

## Languages and Cultures Network for Australian Universities Inc.

### Call for Members

The Languages and Cultures Network for Australian Universities (LCNAU) was created in 2011 as part of the ALTC/OLT-funded 'Leadership for Future Generations: A National Network for University Languages' project, which aims to lead the development of a stronger languages culture in higher education in Australia. In June 2013, LCNAU was incorporated as an association, in order to facilitate its work for the sector. **We invite your membership, so that you can partner with us in this vital work. Please join us in the network. Your support is important.**

#### LCNAU's functions and goals are clear:

- **National Representative and Interlocutor:** LCNAU aims to represent the interests of all languages and to be the national interlocutor for universities, governments and others.
- **Advocacy and policy:** LCNAU actively promotes the strategic importance of linguistic and cultural diversity within institutions and for Australia, and the need for Australia to move away from the 'monolingual mindset' which too often shapes public attitudes to language learning. Policy development and support are also important elements of LCNAU's advocacy function.
- **Collaboration:** LCNAU strives for the facilitation of productive sector-wide collaboration among universities.
- **Research:** LCNAU seeks to initiate and facilitate innovative research on and through languages other than English, as well as research which will enhance the professionalization of languages and cultures academics across the country.
- **Support:** LCNAU seeks to support all languages in the sector, from the smallest to the most widely-provided programs.

#### LCNAU's activities are underpinned by a set of principles:

1. LCNAU embraces the principle of collegiality, and fosters coordinated communication among University languages and cultures academic staff – sessional, contractual and tenured, junior and senior.
2. LCNAU embraces the principles of diversity and inclusion, and the responsibility of promoting and defending them throughout the tertiary sector: it stands in particular for the recognition of the strategic importance of linguistic and cultural diversity within individual institutions and for Australia as a nation. It acknowledges the value of each individual language and culture, and it promotes the greatest possible availability, in Australian universities of a wide range of Australian, Asian, European and World languages. It believes that all students in Australian universities should be able to include the study of languages and cultures in their tertiary experience.
3. LCNAU embraces the principles that tertiary languages and cultures programs constitute a distinctive and important academic discipline and that continuing research is an inalienable dimension of the maintenance and development of the discipline in Australian universities.
4. LCNAU embraces the principle that languages and culture programs, because of their own inherent inter-disciplinarity, are well-placed to engage in broad interdisciplinary teaching and research across universities.
5. LCNAU embraces the principle of coherence, in languages programs, of language and culture. It fosters systematic review, reflection and monitoring of improvements in program design and pedagogy for university languages programs, and provides a nation-wide focus for continuous sharing of good practice.
6. LCNAU embraces the principle that student pathways to in-depth study of languages and cultures should be readily available, including through in-country study, so that students can attain high levels of expertise of their field of study, including through higher research degrees; and that students at university should be able to build on knowledge of languages and cultures acquired at school /and or at home.
7. LCNAU embraces the principle of collaboration with language and culture programs in schools and with teacher education institutions, particularly in relation to policy work and program articulation.
8. LCNAU embraces the principles of outreach to other organizations and networks involved in languages and cultures, in order to share information, experience of good practice, new developments and research.

## LCNAU's achievements are significant:

- LCNAU is explicitly and clearly outcomes-oriented — focused on best practice, improvement and productivity.
- LCNAU has created a **website** ([www.lcnau.org](http://www.lcnau.org)) which is the virtual home of the network and in addition to housing resources and information, is an interactive meeting place for various research and discussion clusters, including one for Heads of Schools.
- LCNAU has staged four successful, high profile **National Colloquia** (2011, Melbourne; 2013, Canberra; 2015, Sydney; 2017, Adelaide), which have brought together languages educators from across the country (<http://www.lcnau.org/colloquia/>)
- LCNAU has produced refereed **proceedings** of the 2011 and 2013 Colloquia — with significant contributions by Australian language and culture academics across a range of topics relevant to both teaching and research — which are available for purchase and for download from our website. (<http://www.lcnau.org/proceedings/>)
- LCNAU supports the University Languages Portal Australia (ULPA; [www.ulpa.edu.au](http://www.ulpa.edu.au)) and has provided seed funding to collaborative **projects** of significance to the sector, as well as having initiated projects of its own: (<http://www.lcnau.org/projects/>)
- LCNAU has authored a number of **p u b l i c a t i o n s**, i n c l u d i n g reports, articles, media releases and government submissions, and continues to participate in discussions of policy at local and national level which affect the learning and teaching of languages. (<http://www.lcnau.org/resources/publications/>)
- LCNAU has received significant **media** attention and has since been actively engaged with the media in response to issues relevant to language issues and languages education in Australia. (<http://www.lcnau.org/resources/lcnau-media/>)
- LCNAU has **lobbied** institutions and universities directly in support of languages and cultures programs.
- LCNAU secured **financial support** from a number of institutions to support a part-time secretariat to support the network in its early phase.

## Your membership will support LCNAU, and will provide you with additional benefits:

- Eligibility to vote in LCNAU elections and to stand for committee membership, ie. to play a direct role in the development of policy and practice;
- Eligibility to present at biennial national languages colloquia, subject to acceptance;
- Eligibility to submit papers for consideration in the colloquia proceedings;
- Member-only discount on registration for biennial national languages colloquia;
- Member-only discounts on purchases of LCNAU publications;
- Regular updates on LCNAU's activities and news from across the sector;
- Opportunities to share news of your own publications and research through our monthly updates.

### Current Financial Year fees

#### Normal membership (full-time staff)

New normal member **\$95** (\$20 Joining Fee + \$75 Annual Fee)

Renewing normal member **\$75** (no Joining Fee + \$75 Annual Fee)

#### Concession membership (students, sessionals, casual and part-time staff)

New concession member **\$50** (\$10 Joining Fee + \$40 Annual Fee)

Renewing concession member **\$40** (no Joining Fee + \$40 Annual Fee)

#### Payment options

##### Credit Card / PayPal

Payment may be made via Credit Card / PayPal via our website: see <http://www.lcnau.org/membership>. Note that you must still complete this application form and email it to [sarah.reed@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:sarah.reed@adelaide.edu.au).

##### Bank deposit

Payment may be made by bank deposit. Please use your surname as the reference. Please email the completed application form and receipt of payment to [sarah.reed@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:sarah.reed@adelaide.edu.au). Payment should be made to the following account:

Account name: Languages and Cultures Network for Australian Universities Inc.

BSB: 083457

Account Number: 944316010

*All members will receive a copy of the Rules of the Incorporated Association; these are also available online at [www.lcnau.org](http://www.lcnau.org).*