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Outstanding Professional Service Awards & Media Award

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PTC WA

is the West Australian branch of the Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations (AJCPTA).

National representation:
Teaching Australia
Asia Education Foundation (AEF)
National Education Forum (NEF)

PTCWA Objectives

- To promote professionalism in teaching through an enhancement of the work of professional education associations
- To provide a wider context for the work of professional education associations through facilitation of networking and communication between individual associations
- To provide a forum for the discussion of broad educational thought and current issues
- To improve communication between associations and other agencies, both government and non-government
- To facilitate the co-ordination of shared resourcing and joint planning for members
- To organise such meetings, professional learning and professional development activities, so as to meet the needs of the members and to raise the profile of professional educators and professional education associations in the general community

The Voice of the Profession

PTCWA is the state council representing peak bodies of the professional education associations in Western Australia. It provides a state voice for West Australian teachers and educators in all systems and has national representation through the Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations (AJCPTA).

Our work provides value to the community, ensuring ongoing support for the profession while developing quality teaching and leadership.

PTCWA is an umbrella body of over 50 associations of professional educators in WA.

These voluntary professional education associations represent over 25,000 educators in:

- All systems, and sectors
  - Early Childhood
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - Tertiary (including TAFE)
  - Adult Learning
- In all curriculum and specialist areas
- Cross curricula areas (e.g. ESL, Teacher Librarians)
- Leadership and school administration

PTCWA’s website provides a centralised listing of all professional education associations in WA, and a professional learning calendar outlining professional learning opportunities available for teachers and educators within WA.

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Special thanks to the PTCWA Sub-Committee working towards the success of this event: Vi Galatis (Chair), Sonja Kuzich (Secretary), Angelo Karsakis, Rosie O’Keefe, Anne Tumak and Dr Phil Paioff as Master of Ceremonies.

Event support by Gillian Skeggs at Educational Event Planners.
ECU is pleased to host the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia’s 2009 award ceremony. As an institution with more than 100 years experience in educating teachers it is fitting for ECU to support these awards, and to help recognise the outstanding and diverse achievements of teachers in Western Australia. Congratulations to all of this year’s award winners.

Professor Kerry Cox, Vice-Chancellor
Margery Evans
Deputy CEO, Department of Education and Training

Margery Evans is the Deputy Director General, Schools of the Department of Education and Training, a role in which she provides educational leadership by promoting excellence in teaching practices and learning outcomes.

Margery has spent all her career in Public Education systems. Margery was a teacher, consultant, principal and director of schools in Victoria and also worked in the central office in the Human Resources area. From Victoria she moved to South Australia to lead Human Resources and Workforce Development in that State’s Education Department.

Margery joined the Western Australia Department of Education and Training as the Deputy Director General, Schools in 2007.

The Hon Michelle Roberts MLA

Michelle Roberts entered public life in 1986 with her election to the City of Perth. In 1992 she became the youngest ever Deputy Lord Mayor. During her time with the City of Perth Michelle Roberts also served as a board member of the Perth Theatre Trust, the Festival of Perth and the East Perth Redevelopment Authority.

Michelle Roberts was selected to the State Parliament in 1994 and is the Member for Midland. Michelle was the first woman to be President of the WA ALP a position that she held for seven years. She has held a number of ministries: Housing and Works; Heritage; Land Information (Feb 2006 - 2008); Indigenous Affairs (2006 – 2008); Consumer Protection (2006); Employment Protection (2007); Police and Emergency Services (2001 - 2006); Local Government (2001); Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (2001); Justice (2003 – 2005); Community Safety (2003 - 2006).

She was appointed Shadow Minister for Education and Women’s Interests following the 2008 State Election. Through her portfolios, Michelle is committed to realising improvements that will benefit the lives of Western Australian families and continue to make our State a better place to live.
Professor Brenda Cherednichenko

DipArts, BEd, MSc (Ed), PhD, TPTC, MACE
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous), Edith Cowan University

Professor Brenda Cherednichenko is Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous) and Executive Dean, Faculty of Education and Arts at Edith Cowan University. Previously she was Director, Access and Success (2006-2007) and Head, School of Education (2003-2006) at Victoria University.

At Victoria University, Brenda co-led the development of Partnership Based Teacher Education practice and research and the international reputation of the University’s innovative teacher education program. Partnership based teacher education at Victoria University has resulted in a range of whole-of-university partnerships with schools, reformed university pedagogical practice around the Praxis-Inquiry protocol, enabled the establishment of the school-based master’s program in educational leadership for experienced teachers and substantial research funding and outcomes.

