PTCWA
Outstanding Professional Service Awards

2015 Presentation Ceremony

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Tompkins on Swan
Cnr Dunkley Ave & Canning Hwy
Alfred Cove
PTCWA is the Western Australian branch of the Australian Professional Teachers’ Association (APTA).

National representation:
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 coordination 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 Western Australian teachers and educators in all systems and has national representation through the Australian Professional Teachers’ Association (APTA).

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
- all curriculum and specialist areas
- cross-curricular areas (e.g. ESL, teacher librarians)
- leadership and school administration.

PTCWA’s website provides a centralised listing of all professional education associations in WA.

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Internationally, World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5 October 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO (International Labour Organization) Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
Outstanding Professional Service Awards

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 his or her professional teachers’ association. This provides the opportunity for each financial member association of PTCWA to consider the work of its 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, while providing a forum for the discussion of broad educational thought and current issues. PTCWA, through its membership to the Australian Professional Teachers’ Association (APTA), 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 as, for example, contributing to the associations publications either at a personal or professional level (e.g. 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 through the management of the association and/or association committees.
Hon. Sue Ellery MLC
Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council
Shadow Minister for Education; Children’s Interests
Member for South Metropolitan Region

Sue is currently Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council in the Parliament of WA and is the Shadow Minister for Education. She is the first woman to lead the Opposition in the Legislative Council.

Born 53 years ago and raised primarily in Perth, Sue has been a member of the WA Parliament since 2001, representing the South Metro region in the Legislative Council (that’s the state version of the Senate, for anyone not addicted to understanding the structures of political representation in Australia).

Prior to Parliament Sue, was in advocacy in the community sector and for 12 years an advocate for low paid workers in the union movement.

Sue was a Minister in the last Labor government, holding the portfolios of Child Protection, Communities, Seniors and Volunteering and Women.

Preferred title – Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Council
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Hon. Sue Ellery MLC
Ms Anne Pettit  
A²E² – Australian Association for Environmental Education WA

Since 1994 Anne has continually been involved with environmental and sustainability education. Early on, this included initiating and organising involvement for primary school children in community landcare events and recycling activities at school, driven by a desire to involve children in action for the environment beyond the learning that takes place in the classroom. This experience lead Anne to recognise the importance of assisting people to develop appropriate knowledge, skills and the desire to act for the environment, in a way that facilitates actions to achieve sustainability. She has since worked and volunteered for catchment groups and for waste education programs in the Perth region and been an active member of a number of committees and groups including: AAEE WA, Little Green Steps WA, Two Rivers Catchment Group, Friends of Kensington Bushland, Mindarie Regional Council and, the Town of Victoria Park Community Environment Advisory Committee.

Anne’s recent work with the Mindarie Regional Council has focussed on establishing and running the Earth Carer Kids ‘Resource Rescuers’ program (a growing waste education extension program for primary school aged children) and running the project component of the annual Advanced Earth Carers course (for adults). In both of these projects, Anne helps participants to use their knowledge and enthusiasm about waste to think of and complete projects of their choice in order to make a difference to waste in their communities.

Almost all of the sustainability work Anne has done or is doing is self-initiated, not part of formal employment and often developed through fostering collaborations with like minds. Despite being temporarily uprooted for family reasons and moving to in Albany in 2013 she has spent this time writing Sustainability in Action in the Early Years with a colleague involved with the Little Green Steps WA program. The book offers learning about sustainability for early childhood educators as well as providing practical suggestions for embedding sustainability in everyday ways.

While in Albany she has been involved in many environmental/sustainability activities, including running a stall (with worm farming and poetry!) at the Torbay Hall fair, helping the Friends of Mount Clarence, presenting workshops for the Rainbow Coast Community Centre, being part of the City of Albany library writers group (where she frequently reads her poems) and she was on the organising committee for the Education Futures conference. Anne received the 2014 Emerging Artist Fund award from the City of Albany for a poetry project she is now working on. The poetry and the events arising through the project are around the theme of “bringing into sharp relief the personal dilemmas and opportunities of people living in a world facing its ecological limits’. This work will be completed in 2016 and it involves writing, performing and publishing poetry that she hopes will subtly raise awareness about sustainability issues and actions and reach audiences that might not usually connect with environmental education - or with poetry!
Mrs Margaret Mansfield
AARE – Australian Association for Religious Education

