



2018 Annual ANZATS Member Report

1. Name of Member Institution	Sydney Missionary & Bible College
2. Member's Institutional Category	Category B (Full member)
3. Name of Member submitting the Report	Anthony Brammall
4. I give ANZATS permission to post this report on its website:	Yes

5. Please specify any major initiatives, especially in the following areas:

(a) Research

- In 2015, SMBC was approved by the ACT to offer PhD and ThD courses (AQF Level 10). The college's first PhD candidate completed his PhD thesis in 2017 and his doctorate will be conferred in 2018. Three other candidates are currently enrolled in doctoral studies, and four in research masters awards.

(b) Major Publications

Brotherson, Anna. *Lewis's Interesting Life*. Croydon: SMBC Press, 2017.

Burge, D. K. *First Century guides to life and death: Epictetus, Philo and Peter*. Paternoster Biblical Monographs. Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2017.

Harper, G. G. & K. Barker (eds), *Finding lost words: the church's right to lament*. Australian College of Theology Monograph Series. Eugene, Ore: Wipf & Stock, 2017.

This volume included the following chapters by SMBC faculty members:

G. G. Harper & Kit Barker, 'Introduction: "Weeping may endure for a night": the need to find lost words.'

R. Ciano, 'Lament Psalms in the church: a history of recent neglect.'

I. Maddock, 'A song once known: the use of Psalm 77 by Calvin, Henry, Wesley, and Simeon.'

A. J. Thompson, '"Consolation for despairing": C.H. Spurgeon's endorsement of lament Psalms in public worship.'

K. Barker, 'Lament as divine discourse: God's voice in our cry.'

G. G. Harper, 'Lament and the sovereignty of God: theological reflections on Psalm 88.'

K. Barker, 'Finding our words in his: Christology and lament.'

D.K. Burge, 'Man of sorrows, what a name! The place of lament in the New Testament.'

G. G. Harper, 'Silence of the lambs: a lost cry of lament in Psalm 8.'

R. S. Smith, 'Singing lament.'

M. J. Gill, 'Praying lament.'

K. R. Patston, 'Lament and pastoral care.'

M. J. Gill, '"A strengthening song for the sad soul": a sermon on Psalm 13.'

G. G. Harper, '"My only friend - darkness": a sermon on Psalm 88.'



K. Barker, “How could we sing?”: A sermon on Psalm 137.’

Maddock, I. J. (editor), *Wesley and Whitefield? Wesley versus Whitefield?* Eugene, Ore: Pickwick Publications, 2017.

Thompson, A. J., *Luke*. EGGNT. Nashville, Tenn.: B&H Academic, 2016.

(c) Learning and Teaching

- Curriculum review and significant restructuring of SMBC Award (formerly known as SMBC Certificate in Bible & Mission), 2017.
- Ongoing development and expansion of program of intensives for part-time undergraduate/graduate students.
- Development and approval of a new postgraduate course, Master of Intercultural Studies. It is SMBC’s intention to offer this as a fully online course from 2019, pending ACT approval of online delivery mode.
- Development and approval by the ACT of three AQF Level 9 units in Christian Mentoring. These can be completed as part of a Graduate Diploma or Master of Arts program, or to fulfil the requirements for a Graduate Certificate in Ministry. The first unit will be offered at SMBC in July 2018.
- SMBC hosted the ACT Professional Development Conference (December 2017).

(d) Conferences

- SMBC Women’s Conference, with Jenny Salt and Louise O’Shea (March 2017)
- SMBC Children’s Ministry Conference, with Bruce Linton, Sandy Galea and others (May 2017)
- Book Launch: *Big Picture Parents*, Harriet Connor (April 2017)
- SMBC Biennial Preaching Conference (8-11 May, 2017)
- Book Launch: *A Pioneering Pastor: Thomas Sharpe of Norfolk Island and Bathurst*, Alan Blanch (October 2017)

(e) Significant Staff Appointments

Dr Evelyn Hibbert, EdD, MEd (Further Ed. & Training), MEd (TESOL), MA (Arabic & Islamic Studies), MBBS has been engaged as an independent consultant for online delivery.

(f) Significant Achievements

- The 100 for 100 scholarship program for overseas students was launched in 2016 to celebrate SMBC’s centenary. Commencing in 2017, students from Ecuador, Ireland, Austria, Pakistan, Nepal and Portugal are currently enrolled as part of this program..
- 2017 SES data shows that, among undergraduates, ACT received a 93.4% rating in the benchmark measure of satisfaction in the quality of the entire educational experience. In the response from students in postgraduate courses, ACT achieved a 94.7% overall satisfaction, the highest of *any provider* in the higher education sector.

(g) Other

- Adoption in 2017 of online submission and marking for all units, using the *Turnitin* platform.