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Chairperson's Report

Hello everyone, well the ASET conference is over for another year. I hope all who attended had a good time & learnt a lot. A big thank you to all the staff at UTS for their help & support. Thank you to all our sponsors & presenters. We have had a lot of feedback & thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire.

I hope you all have a great Christmas & enjoy your holiday. Hope to see you all at the 2024 ASET conference.

Stay safe

Linda Robertson
ASET-NSW Chairperson

Secretary's Report

For the last eight months the ASET committee has been busy with the organization of the annual conference that was held on the 6th and 7th November 2023. Generously hosted by the University of Technology, Sydney, who provided easy to find laboratories and lecture rooms that were well equipped for the variety of courses available during the conference.

The event was a great success with around 200 attendees over the 2 days, that brought a vibrant enthusiasm continuing the connection between lab assistants and suppliers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank UTS for all their help with the venue, setting up, IT support and the wonderful catering that was supplied for morning tea and lunches for the two days. To all the committee members, thank you and congratulations on your tireless efforts over the last eight months, and to the suppliers who support us.

I hope to see everyone at the conference next year.

Linda Stanford
ASET NSW Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

It was wonderful to greet so many new faces at the 2023 Conference.

Thanks to Bob Death for teaching us to un-solder and for showing me how to fix my broken equipment. A colleague of mine was able to attend some PD for the first time, and she commented on how nice the committee members were, and how friendly the other registrants. That is the best compliment!

I also enjoyed bonding with the displayers, many of which I have been dealing with over the phone or by email for the last ten years at St Mark's. Conferences like this and CONASTA are a really excellent way to ensure that our science vendors are producing and selling schools exactly what we need to give our students the best educational experience.

ASET-NSW will be utilising the profits from the annual conference at UTS to subsidise future professional development events. Please read the emails that we send you and go to our website/Facebook page regularly to see any upcoming workshop details.

Keeping your membership details current is the easiest way to ensure you receive future correspondence. The instructions on how to renew your ASET-NSW membership is on the front page of the website.

Have a great school holiday, everyone.

Loretta Fincato

ASET NSW Treasurer

The Conference that Was!

ASETNSW Conference 2023

Jo Walker (Vice Chair)

Wow, what a rollercoaster couple of days! I hope you all learned something new and formed new friendships at our

2023 conference. A mammoth effort was put in by our volunteer ASET team over the past few months to

make sure you had this amazing experience. To see it be so well received made it all worthwhile. Our presenters said they all had a great experience teaching you too!

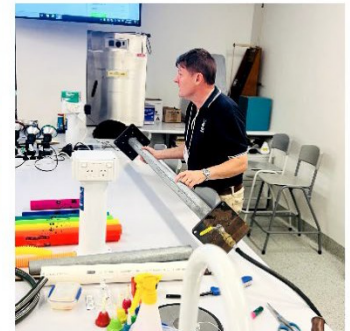
Thanks to everyone able to give us feedback to help organise next year's events.

We loved how you got right into the Melbourne Cup hat competition and we also hope those of you lucky enough to receive one of our many lucky door prizes enjoy your gifts. Please reach out to our sponsors to thank them and ask for more information on their products.

Keep your eyes on our ASET Jobs page which we will update more regularly with opportunities for everyone.

Looking forward to a lovely long Xmas break

Jo



The Workshops

It is inspiring to know that you have enjoyed your day/s at the conference. Some of the delegates have expressed their appreciation in relation to the workshops on offer, some have wished that they could have attended every single workshops.

Please enjoy the snapshots of the workshops, you may find yourself amongst the crowd. It is followed by some feedback that we have received.



Hi Everyone(especially ASET Committee),

Thanks for organising a very informative conference!
Great networking, food etc

I would like to commend all of the ASET team on a wonderful, inspiring two days of learning and networking. You have all done a brilliant job in continuing the tradition of focusing on training of labbies everywhere. Fabulous job, well done. Thank you to all involved for the many hours behind the scenes. Thank you for the certificate

Hi everyone,

After such a great two days meeting so many other techs and learning a heap of tips and tricks, I wanted to send a big thank you to the Committee and everyone involved in making this week's conference happen.

I am fairly new to the role (~6 months) so it was a great boost in confidence to take away so much information and also just to chat about the role in general. It was lovely to meet so many of you!