Margaret (Marg) Mansfield has been a member of the Australian Association for Religious Education and has served on the Association’s Executive Committee for longer than the living memory of anyone in the WA branch; certainly pre-dating the 1994 National Conference held in Perth.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities at St Mary’s Anglican Girls School, dedicated duties within the Anglican Church, specifically her parish Holy Cross in Hamersley, and representative on Synod, Marg has generously supported the work of the AARE in providing mentoring, networking, support and professional development opportunities for educators across the State. She was always willing to host events and provide sustenance for those in attendance. Her sense of service is illustrated by being part of the Parish team hosting an Afghan/Pakistan Muslim refugee who hopes to become an Australian very soon.

Marg has made an outstanding contribution in WA over three decades in roles including Vice President and Member Representative. She represented WA in attending AARE National Conferences in South Australia, Canberra, twice in Melbourne, twice in Brisbane and Fremantle 2006 as well as numerous tele-conferences. In the years building up to and during the 2006 National Conference, which the state branch convened in Fremantle, Marg was instrumental in the Conference’s success. From 2006 until 2014, Marg also served the National Association as the National Treasurer. Last year Marg retired from both the National and State Committees to coincide with her planned retirement from her teaching.

She has imbued confidence and composure in all around her with her no-nonsense approach and clarity of purpose. Nothing has been too difficult or a burden for Marg. Her gracious and humble spirit has been greatly appreciated and although she is the last to seek it, she is worthy of recognition for her long and dedicated service.

Ms Julie Weber
STAWA – Science Teachers’ Association of Western Australia

Julie is an active, loyal member of STAWA and has been for many years. She has served as an elected member on the STAWA Council since 2003. During her time on Council Julie has filled the roles of Secretary (2003–2004) and STAWA President (2004–2006 and 2008-2009). Julie is currently the Chair of Science Talent Search and has been in this position for the past seven years, since 2009. This year she has worked with Governor Sanderson to implement the Governors School Stem Awards. Julie has also provided Professional Learning workshops at many of our CONSTAWA conferences, while in 2007 and 2015 played an integral role on the national conference, CONASTA, organising committees. 2014 Julie played a significant role in the redevelopment of our Human Biology laboratory manual to fit the new WA syllabus. Julie’s efforts, positive attitude and generosity of spirit make her an ideal recipient of an Outstanding Professional Service Award.
**Dr Dianne Chambers**  
**AASE – Australian Association of Special Education**

Dianne’s strong academic background, rigorous work ethic and keen organisational skills have contributed to the ongoing work of the Australian Association of Special Education at both state and national level.

As the current president of the WA Chapter and a WA representative on the AASE National Council Dianne has been prominent in guiding the work of AASE in advocating for students with additional learning needs and those who work with them.

She has been instrumental in developing the professional learning opportunities offered by AASE, and by contributing to the AASE responses to the many recent ministerial enquiries and reviews into such things as the AITSL standards, the Review of the Disability Standards for Education and in working with other AASE national members to formulate policy papers.

Through her work at the University of Notre Dame she supports a large number of students and teachers, ensuring that they are well prepared for their roles as special educators. She also has a role internationally in Special Education as a member of IAASE, linking WA and Australia to the wider educational fraternity. She maintains the AASE WA Newsletter and edits or contributes to a number of Australian and international professional publications.

Dianne contributed significantly to the recent highly successful AASE National conference, held in conjunction with WAESPAA; her contacts with international speakers and conference procedures resulted in a highly professional and useful event for educators in WA.

Through this award the WA Chapter of AASE commends Dr Chambers for her work and contribution to the professional field of special education in WA.

**Dr Alec O’Connell**  
**ACE – The Australian College of Educators**

Dr Alec O’Connell, current Headmaster of Scotch College, has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian College of Educators (ACE) since he joined the membership in 1994. Alec has held a number of leadership roles on the state committee, including Treasurer and State President. After such a significant contribution he was made a Fellow of ACE in 2006. Alec has contributed to national strategic initiatives of the College through his time on the National Council from 2003 - 2005. While a member of the committee, Alec devoted an enormous amount of time and high level expertise to the ACE community and during his time as President, played an instrumental role in the development of the well-known Hot Topics professional learning events and establishment of the annual Walter Neal Oration. These events have been highly successful and continue to be presented in the annual events of the College. As WA President, Alec demonstrated his ability to effectively manage change and lead with positivity in a challenging environment, where the association moved to a more centralised model of operation.