Professor Cherednichenko holds the degrees of Bachelor of Education from Victoria College, Master of Science (Education) from the University of Rochester, New York, and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Melbourne. Additionally, she holds the trained Primary Teachers’ Certificate from Toorak Teachers’ College and a Diploma of Arts from Prahan College of Advanced Education.

The Career Change Program and the SWIRL project in remote Indigenous communities in partnership with IBM are examples of innovative and effective long-term partnerships in teacher education. Currently, Professor Cherednichenko is part of the team undertaking Teacher Australia research on effective and sustainable school-university partnerships.
These PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Awards recognise an individual member's outstanding professional contribution to education in Western Australia, made in a voluntary capacity to their professional teachers' association. This provides the opportunity for each financial member association of PTCWA to consider the work of their members and nominate a worthy recipient.

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia has as its objective the promotion of professionalism in teaching through an enhancement of the work of professional education associations. It provides a wider context for the work of professional associations through facilitation of networking and communication between individual associations whilst providing a forum for the discussion of broad educational thought and current issues. PTCWA through its membership to the Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations affords Western Australian teachers a voice at the national level.

The individual being nominated for an Award should: be a current or past member of the nominating association; have made an outstanding contribution to the association's support of teachers and education in WA over an extended period of time as, for example; contributing to the association's publications either at a personal or professional level (eg served as journal editor, have developed teaching resources, have written articles, etc) as a committee member; professional development coordinator; award or accreditation coordinator; website/ ICT coordinator; and/or have made an outstanding contribution to the association over an extended period of time through the management of the association and/or association committees.
PTCWA Media Award presented to ECA WebWatch


ECA WebWatch is an eclectic mix of the best websites and information on early childhood development, growth and learning; early childhood practice, programs and policy; emerging issues and research.

ECA WebWatch enables early childhood educators to stay up to date in a field that is growing and increasingly impacted upon by politicians and other non-educators. Each article or reference is summarized and linked to original source material, enabling readers to refer to original documents and verify interpretations or to make their own meaning from it. Past issues are archived and are accessible on line. Current issues are delivered free, electronically, each fortnight.

The PTCWA Media Award is presented to a person or persons working in the media industry, for their positive portrayal of the work of teachers and schools and their recognition of the value to the community of teaching as a profession. A person/s may be nominated on the basis of one or a series of news stories, media presentations, interviews or articles. Media items can be considered as print media (newspaper, magazines, journals); electronic format (radio, television, web-based material) or film. The nominee should have contributed positively to the public perception of the significance of teaching as a profession.

Nominations for the Media Award can be made by a member association of the Professional Teachers' Council of WA; a school, school community or parent organisation; an individual; self nomination; an individual; or media or other education organisation.
Dr Jennifer Pearson

Australian Association for Environmental Education (A²E²)

Dr Jennifer Pearson has been the convenor of the WA Chapter of A²E² for eight years. She enthusiastically contributes to Education for Sustainability (EfS) in many significant ways through the enormous range of voluntary activities she conducts to support growth and development in EfS. Jennifer strategically promotes EfS across all sectors of education institutions, government bodies, Non Government Organisations, Landcare and catchment groups in WA. She developed the Earth Day Expo’s, providing interactive sessions for children to highlight the positive practical contribution children can make in caring for their world.

Jennifer also helped develop the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative; develops educational tools to improve learning outcomes of EfS for the DEC; instigated the Geography Earth Environmental Science Year 10 Forum, inspiring Year 10 students to see the benefits of studying science; co-coordinated the National A²E² and Millenium Kids Conference held in Bunbury in 2006 and the 2008 Conference in Darwin; organizes A²E² professional development workshops (evaluation, media etc); promotes EfS at events including the Perth Sun Fair, sustainability expo, science conferences; was executive member of the WA Environmental Education Strategy Committee implementing the strategy across the sectors; is a Millenium Kids Inc Council member, supporting this Environmental Youth Organisation run by kids for kids; coordinates submissions on Government papers at a local and national level, and; she initiated the Website for A²E² WA linking all known Environmental Education programs (www.aaeewa.org.au).