Thank you again :)

Congratulations to the ASET Committee, helpers, presenters and stall holders and to the catering crew it was a fabulous Conference, I can't stop talking about how much I got out of it xx I hope I get to attend the next one xx Thankyou

Hi everyone and especially ASETNSW,

I too want to thank you for such a great conference and the opportunity to meet so many fantastic people working in the school laboratory field. So much information sharing is incredibly helpful!

This was my first such conference for school lab techs and is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

The Exhibitors

To have an opportunity to meet and to have a face-to-face conversation with the suppliers has brought the human faces behind their products and their company name. It's a realisation that they are still human beings and not just robots that are programmed by the microchips. I now know the face of the person who would receive my email whenever I do so. Do you agree?





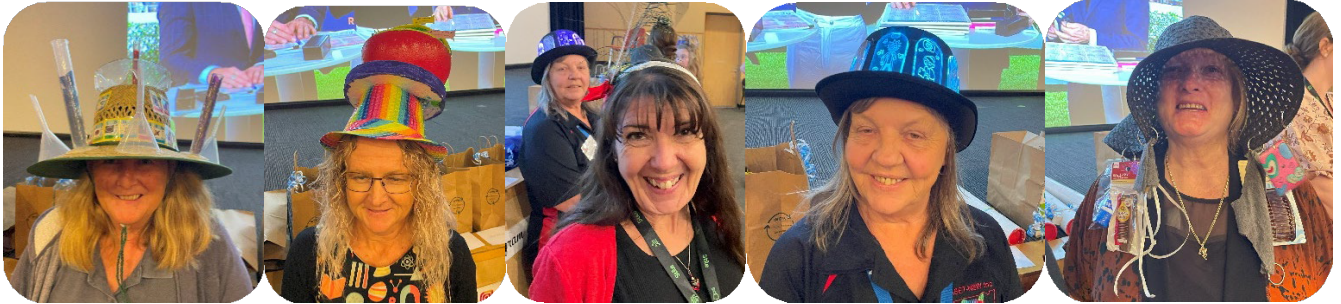
Keynote Speakers

A Huge Appreciation to our Keynote Speakers. The programs they have on offer is something not to be missed by today's generation. The innovation and technology that they are working on is amazing in so many ways!



The Melbourne Cup's (Science Most Innovative) Hat Parade

Thank you to all who participated in the parade, you all looked amazing!



Congratulations to our Major Prize winners from Sydney all the way to South Australia!

It's Insta frame Time!



What's On

It is almost the end of the school year and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to a well deserved break. It would be the time to temporarily shelve our lab coats, gloves, and safety glasses.

Let me be the first to say Thank you for the year with you. The daily grind would have been harder without your shared knowledge and experience. I would like to welcome the new labbies, please do not hesitate to reach out.

30-31 January 2024	Staff Development Day (DoE)
11 February 2024	International Day of Women & Girls in Science
03 March 2024	Clean Up Australia Day
21 March 2024	Harmony Day
30 March 2024	Earth Hour Day
12 April 2024	International Day of Human Space Flight
25 April 2024	ANZAC Day
7-11 July 2024	CONASTA71: Perspectives: Science Educators Shaping tomorrow. University of Melbourne Victoria
5-9 August 2024	Education Week
10-18 August 2024	National Science Week: Species Survival - More than just Sustainability
12 September 2024	R U Okay? Day
15 October 2024	HSC Exams begin
TBA	Aussie Backyard Bird Count
TBA	ASET-NSW Annual Conference University of Technology Sydney
November 2023	#STARweek
November 2023	National Recycling Week

My Labbie Day

“My proudest moment as a Lab Tech: - Year 12 mentioned me in their Graduation Speech.

They said “Not all heroes wear capes, sometimes they wear a lab coat”.

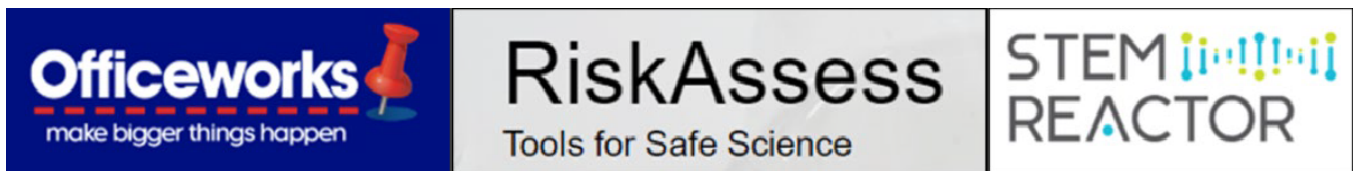
I love helping them throughout the years for their final exam or individual assessment.”