Alec has officially resigned from the committee in recent years; however, he continues to support the College through a number of methods including hosting the Fellows Dinner at Scotch College. Dr Alec O’Connell will always be a lifelong friend, mentor and colleague to members of the College and we are extremely grateful for his contribution.
Kelly Taylor
ALEA – Australian Literacy Educators’ Association

The PTCWA Award for Outstanding Professional Service is usually bestowed on a person who has been a member of our organisation and committee for a long time. With the 2015 Award, ALEA Perth Local Council is breaking tradition and acknowledging the outstanding service and dedication of Kelly Taylor, a recent teaching graduate who joined our committee in 2013. Kelly graduated from Notre Dame University School of Education in 2013 and is currently teaching at the Peel Language Development School.

Kelly joined the committee and quickly initiated the ALEA Perth Early Career Teacher Network. She organised a group of her peers to discuss their literacy professional learning needs, and set up informal after school workshops that addressed these. Kelly launched ALEA Perth into the world of social media by establishing the ALEA Perth ECT Face Book page and Twitter account. Kelly has organised two highly successful Saturday morning events with over 50 graduate teachers attending each session. She instigated the 2014 Pre-Service Teachers Professional Learning Day, which was a huge success, largely due to Kelly’s excellent organisational skills. The 2015 ECT Conference is set to surpass last year’s event, as Kelly has been able to secure Professor Robyn Ewing AM from the University of Sydney as the keynote speaker.

Kelly’s passion and enthusiasm is contagious. Her efforts have increased ALEA Perth memberships, raised ALEA’s profile with graduate teachers and have brought other graduate teachers onto the committee. She has promoted attendance at the ALEA National Conferences and continually supports all ALEA events. She has joined the planning committee for the National Conference to be held in Perth in 2018. With the calibre of committee members such as Kelly, the future of our organisation is in good hands.

Mrs Sonya Bennett
ECTA WA – Early Childhood Teachers Association of WA

Sonya Bennett joined ECTAWA in 2010 when she won the ECTAWA award as a final year student at ECU. She has been a general committee member, minutes secretary and treasurer; and is currently serving as president and treasurer (while coping with a new baby).

She has shown immense dedication, enthusiasm and creativity to ECTAWA during her time of service. She brought us into the twenty first century by developing a website, setting up online banking and memberships, and digitising our accounting system.

Sonya is a highly dedicated and passionate early childhood education advocate and thoroughly deserves this recognition.
Mr Matthew Wills

APIS – The Australian Association for Philosophy in Schools

We wish to nominate Matthew Wills for an Outstanding Professional Service Award for 2015. Matthew’s nomination has the strong support of the APIS Committee.

Matthew has been Head of Philosophy, Values and Religion at Hale School in Perth since 2007. He was formerly Head of Religious and Values Education at Westminster School in Adelaide and Executive Officer for the Dialogue Australasia Network.

Matthew’s signal achievement has been the creation and promotion of the Philosothon, first at Hale School in 2007 and now running around Australia and in a number of other countries. The Philosothon is not a debating competition but a philosophical ‘community of inquiry’ in which success is collaborative and constructive thinking is encouraged.

It is well described on Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosothon) as ‘an annual competition wherein students explore important philosophical and ethical issues demonstrating rigor and clarity of thought ... Students, teachers and parents gather on a particular evening each year for the event. The students participate in a series of Communities of Inquiry which are facilitated by teachers or Phd. philosophy students from the local universities. While participating in this process students are scored by Philosophy lecturers also from local universities. The scores are then collated, ranked and later in the evening awards are given to students at each age level and encouragement awards to the most promising male and female philosopher. Also a magnificent trophy is awarded to the winning school.’

Matthew was the co-creator of this idea. He has been the organiser of the 14 annual Hale School Philosothons, which in 2014 involved students from about 30 schools. The Philosothon website tells the story more rullly:http://www.philosothon.on- He also helped establish Philosothons in most other Australian states and this has led to the annual Australasian Philosothon, first held in 2011.

Matthew has held two important travelling fellowships, a Winston Churchill Fellowship in 2009 bs://www.churchilltrust.eom.au/medja/fellows/WillsMatthew2009.pd0 and an Endeavour Fellowship in 2013. Through these travels he has taken the concept to many other countries such as the US, the UK, Israel and in Europe. It has taken off especially strongly in the UK (http://fpbilosothon.co.uk).All this in a mere eight years.