Jennifer’s enthusiasm for environmental education is infectious. She inspires others to become involved and volunteer, and she freely shares her passion for this work constantly developing positive networks and synergies with individuals, groups and organisations. Jennifer models what can be achieved through determination, passion and a deep caring ... for all living things, for our land, and for our place in space.
Ms Val McKelvey

Australian Association of Special Education (WA Chapter) (AASE)

Val McKelvey has been a member of the Australian Association for Special Education (AASE) for thirteen years. During this time she has been actively committed to the WA Chapter and has held several positions including State President and Vice President and National Vice President. Val has an extensive knowledge of AASE at a state and national level and works tirelessly to ensure that the WA Chapter runs as its best to benefit members and the wider special education community.

Val is always willing to step up in unforeseen circumstances. In the unfortunate event when we lost our conference convenor in 2008, Val was immediately willing to take on this role and lead the WA committee to host a successful conference.

Val has hosted and presented at many state based events over the last few years. Her informative and motivating speeches about working with students with autism are always well received. Val has been the driving force behind all initiatives in the AASE WA chapter, including provision of numerous grants and awards to the WA special education community. Val contributes to every AASE WA newsletter with her president’s report as well as book reviews and articles about current happenings in the special education field.

She is committed to AASE at a National level and attends regular council meetings interstate. In this role Val ensures WA members are kept up to date at a National level. Val’s enthusiasm, hard work and generous mentoring of other AASE committee members is to be commended. The WA Chapter admires Val’s commitment and leadership.

Ms Gillian Venables

Australian Literacy Educators’ Association (ALEA)

Gillian Venables has been an extremely active member of the Australian Literacy Educators’ Association (ALEA) - Perth Council, for fifteen years and continues to work tirelessly for teachers and students across all sectors of Education in the state to improve outcomes in the English Learning Area.

Gillian has been Vice-president of ALEA on two occasions and has worked on a number of National Conferences and many State Conference Committees as Secretary and Treasurer. She is presently on the Hospitality Committee for the National Conference in 2010.

Gillian has organised numerous professional development seminars for ALEA members and other interested teachers at Wesley College. She has contracted speakers and set up the most appropriate areas at the college in which to hold the seminars. Our regular meetings have been held at Wesley College for a number of years now and Gillian has continued to organise this with the permission of the school administration and set up the staff area for us to use. Gillian has rarely, if ever, missed a committee meeting, which is a fantastic effort and commitment.

She has herself presented professional development to teachers in both the city and the country, teaming up with well respected educators in the government and private sector to do so.

Gillian has attended many national conferences throughout Australia and she brings this wealth of knowledge combined with her wealth of experience to our organisation. Congratulations Gillian on this award. You have been an outstanding contributor through ALEA, to teacher professional development in this state.
Ms Genevie Baker

Art Education Association (ArtEd)

Genevie Baker has been a member of the Art Education Association of WA (ArtEd) for 16 years and has served on the Executive Committee for much of that time. Her commitment to the Association has been consistent, not only as a financial member but also as a representative on Curriculum Council Syllabus committees for Art and Art & Design, Course Reference groups, Visual Art Course Advisory Committee and as a PTCWA representative. Genevie is also a judge for the Wholly School Assessed subject Art & Design, a TEE History and Visual Diary marker, on the Examination Panel for Visual Art and assisted in the organisation as well as exhibited in all of the Art Education Associations “First Love” exhibitions.

Genevie taught secondary Visual Arts for nearly eighteen years, firstly as a classroom teacher and then became the Arts Learning Area Coordinator. In 2007 she accepted a position as the Arts Consultant for the Catholic Education Office. Genevie has recently been appointed as the Senior Secondary Consultant for Catholic Schools and continues her passion for promoting Visual Art. Under her broad umbrella she also works tirelessly to promote The Arts and has been instrumental in ensuring that Art exhibitions such as the Year 12 Perspectives and the Angelico Art Exhibition are supported, promoted and valued by the public. In addition, she is on the Executive of the Catholic Performing Arts, the Steering Committee for the Performing Arts Perspective and is continually involved in the promotion of community visual arts events. Genevie is also a member of the Media, Music and Drama Course Advisory Committees for the Curriculum Council.

Genevie is overwhelmingly supportive of teachers in their efforts to achieve best classroom practice and always gives her time and expertise generously to all who seek her assistance. She is a most worthy recipient of the PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award for her contribution to Visual Arts education in WA.
Dr Felicity Haynes

Association for Philosophy in Schools (WA) (APIS)

Dr Felicity Haynes has been a key person in the Association for Philosophy in Schools (APIS) (WA) since 1993. She was a founder of the association in that year, and served as President for some years. Following a quiet period, she helped to reactivate it in 1999. She has served on the committee continuously since its inception, and is still a highly valued member of APIS.

