



Communique

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Drama Australia update: Advocacy

Drama advocacy has been, and continues to be, a key focus and goal for Drama Australia in 2023. We recognise the importance of researched evidence, and are working to bring together quality research and literature on drama that will assist with advocacy for our members.

Our key advocacy document, "Drama Makes Meaning" (which can be found here) is due to be updated this year. On **Wednesday 30th August 2023**, committee members from all State and Territory associations will meet with Drama Australia board members for our second annual **Giant Combined Meeting of Council**. The key focus of this meeting will be to generate ideas from across the nation and identify needs and opportunities in this area of drama advocacy. These discussions will inform the next evolution of "Drama Makes Meaning", alongside other identified opportunities for us to provide meaningful support in this important space.

ADEM: call for submissions CLOSING



The Drama Australia magazine: ADEM is an annual publication that provides an update on all things Drama education in Australia. We are now seeking submissions from all State and Territory members to be included for the 2023 edition - "ANTiDOTE". Have something to share that would be relevant on the national stage*?

- Visit [our website](#) for more information regarding submissions.
- Email your submission (including pictures) to ADEM.DramaAustralia@gmail.com **by 31 August 2023**.

*Relevant items/articles might include: workshops/professional development presented, programs of work delivered, research projects, editorials, conference summaries, etc.

Save the Dates:

Drama Australia / Drama NZ combined conference 2024



The next Drama Australia conference will be a combined International Conference in collaboration with Drama NZ. The conference will be held from **Friday 27th - Monday 30th September 2024** in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

The theme for this conference will be "Flourish 2024". More updates coming soon!

IDEA World Congress 2024: Beijing, China



SAVE THE DATE: the 10th IDEA World Congress will take place in Beijing, China, from **15th - 20th July 2024!**

The Congress will be organised by IDEAC, a drama/theatre education association and IDEA member from China. The IDEA General Council Meeting will be organized as part of the Congress. You can also expect Special Interest Groups discussions, workshops, paper presentations and many more activities!

- Stay tuned for more updates.

Research

NJ now available online



A reminder that the Drama Australia Journal, NJ, is now open access and available via Scholastica (including our entire back catalogue). 2023 edition COMING SOON!

Recommended reading

Through compelling narrative portraits, *"Being grateful for the crumbs": Empathy, stress and vulnerability experienced by teaching-mothers in the performing arts in Australian schools"* (Gray, Lambert & Green, 2023) explores the lives and experiences of performing arts teachers navigating motherhood alongside their careers. You can find the full article [here](#).

Upcoming AAAE Forum



AAAE's Forum Two 2023 will be held on Saturday 2nd September and will include a briefing from the [Australian Education Research Organisation](#) (AERO). Drama Australia will be represented by Director of Strategic Partnerships, Susan Davis. Members from other national boards/national committees who may be interested in this Forum are welcome to attend.

RSVP by COB Tuesday 29th August 2023 via this [link](#) if you wish to attend. Once you've registered, AAAE will send you a calendar invitation with the Zoom details.

State & Territory Updates



Drama NSW, in partnership with Australian Theatre Live, are proud to present Damien Ryan's superb 2019 production of Taming of the Shrew, including a Q&A with Damien Ryan and education pack. This ONLINE event is available to anyone wishing to join us on Saturday 16th September from 5:30 - 9:40 pm (AEST).

\$30 members / \$40 non-members. Register [here](#).

Drama Tasmania have released two new podcast episodes, talking all things Drama in education! More information can be found [here](#).

Their recent conference "Ignite23" was also a great success. Delegates had fun participating in a variety of workshops as well as sharing resources & ideas. Jane Polley provided updates from ACARA & new initiatives for drama teachers embarking on V9 of the Australian Curriculum.



The conference had a great atmosphere & was hosted by the University of Tasmania at The Hedberg - a state of the art space for collaborating, learning & performing.



Drama South Australia have a range of PL opportunities and discounted tickets available for members in Term 3 & 4. Fancy a trip to Adelaide for a workshop? See Drama SA's [website](#) for more details.



Drama Victoria will host their State Conference: "Beyond the Looking Glass: Re-imagining Drama Education for a Changing World" on 28th & 29th November at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education. The two-day hybrid conference will consist of both face to face and online options. Early Bird Registration opens in September. More information can be found [here](#).



DramaWest will host their State Conference: "Momentum" on Saturday 2nd December at Shenton College, Perth. The conference will include workshops, presentations and a panel discussion. Early Bird registration is now OPEN. More information can be found [here](#).