The Philosothon has brought together both philosophy teachers and philosophy academics from across Perth and WA, with academics and postgraduate students serving as judges and raciUtators at the event.

The concept of the Philosothon originated from Matthew’s participation in a Level One course run by APIS at Hale School in 2007. It was from this course that the central idea of a community of inquiry was derived. Thus the Philosothon is in part a spin -off from the philosophy in schools movement that APIS exemplifies.

However, without Matthew’s hard work and ability to seize an opportunity none of the above would have happen ed. Equally importantly, his collegial and collaborative attitude has made him an ideal leader of the new phenomenon. He is now handing the leadership baton on to others, with APIS to take a lead role, so we at APIS think this is the right time to recognise his remarkable achievement.

Matthew has been a supporter of APIS since 2007 and is currently a member of APIS’s executive committee leadership baton on to others, with APIS to take a lead role, so we at APIS think this is the right time to recognise his remarkable achievement.

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Miss Catherine Warnock
ASME – Australian Society for Music Education – WA Chapter

Catherine Warnock has been a part of the ASME WA state council committee for 4 years. Even as a graduate teacher Catherine has always contributed at a high level in many aspects of our committee work.

In 2013 she became the chapter’s publications officer and has been responsible for delivering our Quarterly Newsletter/Magazine to our membership. Her creative flair in capturing and presenting the essence of Music Education activities and features across the state has made this publication a popular and sought after read. Her perseverance in delivering different and interesting articles has ensured that our readers are entertained as well as informed about things that have happened, local practitioner’s points of view, featured articles about artists or current research as well as upcoming events.

Aside from this huge role, Catherine has also taken the role of Website manager. She has rebuilt our website in conjunction with the National Council. This has required editing and uploading many pages of information as well as developing a format that is both current and appealing in appearance. She has great skills in this area and has supported our previous website manager a great deal.

ASME WA is indebted to Catherine for the work that she does in both these major areas.

Mr Geoffrey Davis AM
CLTAWA – Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia

In 1984, Geoff founded the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia with the aim of promoting the teaching and learning of Chinese in schools. He served the Association as President for sixteen years. While carrying out that role and for many years after, Geoff edited and produced the CLTAWA newsletter regularly four times a year. He also represented the CLTAWA on the committee of the Modern Language Teachers’ Association, liaised with the Department of Education and where necessary with the WA Government.

Under his leadership, the CLTAWA began to organise student activities to promote Chinese and to encourage learners.

The Association organised reading competitions, speech competitions and other activities for students as well as professional learning sessions for teachers.

In 1994, Geoff saw the need for a national organisation of Chinese teachers in Australia and initiated the foundation of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Federation of Australia. He served as its President for seven years and edited its newsletter for many years. He continues to advise the Federation’s officers and council both formally and informally.

In 2006, Geoff’s efforts were acknowledged by the Governor General when he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for ‘service to education, particularly through the introduction and promotion of Chinese language teaching in public schools and the establishment of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Federation of Australia’

Even in retirement, he continues to mentor members of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia. He never ceases to encourage new teachers of Chinese to join the CLTAWA. He continues to act as an adviser to the Association and its officers and Committee.
Mrs Stephanie Jackiewicz
ECWA – Early Childhood Australia WA branch

Stephanie has been nominated by ECA WA branch because of the outstanding professional knowledge and volunteer work she has contributed to our association.

Stephanie is a highly capable and experienced Early Childhood Education and Care specialist, with over 20 years of experience working in the early childhood education and care sector. In 2007 Stephanie joined the Early Childhood Australia Association. In the past 7 years Stephanie held the position of Vice President of the branch and the National Board director for 6 years. In this time she very capably represented WA at a national level, advocating for young children and presenting the unique West Australian perspective to national issues. During her time as a national director of the ECA board Stephanie also chaired the ECA Code of Ethics Review in 2014, was the National Board Representative for the writing of the inaugural ECA National Reconciliation Action Plan and was a member of the Barbara Creaser Awards Committee.