Felicity has played a key role in the professional development courses for teachers run by APIS at least since 1999. Every person who has taken a course with her will remember her lively involvement and generosity.

She is the author of many and various publications in support of philosophy in schools, most notably her book The Ethical School (Routledge 1998).

She was a very constructive member of the Reference Group that designed the WACE Philosophy and Ethics course in 2005 – 06, and continues an active engagement with this course.

She has conducted courses at the University of Western Australia (where she was an Education lecturer for many years) for students interested in a philosophical approach to education.

Personally, she is notable for her liveliness, her engagement, and her supportiveness to others. Felicity has been among the strongest advocates in Australia for Philosophy in Schools and should be recognized for her maieutic role.

Mrs Anne Trigg

Australian Society for Music Education (ASME)

Anne Trigg, in her role as Administrator, is often the initial contact for prospective members of the Australian Society for Music Education (ASME). It is a role in which she has shown great ability. The many colleagues she has supported over the last six years have appreciated her encouragement and professionalism.

Since 2003, when she returned to Perth after teaching for many years in the country, Anne has made this position integral to the smooth running of the WA Chapter. Whether it is organising registrations for the many workshops and the ASME Summer School, fielding queries about a wide range of music related questions or general advocacy for music education, Anne approaches every task with energy and meticulous planning.

Anne organises regular network meetings, which have been a great support for the music teachers who attend them. She also compiles and distributes, to over 300 teachers, a very comprehensive e-newsletter, which is eagerly contributed to and supported by many other music groups.

Anne’s enthusiasm for music education has encouraged her to attend several overseas and interstate conferences to broaden her knowledge and to discover new ideas to incorporate into her own teaching. She has worked tirelessly for the Society as well as being the dedicated music specialist at Takari Primary School.
Ms Jane Rebeiro

Business Educators of Western Australia (Inc) (BEWA)

Jane Rebeiro has been an invaluable member of the Executive Committee of the Business Educators of WA (BEWA) for nearly ten years. Jane was elected to the BEWA committee in 2001. In 2002 she was appointed as Secretary and had held the position until February 2009. Her role in the committee during this time enabled BEWA to run in an efficient and professional manner. She has proved to be an outstanding Secretary as the high quality and timeliness of her work has supported numerous Presidents of BEWA.

Jane has also contributed to system sector consultation with her participation in the Curriculum Council reference group for Accounting and Finance (ACF). Her involvement within this context has assisted in ensuring the new ACF course reached accreditation.

It is only through quality individuals like Jane Rebeiro that volunteer organisations like BEWA can operate in an efficient manner. BEWA recognises Jane’s significant contribution to the profession and appreciates her continued support.

Ms Anita Chong

Chinese Language Teachers Association of Western Australia (CLTA)

Anita Chong is a founding member of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia, and has served the Association since 1984 as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President.

She has played a major role in every important activity of the CLTAWA since its establishment almost 25 years ago, and continues to do so in her role as President since 2003.

Mrs Chong has been a major contributor in the development of syllabi for Chinese for the Education Department, the Secondary Education Authority and the new course for the Curriculum Council. She has also served for many years on the relevant syllabus committees of the Secondary Education Authority and the Curriculum Council.

She has been a highly successful teacher and a number of her students have won prestigious awards and scholarships. She has organised and led many student groups on visits to China including exchange visits to sister schools.

In 2000, she was awarded the title of Outstanding Chinese Language Educator by the Government of the People’s Republic of China.
Mr Roland Penno

Design and Technology Teachers' Association (WA) (DATTA)

Roland Penno has been a highly valued member of the Western Australian, and in recent years, the Australian Design and Technology Education community.

Roland has been closely associated with the Design and Technology Teachers' Association (DATTA) since the late eighties when he returned from a posting in the country.

Since that time his energy and enthusiasm for the profession has been a beacon for all those associated. It has been noted by many, that every position that he has volunteered to undertake has been invigorated. He has never shied away from the difficult roles, throwing his time and effort into the roles, and has not left them until they are running like clockwork.

Roland has been on the Curriculum Council’s Committee for the Building and Construction Course and he has always been a keen supporter and a very active provider and disseminator of material for the course. His school has been picked as one of the top ten schools in WA in the teaching of the course.