Editor: Isn't it heartwarming? Good on to year 12's who value their Lab Tech's assistance.

The story is from one of our delegates during the conference, more stories to feature in the coming issues. Thank you to all who dropped their stories in the dropbox! It's not too late to share your stories, you could email me anytime asetnsweditor@gmail.com, I would love to read your experiences!



Conference Sponsors



And finally a big thank you to our Annual Sponsors below

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Reach out to our Treasurer to find out more about sponsorship of ASET NSW



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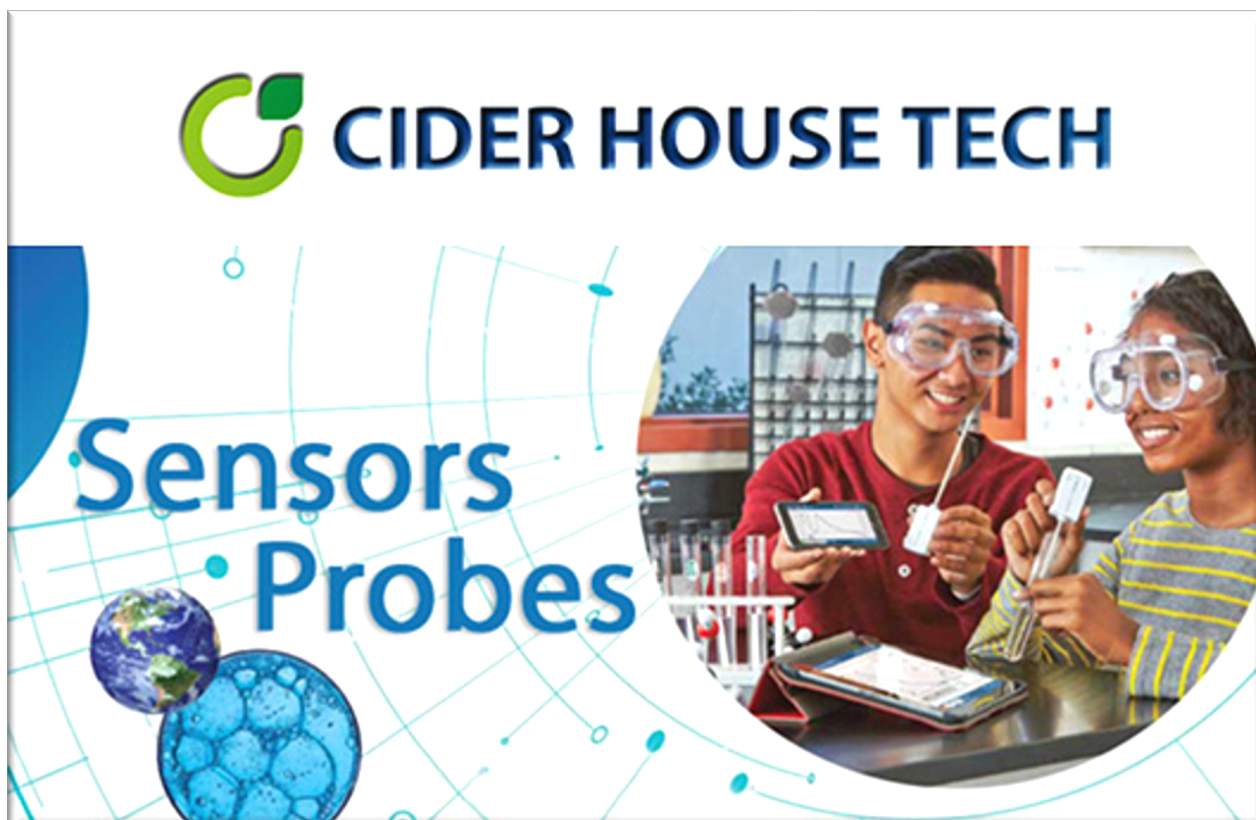
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