Stephanie has worked tirelessly for our association and has been an excellent advocate and role model for all her colleagues. In nominating Stephanie for this award ECA WA would like to thank Stephanie for all the time, energy and dedication she has shown to the early childhood education and care sector in the past 7 years

Mrs Paula McMahon
Mathematical Association of Western Australia

Paula McMahon has been convener of the State Conference in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015. She has also convened the Secondary Convention three times in the last four years. During these events Paula has been complimented for her friendly and professional interaction with delegates, presenters and exhibitors.

In 2004 Paula co-authored a series of problem solving books. These books shared with the wider mathematics community the idea of explicit teaching problem-solving to all students. In 2015 she has co-authored the MAWA student book and teachers guide for the Mathematical Essentials course. For these publications Paula has presented sessions to engage teachers in the teaching of mathematics. During 2011 and 2012 Paula attended the AAMT conference in Alice Springs and the MANSW conference to promote MAWA publications and co-presented sessions on various MAWA publications.

In 2014 Paula took the lead role in organising professional learning for teachers on the new WACE courses. It was the first time that MAWA has been involved in organising and presenting PL of this nature. She also played a key role in forming a partnership with Scitech to help in the delivery of these PL events at country regional centres.

Paula has willingly volunteered her time to be a coordinator and MC for the Have Sum Fun quiz nights. Her involvement and leadership role with MAWA activities has been of great benefit to mathematics teachers and have generally helped to improve the quality of mathematics education for students throughout WA.
Ms Margaret Yagmich

EYES – Early Years in Education Society

Mrs. Margaret Yagmich has been an active member of The Early Years In Education Society (EYES) since 1998. In 2009 Margaret became the treasurer for EYES. Margaret has taken it upon herself to attend professional learning sessions for treasurers. She has also completed a TAFE accountancy course. Margaret keeps a close eye on our investments and is always willing to investigate new ways to further develop the funds of EYES. It is exciting to work with such a committed committee member.

We believe Margaret to be a worthy nominee for this award.

Ms Barbara Woulfe

HEIAWA – Home Economics Institute of Australia (WA) Inc

HEIAWA is pleased to nominate Barbara Woulfe as the 2015 recipient of the PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Barbara began her teaching career at Harvey SHS in 1996 then moved to various city schools before transferring to John Forrest in 2001. In 2010, Barbara moved to her present appointment at Ellenbrook Secondary College. Barbara joined HEIAWA in 2004 and midway through 2005, was co-opted onto the committee to replace the treasurer, who went on maternity leave. That ‘temporary’ appointment has lasted and, this year, Barbara celebrates her eleventh year as treasurer for our association.

A quiet achiever, Barbara is meticulous in all areas of her work and gets things done with the minimum of fuss. Her attention to detail and precise record keeping makes her well-suited to the role of treasurer and enables other members of the committee to carry out their duties, safe in the knowledge that responsibility for the management of the finances is in capable hands.

Over the years, Barbara has been involved with the ever-changing face of our curriculum and was a significant contributor to the development of the Technology & Enterprise Learning Area of The Curriculum Framework, writing exemplars for Levels for outcomes education. More recently, she has worked with staff from the Central Office of the Education Department for the Making Consistent Judgements project.

Barbara is well-known for her willingness to share her knowledge and expertise and has been a role model for the many pre-service home economics teachers who have been fortunate enough to have her as their mentor teacher. She has a strong commitment to helping beginning teachers and has been an off-campus mentor and friend to many who are just starting out in their career. She epitomizes the professionalism for which we would hope these teachers aspire to achieve.

The HEIAWA Committee is delighted to be able to take this opportunity to recognise the significant contribution that Barbara Woulfe has made to both the organisation and the teaching of Home Economics in Western Australia.
Ms Helen Kuehs
MLTAWA – Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia

Helen Kuehs is an outstanding advocate for Languages education and has been a member of the Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (MLTAWA) for many years and the Vice-president for the past two years. She is a tireless volunteer on many other committees. She is currently President of the Teachers’ Association of German in Western Australia (TAGWA), Western Australian State representative for the Network of Australian Teachers’ of German (NATG), Member of State Council for the State School Teachers’ Union of Western Australia (SSTUWA), committee member of the Society of Australian German Student Exchange (SAGSE), District Council representative for Rockingham for SSTUWA, and committee member of the Baldivis Children’s Forest.

Helen is also an active member on a variety of subcommittees in the above mentioned organisations: Advocacy, State Conference, and Constitution Review, subcommittees for MLTAWA the Deutsch-Australien Sprachverein (DAS) German Examinations for primary schools, State Conference, and German school students’ cultural visits, subcommittees for TAGWA Education subcommittee for the Baldivis Children’s Forest.

