* 20th March 2018, QUT GP. Prof Adrian Barnett, Queensland University of Technology. The crisis in health and medical statistics (41 attended)
* 24th April 2018, QUT GP. Professor Richard Boys, Newcastle University (UK). The effect of late onset, short term caloric restriction on the core temperature and physical activity in mice (16 attended)
* 22nd May 2018, QUT GP. Zarina Vakhitova, Griffith University. Using Bayesian Profile Regression to identify groups of lifestyles associated with different types of cyber abuse victimization (22 attended)
* 9th July 2018, QUT GP. Dr Steph de Silva, data scientist , Manager PwC. (28 attended)
* 22nd August 2018, QUT GP. Prof. Susan Murphy, Harvard University. Joint event with ACEMS and UQ &QUT. Stratified Micro-randomized Trials with Applications in Mobile Health.

(54 attended)

* 11th September. QUT GP. Young Statistician Careers Seminar (54 attended)
* 23rd October 2018, QUT GP. Prof Nicholas Graves, Queensland University of Technology. Arbitrary levels of confidence in the results of clinical trials could be a massive waste of research dollars (14 attended)
* 20th November 2018, QUT GP. Catherine Neelamraju, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Government The multi-substance Potentially Affected Fraction as a measure of ecological risk to the Great Barrier Reef (14 attended)
* 11th December 2018, QUT GP. Christmas Party. (16 attended)

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

We had 84 members as of 31st March 2019. See the Treasurers report for a breakdown of membership types.

**4. OTHER**

Registration for the Australian and New Zealand Statistical Conference ANZC 2020 Gold Coast is now open.

**5. THANK YOU**

I’d like to thank all council members for their support throughout the year and their dedication to the Branch. Particular thanks go to Nicole White and Dimitrios Vagenas who act as a sounding board for ideas, SSAI EO Marie-Louise Rankin and members of Branch Council for their support and advice. I would also like to thank Susanna Cramb and Nicole White for their service and are stepping down from the branch council this year.

Lee Jones
2 April 2019