His efforts as DATTA Treasurer (twice) and editor/producer of the e-Journal (his own development) were nothing less that fantastic! All this enthusiasm for his profession has always been shared with his associates both within Western Australia and in recent years, Australia. He presently holds the roles of Secretary DATTA Australia, and Treasurer of DATTA WA. Roland admirably covers this heavy work load without sacrificing his other duties, such as his family.

Mr Mike Leishman

Educational Computing Association (ECAWA)

Mike Leishman is the Past President, longest serving committee member and Web Master of the Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (ECAWA), and Manager ICT at Newman College, Perth Western Australia. His qualifications include a Master of Science - Computer Science (Curtin), a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Science majoring in computer programming and a Diploma of Education.

Mike Leishman is also an ACCE Fellow, ECAWA Educator of the Year 1997 and ACCE Educator of the Year 1998. He manages the IT department of one of the largest Catholic K-12 schools in WA. Mike has been a teacher of computing studies for more than 20 years and in that time has taught most subjects in the IT area.

Mike has been part of ECAWA from its inception. His contributions have been invaluable in building ECAWA into a thriving professional association for over 30 years. His drive to find better ways to use ICT in teaching and learning environments, to cultivate, foster and extend the professional development and professional learning of members and to provide a forum for those interested in the development of the educational use of Information and Communication Technologies has been thoroughly appreciated by members past and present.
Ms Pauline Starkey

Early Years in Education (EYES)

Pauline Starkey is a foundation member of The Early Years in Education Society (EYES). For 25 years she has actively participated in the Society’s planning and activities. She helped put together the original documentation and organisation and has maintained a keen interest in policy and procedures both as president and active committee member. She has worked consistently on the constitution and policy documents ensuring that they are kept up to date with Government requirements. As President she arranged and hosted the First Years of School Conference which was held in Perth in 1993 and which involved several hundred participants from all states. She contributes to the planning of the Annual Pre-conference Workshop for Teachers in country and remote schools and now uses her expertise with the digital camera to provide a visual record of this and other events. Her knowledge and experience has enriched the Society’s activities and has been appreciated by executive and members.

Mr Chris Nedkoff

Geography Association of Western Australia (GAWA)

Chris Nedkoff was elected to the Geography Association of Western Australian (GAWA) Council in November 1985. His talents were soon recognised and he was elected to the position of Vice-President in 1986 and served for one year before being elected as GAWA President in November 1987. After serving as President for the maximum of three years, Chris served for the following three years as Immediate Past President as well as the Editor of the GAWA Bulletin for the years 1991 to 1995. Following a year as a GAWA Council Member in 1996, Chris was elected to the position of Vice-President and served in this position from 1997 to 2005. Chris then moved to Broome and served as one of GAWA’s Country Representatives for a further two years 2006/2007.

Chris is the longest-serving GAWA Council Member since its inception in 1973. Throughout this time of service, he has dedicated his time and effort to the promotion of Geography and Geographical Education in Western Australia. During Chris’s period of service as President and Vice-President of GAWA, he also served both as Chairman of the Geography Syllabus Committee and as a representative for GAWA on the Syllabus Committee. Chris was instrumental in guiding the discipline through a number of important syllabus and curriculum changes. As GAWA Editor, Chris brought enthusiasm, experience and expertise and produced many fine editions, which were eagerly sought by geography teachers. His period as GAWA Editor was the most productive in terms of the number of annual Bulletin editions. We believe Chris Nedkoff to be an excellent nominee for a PTCWA Annual Outstanding Professional Service Award.
Ms Jane Duthie

The Home Economics Institute of Australia (Inc) (WA) (HEIAWA)

Jane Duthie has been a tireless supporter of the Home Economics profession through her career with the Department of Education and Training, as a Curriculum Council Moderator, and her voluntary contribution through the Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc, Western Australian Division (HEIA WA).

Jane has been an executive member of HEIA WA for many years and would be well known to the majority of HEIA WA members in her role as journal editor. Her title may have been editor but her contribution was much greater as she sought out Home Economics news and events, contributed many articles, reviewed current resources and always had her camera at the ready to capture home economics in action.

Jane has always been at the forefront of curriculum development and implementation and has assisted many other teachers through the presentation of professional development on behalf of the institute. Jane is meticulous with her planning and is always very happy to share her work with others, which is why so many people would always attend her PD workshops.

Jane’s expertise has been called upon during the implementation of the Curriculum Framework and in the area of Independent Living and Early Childhood Studies. Jane was also a member of the Children, Family and Community Reference Group and is now on the course advisory committee.