In these leadership roles Helen’s commitment and enthusiasm are evident in her active participation and ability to work collaboratively. She is a respected leader whose input is highly valued and who excels in all roles. The recent formation of the German Round Table is a result of her collaboration and networking with all stakeholders interested in the continuation of German language teaching and learning. Helen successfully co-chaired the official launch and continues to advocate for this cause at a political and local level.

Earlier this year Helen participated in the Australian Modern Language Teachers’ Association (AFMLTA) Train the Trainer for the Australian Curriculum Ready! Set! Go! National professional learning event. She then co-presented at the Western Australian event attended by over 100 participants. This was a successful day and demonstrates her ability to work collaboratively and effectively. Her ideas, organisational skills and professionalism added greatly to the success of the day.

Helen’s ability to motivate and inspire others is recognised by her being selected to participate in the Language Leaders’ Initiative through the Department of Education and Training. Helen is always willing to share her expertise with others and, in her role as Language teacher, has presented at National and State conferences as well as a variety of other professional learning events. Her topics are always relevant and based on current theory and best practice. Her work based on the Australian Curriculum: Languages cross-curriculum priority of Sustainability has been extremely well received with many teachers from various languages visiting her school to observe her practice.

Helen’s varied articles have been published in the Szene, a national magazine for German teachers, local newspapers and school newsletters. These articles reflect her leadership roles and commitment to her colleagues and students.

Helen is a strong advocate for Languages education and is a hardworking, passionate leader who is a deserving recipient of this award.
Ms Tanya Colgan

TAGWA – Teachers Association of German Western Australia

Tanja Colgan is a dedicated member of the Teacher’s Association of German Western Australia and has been a Committee member since 2007, Treasurer since 2009 and currently has a dual role as Vice President and Treasurer. She has been teaching German since arriving in Australia in 2000.

She is an active member who has organised and coordinated the German Primary Day Out for the past five years. She liaises effectively with other schools and has conducted successful excursions by developing differentiated teaching resources to cater for multiple intelligences.

Tanja’s varied articles have been published in Szene, a Goethe Institute magazine for German teachers, Treffpunkt, a monthly Perth magazine, and in the local Melville Community Paper. These articles reflect the excellent work she does with her students and colleagues.

Tanja has worked collaboratively at state and national conferences and was conference convenor of the successful 2010 and 2011 Western Australian state conferences. She remains active on the conference committee and her input is highly valued.

Tanja recently presented at the Victorian German Teachers’ Conference in Melbourne on Australian Curriculum Languages linking the cross curriculum priority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures with German language studies. This was a very well received professional learning session as it reflects current trends in language learning.

Tanja also presents regularly at professional learning events in Western Australia and is experienced at mentoring practising teachers. She willingly shares her expertise with others.

Tanja continues to actively promote the German language and organises whole school events such as The Lantern Festival where parents and community members can participate in cultural experiences.

The DAS Exams (Deutsch-Australischer Sprachverein) for primary schools have been expertly coordinated by Tanja since their inception three years ago.

Tanja is a most deserving nominee who has demonstrated passion and commitment at all times!
Ms Isabelle Pilote  
TOFA – Teachers of French Association

Isabelle is an esteemed educator who is held in the highest regard within the community of French teachers. Isabelle is the doyenne of the Teachers of French Association committee dedicating 13 years of service. Her contribution to the development and direction of the association is invaluable. Amongst the various roles she has held within the association including data secretary, secondary committee member, representative on the Assessment, Review and Moderation Panel, has worked tirelessly to develop and deliver quality professional development for French teachers via her active involvement in the organisation of the yearly conference.

Isabelle’s drive to serve the profession has also seen her hold positions such as the School Curriculum and Standards Authority chief marker for the practical examination. In 2010, she was awarded the Marie Louise Laurent Award by the Teachers of French Association for her contribution to the Teaching of French in WA.

Isabelle has had an extensive career as a French teacher and has worked many other leadership roles like Dean, HOLA of languages and presently as the Deputy Principal at St Stephen Primary School Carramar.

Her achievements and leadership, both in the profession and the Association, make her a most worthy recipient of the award.

