

IEAA celebrates leaders in international education

The International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) has recognised the leaders and innovators behind the nation's thriving international education sector.

The awards were announced at the 32nd [Australian International Education Conference \(AIEC\)](#), which is being held in Sydney this week.

IEAA's annual excellence awards recognise outstanding contributions to Australia's international education sector – the nation's third largest export and the third most popular study destination for international students across the world.

"In 2017, Australia hosted almost 625,000 international students," said IEAA CEO, Hon. Phil Honeywood. "As such, international education plays a critical role in enhancing Australia's cultural diversity, international connections and economic prosperity."

"A common thread among this year's awardees is their passion and dedication to enhancing the international student experience and forging links between students and the broader Australian community. Each of the recipients should be commended for their role in making the international education sector what it is today," said Mr Honeywood.

The recipients of this year's awards are:

IEAA Life Membership

- Dr Anna Ciccarelli

Distinguished Contribution to International Education

- Gary Lee, City of Melbourne
- David Riordan, City of Sydney

Best Practice in International Education

- Professional Language Development Program in Nursing
 - Dr Amanda Müller, Flinders University

Innovation in International Education

- Victoria University's First Year Model
 - Professor Ian Solomonides – Vice President, Learning and Teaching
 - Ms Trish McCluskey – Director, Connected Learning
 - Professor Andrew Smallridge – Dean, First Year College
 - Dr David Day – Associate Director, Towards Success Program

Professional Commentary in International Education

- Anton Crace, *PIE News*

Outstanding Postgraduate Thesis

- Danny Toohey, Murdoch University

More information

Please see attached press pack for more information on individual recipients.

After the embargo has been lifted, all information will be online at

www.ieaa.org.au/awards

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