Ms Louise Secker

History Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (HTAWA)

Louise Secker is an active member of the History Teachers’ Association of WA (HTAWA) and has been President of HTAWA since 2008. Vibrant and incredibly hard working, Louise has made amazing contributions to our HTAWA; to the teaching of History in WA and Australia and teaches full time at Shenton College.

Louise is a member of the History Advisory Group for the National Curriculum and is Vice President of the History Teachers’ Association of Australia (HTAA). These two roles have required her to travel to Sydney and Melbourne, to keep WA teachers up to date on the discussions about National Curriculum and to ensure that WA primary and high school views are represented.

Louise is a member of the History ARM Panel/CAC for the Curriculum Council and has supported the CC by writing teacher support materials, trialling new courses and providing work samples, as well as being an ongoing facilitator of Professional Development. She is also a regular TEE marker.

Since 2006 Louise has contributed to every issue of The Bulletin. In 2007 she was co-editor of our professional journal, Hindsight, and in 2008, was the Editor and writer of many of Hindsight’s articles and reviews. Louise is responsible for updating our website and is integral to its ongoing operation.

Louise has been the editor of the HTAWA TEE Study Guide (2007 to 2009) and for years has been a prominent presenter at our biannual Student Seminars Days. Louise is an outstanding role model, mentor and teacher.
Dr Barry Bastow

Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA)

Dr Barry Bastow is an honorary life member of the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA). He is a past president of MAWA, as well as serving on the committee in a variety of capacities. In those roles he was instrumental in reforming the structure and operations of the association, as well as in developing sound policy procedures.

Barry’s enthusiasm and leadership have contributed significantly to MAWA’s success in promoting the teaching and learning of mathematics at all educational levels in WA.

Barry has been associated with MAWA for some three decades and, even when not on the committee, he has supported MAWA in so many ways. For example, in the past year he organised the MAWA State Conference, and he also devoted much time and energy into streamlining the MAWA office procedures. As a former superintendent of mathematics and later a district superintendent in the State system, his input has been invaluable. MAWA has benefited very significantly from his expertise and dedication, through his extensive voluntary work. Thus, Barry Bastow thoroughly deserves this award.

Ms Katrina Merrells

Primary Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (PTAWA)

Katrina Merrells is the foundation Secretary of the Primary Teachers’ Association of Western Australia Inc (PTAWA). She has supported the association by providing opportunities for members and non-members to build on their existing knowledge, experiences, and expertise. Katrina has delivered and tailored professional learning for primary teachers in the area of science and literacy education on behalf of the association.

To assist with teachers in fulfilling their educational commitment and professional practice requirements, Katrina has developed and provided curriculum based resources and research material to members. She has assisted teachers with funding applications and supported a variety of educational research and network groups on behalf of the Primary Teachers’ Association of WA.

Katrina has an outstanding commitment in raising the profile of Primary Teachers’ in Western Australia and has demonstrated exceptional professionalism.

Katrina Merrells is to be commended for her dedication to education and is a worthy recipient of the prestigious 2009 Outstanding Professional Service Award.
Ms Vi Galatis

Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA)

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA), formerly the Affiliation of Professional Teaching Association of Western Australia, has been very fortunate to have Vi Galatis as a member of its Committee, or Board of Management for more than ten years.

The Committee membership comprises representatives from the PTCWA member associations, and therefore has very busy people working to assist this Committee. This includes advocacy and the rolling out of initiatives – which over time, have been many and varied, including the National Values Education Project, and more recently the Consumer and Financial Literacy Project. Vi is always willing to attend and assist at PTCWA professional development sessions.

Vi’s contributions, in assisting with PTCWA’s core business, demonstrates her commitment to all aspects of education, and PTCWA is proud to recognise Vi as a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Vi is a strong advocate for getting things done, with the minimum of fuss, and her strength of character, and independent thought, bring a down to earth approach to the mix of members and their roles and responsibilities within the Committee. A major task with renewing our Rules of Incorporation saw Vi as a strong contributor to the changes which were implemented.

Our thanks must also go to Vi for taking on the chair of the PTCWA Awards event for this year. Vi is a great volunteer for PTCWA, and the other associations with whom she is a member.

Ms Jan Nicholson

Regional Association for Student Centred Learning (RASCL)

Jan Nicholson has been a valued committee member and Treasurer of the Regional Association for Student Centred Learning (RASCL) since 2002. She has made a significant contribution to RASCL through her role as Treasurer and provides invaluable support in organizing and assisting in the running of the annual RASCL Conference.