Mrs Lynne Rockliff  
WAATI – Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian

Lynne Rockcliff started her career as a Junior Primary teacher in 1978 at Beacon primary School and taught there for 14 years. In 1992 moved to Mukinbudin District High School. In 1993 began teaching Primary Italian, from Year 4 under the LOTE 2000 Plan and followed with secondary classes as well.

1998 teaching at Mukinbudin, Beacon, Bencubbin, Gabbin and Trayning Primary Schools. Mukinbudin cancelled its program at the end of 2014, when the school went IPS. Lynne teaches at four schools – Trayning (Years 3–6), Bencubbin (Years P–2), Nungarin (Years 3–6) and Mukinbudin DHS (Teacher Librarian, admin tasks)

Committee member of WAATI since 2011 and MLTAWA committee as well, attending meetings remotely via Centra or telephone. Lynne has hosted eleven Italian University students at schools as Italian Language ‘Assistenti’ on the WAATI program. She has presented PL sessions at AFMLTA National Conferences in Darwin (2011), Canberra (2013), NZALT Conference in Rotorua (2012), MLTAT State Conference (2014) in Tasmania.

On the WAATI committee has been ‘Country Liaison’, ‘professional learning Coordinator’ organising State Conference, currently ‘Vice President’ and ‘Membership Secretary’. Lynne has a passion for Language Teaching and Learning and Education.
Mr Edward Kelley
WAESPAA – Western Australian Education Support Principals’ and Administrators Association

The term ‘living legend’ is overused but not in this instance. Mr Ted Kelley’s service to students with disabilities and their families via a number of roles is truly extraordinary. Having previously taught special education in New Zealand he commenced teaching at Mt Hawthorn Primary School in special class in 1969. He progressed to become Deputy Principal at Balga Training Centre and White Gum Valley Special School before taking on principal roles at Kenwick, Koondoola and Malibu Special Schools. He has been Principal of the unique Landsdale Farm School since 2000. Ted retired in 2016 having been a founding member of WAESPPA and has served as Secretary, Treasurer and President. He has developed the Landsdale Farm School scholarship that provided funding to research best practice in special education by practitioners in our schools. Ted has been at the forefront of what is now the educational landscape for special education in our state. He was in the first intake of teachers studying a special education degree in WA, he started one of the first work experience programs in the state for students with disabilities, and he has raised over 5 million dollars for Landsdale Farm School…the list goes on. He actually formed WAESPAA with a few colleagues in 1988 after disbanding the old special school principals association. An innovator and one who is not afraid to use the road less travelled – a tireless champion of those students most in need and the staff who work with them.

Dr Eva Dobozy
WAIER – West Australian Institute for Institutional Research

Dr Eva Dobozy has made an outstanding contribution to WAIER, which aims to support educational research in Western Australia, over the past seven years through her willingness to take on a variety of roles and responsibilities. Eva became a member of the WAIER Executive Committee in 2009 and immediately took on the role of Assistant Editor of the journal Issues in Educational Research which is the journal associated with the Australian Institutes of Educational Research. In 2010 she continued with this role but also was the Assistant Coordinator for the Research Seminars, Assistant Forum Coordinator and Edith Cowan University Representative on the committee. In 2012 Eva became acting Vice President and in 2013 was elected as Vice President of WAIER. She has continued to contribute to WAIER activities in many ways including assisting with the revision of the web site, being the Features Editor of the web site and is currently the Curtin University representative for publicity and dissemination. Eva’s positive and collaborative approach and willingness to be involved in multiple activities have made her an invaluable member of the WAIER Committee.
Mrs Phyllis Paioff
WASLA – Western Australian School Library Association

Phyllis has been a committed and active committee member of the West Australian School Library Association (WASLA) since 2011. From 2011 – 2015 Phyllis was the Executive Officer for the Association where she managed the operations side of what is essentially a volunteer organisation. In this role Phyllis organised and assisted in the running of after school professional development (PD), half and full day seminars and the WASLA Library Conference. She is also a current member of the WASLA committee and the School Library Conference WA Committee. Phyllis is also an active presenter at school PD days, Library Officer days and PD organised by WASLA. Her areas of speciality include information management, cataloguing, RDA, RFID, copyright and the management of big data. Phyllis is a dedicated professional who willingly shares her knowledge and keeps WASLA Committee members up-to-date in areas of the library profession that are constantly evolving.

