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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.

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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 association's 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.

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Guest Speakers

Mr Ron Dullard

Deputy Chair of the Teacher Registration Board of WA

Mr Dullard has an extensive background in education at a senior executive level in Western Australia. He is currently Deputy Chair of the Teacher Registration Board of WA, a member of the Training Accreditation Council and is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Education at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He previously held the position of Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia (2003–2012). His previous roles had a strategic education focus and he has served on local, regional and State governing bodies. He has held numerous roles in Catholic Education over a long and distinguished career, including principal of a K–12 school, executive member of the National Catholic Education Commission, member of the National Catholic Education Finance Committee, Director and Governor of the University of Notre Dame Australia and a Trustee and Director of Catholic Superannuation Fund. Mr Dullard has been honoured as a Fellow of the Australian College of Educational Leaders, Australian Council of Educational Leaders Pre-eminent Education Leader (WA), a Freeman of the Shire of Mundaring and Life Member of the Mundaring Arts Centre.





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Guest Speakers

Dr Marie Martin

Manager, EYE (Early Years Education) Training

Dr Marie Martin is an advocate for early childhood, for learning and for professional development. As a member of the first committee of the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations, Marie has maintained a keen interest in the development and progress of PTCWA. Marie is currently manager of EYE (Early Years Education) Training, the private registered training organisation for the Schools of Early Learning.



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Ms Kelsie Prabawa Sear

AAEE – Australian Association for Environmental Education WA

Kelsie has been an active member of the Western Australian Chapter of AAEE for 11 years. During this time she has applied herself to supporting and facilitating education for sustainability. Kelsie's work in understanding young adults' perceptions of environmental issues has added an important focus to the WA Chapter's work. Kelsie is an exceptional communicator and her professional advice about best practice evaluation strategies has assisted many of our projects. Kelsie has worked both in Australia and Indonesia on developing and delivering environmental initiatives. Kelsie's vibrant enthusiasm and passion about sustainable education invigorates our group.



Mrs Alison Hayden

AARE – Australian Association for Religious Education

Alison Hayden has been a member of the Australian Association for Religious Education and has served on the Association's Executive Committee since 2010. In addition to her serving on the Committee, Alison has held the role of State Treasurer for this time.

The Australian Association for Religious Education is delighted to nominate Alison to receive this prestigious award for her outstanding professional contribution to education in Western Australia, made through her voluntary work with the Association.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities at Aranmore Catholic College, Alison has generously and expertly supported the work of the AARE, proficiently and skilfully managing the Association's finances, informing and guiding the Association's compliance with regulatory obligations and assisting in the planning and hosting of the myriad of Association events and professional learning opportunities for chaplains and religious educators across the State. The AARE is grateful for her expertise, knowledge and skill which has been of great benefit for the Association.

She imbues confidence and composure for all around her with her expertise and clarity of purpose. Nothing has been too difficult or a burden for Alison. 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 valuable and dedicated service.

Australian Association for Religious Education

Mrs Cris Sandri

ACEWA – Australian College of Educators



Cris was invited to join the WA Committee of the Australian College of Educators in 1986. Since then, her outstanding contribution to the Association and the welfare of its members has included executive positions at state and national level, including three years as WA State President, membership of National Council and as Director on the National Board, a position she held for five years. Cris was recognised for her contributions when she was awarded Life Membership and a Fellowship of the Australian College of Educators.

Within the activities of the ACE (WA) Committee Cris has helped organise the Walter Neal Oration and Awards Evening since its inception in 2004, and played an active part in the nomination of Fellowships. In our deliberations she was able to draw upon her former professional life as a school principal with the WA Department of Education, where she was proactive in positioning Highgate Primary School into the first wave of schools accepted into the Independent Public School (IPS) Program, along with her recent consultancy as a selected school review assessor for Independent Public Schools in WA. The high-quality care and outstanding leadership that Cris invested in school communities was always evident in her mentoring of new committee members and office bearers, who benefited greatly from her generosity of time and wisdom.