Jan’s contribution to education does not only lie with her work with RASCL, she has also been a part of the wider educational community in her role as a classroom teacher and currently at Endeavour Education Support Centre. Jan has been actively involved with the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia, impacting directly on her role within the RASCL Committee. Her knowledge of current PCTWA initiatives helps to lead the committee into achieving positive outcomes each year. Her knowledge and understandings has seen her assisting in various submissions and undertaking reviews on behalf of RASCL.

The RASCL committee welcomes the opportunity to recognize Jan Nicholson for her exceptional contribution to the Regional Association for Student Centred Learning and to education in Western Australia. Her commitment, passion and dedication in an increasingly complex profession, is worthy of recognition.
Mr Nigel Stewart

Science Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (STAWA)

Nigel is a valuable member of and volunteer to the Science Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (STAWA). Since 2001 Nigel has been a member of the STAWA Council as Chairperson of the Science Talent Search Competition (STS).

The Science Talent Search Competition (STS) aims to promote science teaching and learning through creative project work and has involved thousands of Primary and Secondary School students over its 51 years of competition.

Nigel has lead the development and refinement of the STS information booklet and assessment sheets. He has also provided the training of judges and been the MC at the presentation ceremonies. Nigel lives south of Mandurah, and the generosity of Nigel’s volunteer work becomes even more significance when you consider his travel time.

Mr Don Boyd

Society for Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA)

Don Boyd commenced his career as a secondary History and Economics teacher and has had 38 years of education experience which incorporates 28 years of rural education. His senior leadership roles include Head of Department; Principal District High School; Principal Senior High School; District Superintendent; Director Isolated and Distance Education; Area Director and Director Rural and Remote Education.

Don has been a long standing active member of the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA) and continues to contribute valuable service to the association and its members. His current contribution encompasses the roles of Executive Treasurer; National Conference Coordinator; representative on the Western Australian Rural Network Group; Executive Member of the Rural Education Forum of Australia; and Coordinator for the Senate Inquiry on the Federal Youth Allowance policy.

Don gives unstintingly of his time, his advice is always wise and timely and can be relied upon to volunteer for mundane tasks and at the same time be involved in vigorous policy debate. His knowledge and understanding of matters concerning rural learning communities is outstanding.

Don incorporates extensive, meaningful research as a foundation to determine evidence based and solutions focused approaches to improve education and training that has had significant recognition at local, state and national levels.

Don continues to make an outstanding contribution to the recognition and promotion of SPERA and has provided significant ongoing support to pre-service and graduate teachers across Western Australia and Australia.

In addition to his passion in improving education and training outcomes across regional, rural and remote Western Australia and Australia, Don has demonstrated his commitment to education as a whole through his previous executive roles on WATSA and HTAWA and through being a member of WADHSAA, ETAWA, ACE and ACEL. SPERA believes Don to be an excellent nominee for a PTCWA Annual Outstanding Professional Service Award.
Mr Peter Millar

Teachers of French Association of Western Australia (TOFA)

Peter Millar is held in high esteem by his colleagues. His teaching style is characterised by calm energy, enthusiasm and creativity. Kindness, generosity, loyalty and humility underpin all dealings he has had with people over the years.

He is meticulous in everything he does. Over an extensive career, in both the city and country he has built up an impressive range of resources which are used to excellent effect and which he is always ready to share with other teachers.

Peter is the recipient of the Marie-Louise Laurent Award for 2009. This award recognises and congratulates local contributions of excellence in the teaching of French and the support of fellow teachers. It is awarded each year by the Teachers of French Association of Western Australia (http://www.tofawa.asn.au/-Hall-of-Fame-Marie-Louise-Laurent-.html)

Peter is an eager contributor to professional development courses and has been called upon by both the Department of Education and TOFA to present his knowledge and experience to audiences at all stages of their teaching careers.

In addition, Peter is a tireless contributor to TOFA. Whatever projects he takes on, he carries out to an exemplary standard. He has been a member since TOFA’s inception in the early 1990’s and has been a committee member for the last nine years. In the past three years he has been coordinator of our annual sticker competition, and he has volunteered to nominate for the position of Treasurer in 2010.

Peter has made a tremendous contribution to the teaching and promotion of the French language and culture in Western Australia in his participation as member and committee member of TOFA WA.

Ms Larraine Holland

Western Australian Association of Teacher Assistants (WAATA)

Larraine Holland has been an active, loyal and enthusiastic member of The West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants (WAATA) since its inception in 1993.

