

ANBUG Meeting at ANSTO User meeting, Melbourne, 22/11/2016

1. President's report – Ian Gentle

- Elections for the executive committee to be held next year.
- New website, thanks to David Cortie.
- ANBUG meeting part of the ANSTO User Meeting every second year. Meetings should be driven by the user community. Ian is happy to receive feedback on ANSTO user meeting and ANBUG more generally.

Comments from ANBUG members in attendance:

- Importance of independence of ANBUG → Erich Kisi went to senates estimate committee as ANBUG president. Should be separate from ANSTO.
- Several people raised issue of funding to travel to other neutron sources. Synchrotron currently pay the synchrotron overseas travel, done in a strategic way to support new beamlines, new science that could come here after, investing in the community. Comment that request for funding similar to AMRFP should be done in coordinated way with other communities such as astronomers, who face same issue.
- Committee should consider diversifying topics at user meeting for next time, including chemistry.
- What does ANBUG do for its members? Another way of looking at it is what you can do for ANBUG. Getting together and forming a community that can represent us and lobby.
- Possibility of ANBUG offering students grants? Requires raising revenue, discussed idea of making a profit from the user meeting. Price of user meeting discussed.
- Possibility of communicating via social media raised.

2. ANBUG 2017 Awards

President was pleased to present two awards this year:

Rob Robinson, ANBUG Career Award.

Chris Ling, ANBUG Award for Outstanding Research.