Phyllis has made and continues to make an outstanding contribution to school libraries on many levels and is a vital member of the education community in Western Australia. She has proven to be an outstanding committee member and has contributed tirelessly to WASLA and its goal to advance the profession through support, networking and research.

Mr Andrew Teo
WILTA – Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association

WILTA is pleased to nominate Andrew Teo as the 2015 recipient of a PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Andrew has been a WILTA member for 15 years. He has been teaching Indonesian language at secondary level in WA public schools since moving from the Society and Environment curriculum area to become a language teacher through the 1990s retraining programme funded by the National Asian Languages and Studies in Australian Schools (NALSAS) initiative. He taught Indonesian at Warwick Senior High School and is currently teaching at the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE). Andrew’s success in this career transition is testament to his hard work and passion for Indonesia and its language.

During his period of WILTA membership, Andrew has been an active supporter of WILTA activities, both as a regular attender of professional learning and on occasion as a workshop presenter.

He joined the WILTA Committee as Treasurer in 2011 and for the past five years has held that position. His contribution to the smooth running of WILTA finances has been outstanding. WILTA is indebted to Andrew for his vigilance, accuracy and initiative in all the roles of this demanding position, including managing bank accounts, organising auditors and providing regular reports for members. Andrew has also voluntarily taken on the role of Membership Secretary. WILTA members greatly appreciate the time he takes to follow up promptly and often to contact them personally to answer their queries about membership and other financial matters.

WILTA thanks Andrew very much for his hard work and support, and congratulates him on this well-deserved award.
ASSOCIATIONS

A²E²
Australian Association for Environmental Education WA

AARE
Australian Association for Religious Education Inc. (WA)

AASE (WA)
Australian Association of Special Education Inc. (WA)

ABODA
Australian Band and Orchestra Directors Association (WA)

ACEWA
Australian College of Educators (WA Branch)

ACEL
Australian Council for Educational Leaders

ACHER
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation

AISWA
AISWA Libraries Section

ALEA (WA)
Australian Literacy Educators’ Association (WA)

APTA
Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations

ArtED
Art Education Association of Western Australia

ASME (WA)
Australian Society for Music Education (Inc.) WA

BEWA
Business Educators of Western Australia

CEAWA
Career Education Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

CLTAWA
Chinese Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

DATTA
Design and Technology Teachers’ Association

DRAMAWEST
DramaWest (Inc.)

DSF
Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation

ECAWA
Early Childhood Association

ECAWA
Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

ECTAWA
Early Childhood Teachers’ Association of Western Australia

ECTAWA (Economics)
Economics Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

ECTAWA (English)
English Teachers Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

EYES
Early Years in Education Society

FASPA
Association for Philosophy in Schools

GAWA
Geographical Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

HEIA (WA)
Home Economics Institute of Australia (WA) Inc.

HTAWA
History Teachers’ Association of Western Australia

ISCA
Independent School Counsellors’ Association

JLTF
Japanese Language Teachers Association WA

L3CTA
Level 3 Classroom Teachers Association

MAWA
Mathematical Association of WA

MLTAWA
Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

MSAWA
Middle Schooling Association of WA

MTAWA
Montessori Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

MWEI
Montessori World Educational Institute

MYCF
Meerilinga Young Children’s Foundation

OWC
One World Centre

PLEAWA
Political and Legal Educators Association (WA)

PTCWA
Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (Inc.)

Schools Development Group

SEAWA
Society and Environment Association of Western Australia

SPERA
Society for the Promotion of Education for Rural Australia (Inc.)

STAWA
Science Teachers’ Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

TAGWA
Teachers’ Association of German

TOFA
Teachers of French Association Western Australia (Inc.)

WAATA
The Western Australian Association of Teacher Assistants

WAATI
Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian

WADHSSA
Western Australian District High School Administrators’ Association

WAESPAA
Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators’ Association (Inc.)

WAIER
Western Australian Institute for Educational Research

WAPPA
Western Australian Primary Principals’ Association (Inc.)

WASLA
Western Australian School Library Association

WASSEA
Western Australian Secondary School Executives Association

WASTAA
Western Australian Secondary Teaching Administrators’ Association Inc.

WATESOL
Westralian Association for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (Inc.)

WILTA
Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association
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Master of Ceremonies

The PTCWA Committee appreciates the support of Ms Val Baird and extends its thanks to her for acting as Master of Ceremonies for this evening’s event.

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