A valued member of the management committee over a significant number of years, Larraine, in her quiet unassuming manner, has made a huge contribution to the smooth and efficient running of the Association. Always volunteering to perform a wide variety of tasks which she carries out efficiently and without drama or fanfare, she has proven herself totally dependable, consistently maintaining high professional standards.

Larraine is one of those people that an effective committee cannot function without; the quiet achiever who simply gets the job done. While as Workshop Coordinator, she was instrumental in competently coordinating many workshops for both members and non-members, Larraine has also been a very valued member of the Conference Committee for a number of years, taking on many tasks and providing valued support.

Larraine has been a valued advocate of the Association and it is with great pleasure that we nominate her for this award.
Dr Philip Paioff

Western Australian Institute for Educational Research (WAIER)

Dr Philip Paioff has served as a member of the Western Australian Institute for Educational Research’s (WAIER) Executive for seventeen years. In that time, he has fulfilled the roles of Treasurer (3 years), Vice President (5 years), President (6 years) and Immediate Past President since 2007. Philip has been a proactive member of the Western Australian Institute for Educational Research and has made a significant contribution to the ongoing success of this vibrant organisation.

Philip became President at a time when WAIER was faced with a falling membership and declining financial base. In addressing these issues, Philip has been instrumental in developing an organisational profile, linked marketing program and set of support materials; attracting sponsorship that has enabled WAIER to maintain and progress its services to members throughout the educational research community; the ongoing organisation, development and promotion of the WAIER Forum since 1992. The Forum is WAIER’s premiere event and continues to grow in its reach to post graduate students and academics nationally and internationally.

Philip initiated the WAIER Fellows Award, which has fast become a very prestigious award with an array of high profile WA recipients, Philip now co-ordinates this award in his capacity as Immediate Past President. He continues to work closely with WAIER’s Secretariat to establish a set of structured and complementary project portfolios to streamline and monitor operations.

Philip continues to support WAIER and represents WAIER at Professional Teaching Council of WA forums and forums run by Teaching Australia. In 2008 Philip was made a Fellow of the Western Australian Institute for Educational Research in recognition of his invaluable and lengthy service.

Philip’s contributions and ongoing support for the Western Australian Institute for Educational Research has seen the Institute continue to grow and develop into an effective, sustainable and highly regarded professional association that reflects the core values of a progressive learning community.
Ms Barbara Combes

Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA)

Barbara Combes has made an outstanding contribution to the Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA) in support of teacher librarians and other para-professional staff associated with school libraries in government and independent schools in Western Australia.

Barbara is a dedicated committee member of WASLA and has been an active member of the Association over many years, contributing on various committees; presenting and organising professional development and initiating collaborative research to provide professional associations with essential data about the health of school libraries in Australia.

Barbara’s commitment to the profession of teacher librarianship is seen through her initiation, organisation and delivery of a range of professional development at a state, national and international level.

Barbara is the Vice President – Advocacy and Promotion of the International Association of School Libraries (IASL).

A keen advocate for school libraries through her involvement in both WASLA and IASL, Barbara is passionate about the vital contribution of professionally managed school libraries in enhancing the educational outcomes of students.

Kellie Brophy

Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association (WILTA)

Kellie Brophy has been a member of The Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association (WILTA) since 2000 and an active member of the WILTA committee since 2002.

During her period of service on the WILTA committee, Kellie has made an outstanding contribution to the activities undertaken by the Association. In particular, over the past six years she has been an active participant in the planning and implementation of four professional development days each year, as well as extraordinary projects such as the WILTA Conference in Bali in 2004 and the “Rebuild” Exhibition and Workshops in 2006 dedicated to raising funds for the Yogyakarta earthquake victims.

Kellie is a dedicated team member and has also contributed her own expertise by running workshops on behalf of WILTA. These include two workshops on the use of Interactive Electronic Whiteboards in Indonesian teaching in 2007 and 2008.

Finally, Kellie has undertaken the role of Treasurer on the WILTA Committee for the last three years and has managed this demanding task in an efficient and hard working fashion. WILTA is very grateful to Kellie for all her work on our behalf over the years and feel she is a most deserving recipient of the PTCWA Outstanding Service Award in 2009.
Thank you

to students from the
Mount Lawley Senior High School Jazz Quartet:

- Keven Penkin - flute
- Jeremy Thomsom - guitar
- Josiah Padmanabham - bass
- Sam O’Connett - drums

These students are part of the Mount Lawley
Senior High School Certificate IV Music program
in partnership with ECU.
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