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AAP Strategic Plan 2020-2024

The Australasian Association of Philosophy has been established with three key purposes in our region:

1. To promote philosophy through education, research and scholarship;
2. To promote the exchange of philosophical ideas through
 - a) the publication of philosophical journals,
 - b) organisation of national and international conferences;
 - c) affiliation with organisations having similar purposes; and
3. To support members, and professional philosophers generally, in connection with their philosophical activities.

During the period 2020-2024 the AAP will focus its efforts in the following four goals:

1. **Promote philosophy and the exchange of philosophical ideas through the successful organisation of the World Congress of Philosophy in 2023** and through the success of the WCP, to support AAP members and philosophers generally.

Key indicators of the success of the WCP in supporting the AAP's purposes will be:

- a. The attraction of international philosophers reflecting the breadth and diversity of the discipline to Australia and the fostering of opportunities for their involvement in departmental seminars, HDR master classes, national and local conferences and symposia, and public lectures arising from their involvement in the WCP;
 - b. The promotion of wider public and industry engagement with philosophy through traditional and social media engagement around the WCP and industry engagement events related to the WCP; and
 - c. The promotion of school and educational engagement with philosophy through outreach events.
2. **Celebrate the Centenary of the Association** and use the Centenary to advance the promotion of the breadth and depth of philosophy, the exchange of philosophical ideas and to provide benefit to the members. Among the activities to be pursued include:
 - a. Commissioning a history of the AAP, for release in 2023;

- b. Commissioning of video and audio recordings of past and current AAP members, with attention to diversity and inclusion in the representation of philosophers and philosophical traditions;
 - c. Launch a new journal in 2023, to promote the exchange of philosophical ideas within the academic community; and
 - d. Develop a media engagement plan to celebrate aspects of the AAP's history throughout the Centenary year.
3. **Improve visibility of philosophy to those outside the academic philosophy community** by:
- a. Implementing the media strategy;
 - b. Raising an inclusive awareness of and documenting the international significance of Australasian philosophers and philosophical research;
 - c. Promoting the importance of the skills and aptitudes of philosophy graduates in a range of careers; and
 - d. Developing and executing a plan for engaging with industry, especially school education, funders and policy makers to advance the aims of the Association; this will include the preparation of materials connected with the centenary celebrations that can be used by academic philosophers across the region to promote philosophy.
4. **Enable the achievement of these goals through continuous development of the effectiveness of the organisation's operating committees, resource allocation and AAP office.**
- This will include ensuring:
- a. The appropriate range, terms of reference and workload of operating committees;
 - b. Appropriate membership of operating committees to achieve their purpose, with particular attention to diversity and inclusion in the membership;
 - c. Operating committees are empowered with the authority and resources required for success;
 - d. The elimination of workload bottlenecks at operating committee, AAP office, executive or board level; and
 - e. That the Association delivers value to its members and operates within budget in accordance with the Constitution.