Cris continues to tirelessly promote the welfare of the College and provide a wonderful role model for other committee members.

Mrs Sally Woffenden

AISWA Libraries Inc.



AISWA Libraries Inc. was created to provide networking opportunities by assisting, promoting and strengthening the interests of Independent School Libraries in Western Australia.

Sally has been an active member of the AISWA Libraries Inc. since December 2009, regularly attending meetings and planning, organising and participating in activities promoted by the organisation.

Since late 2011, Sally has held two positions on the AISWA Libraries Committee.

From November 2011 to December 2013, Sally was the Newsletter Convenor. The newsletter was distributed digitally four times a year to all the members. As Newsletter Convenor, Sally:

- actively encouraged members to write articles or reviews
- collected and edited news from members and schools
- designed the layout of the Newsletter
- co-ordinated deadlines for proofing
- organised digital distribution of each edition to members.

Sally then took on the role of Treasurer for a three-year period until November 2016. As Treasurer, Sally:

- maintained accurate and timely accounts and records of the organisation's financial transactions
- co-ordinated preparing the annual budget and monitoring actual expenditure

- invoiced members, issued receipts and promptly deposited all monies received into the organisation's bank account
- made all approved payments
- acted as the signatory (with at least one other Management Committee member) to the organisation's bank accounts
- prepared and presented regular financial statements to the Committee
- prepared material for the annual financial audit, and provided the auditor with information as required
- prepared the annual financial report.

Sally is now continuing her contribution to the AISWA Libraries Committee as a Committee member.

Associate Professor Grace Oakley

ALEA – Australian Literacy Educators' Association



**AUSTRALIAN LITERACY
EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION**

Associate Professor Grace Oakley is a highly valued member of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association. She is a truly dedicated member and works tirelessly to advocate for quality literacy instruction. Over several years, Grace has significantly contributed to shaping the direction of ALEA at both a local and national level. Grace currently works in the School of Education at The University of Western Australia, where she supervises a number of research students and coordinates the Primary Teaching program. Grace brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to ALEA and has been instrumental in supporting and mentoring the younger members of the association.

Grace's work features heavily in education courses around Australia. She presents frequently on literacy education and is a highly regarded academic in the field of Education. In 2016, Grace joined ALEA's National Council as the State Director for WA. In this role she also became the co-convenor for ALEA's and AATE's 2018 National Conference. Grace leads by example and demonstrates an assiduous and determined work ethic. She is an inspiration to many and has created a lasting impact on ALEA. Grace Oakley is a highly respected and esteemed member of the ALEA and literacy educators around the nation are for the better because of her.

Mrs Jane Kirkham

APIS (WA) – Association of Philosophy in Schools



Jane Kirkham of Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School is nominated by APIS (WA) for the PTCWA Award for her outstanding work in setting up and running the first ever South West Philosothon in 2014, and subsequent ones in 2015 and 2016. Her hard work has enabled regional schools to compete in a Philosothon, despite the tyranny of distance, and she has done much to encourage the smaller country schools to participate. A knock-on effect of Jane's work in the South West Philosothon was Margaret River Senior High School competing in the recent national Philosothon and achieving 4th place overall—a brilliant achievement in a field saturated by city-based private schools. Jane's school has never won the Philosothon, but her tireless efforts and vision have enabled others to reach great heights.

For these reasons, we highly recommend her for this award.

Mrs Jo Snashall

ArtEdWA – Art Education Association of Western Australia



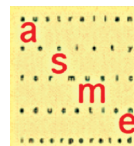
Jo has served on the committee of ArtEdWA in various positions since 2013. After one year in the role of Secretary, Jo became Vice President, a title that she also held for one year.

In 2015, she took over the role as President, for which she served for two years. Throughout her time on the ArtEdWA committee, Jo has made significant and lasting changes to the shape and profile of the organisation. She increased memberships and reinvigorated members' passion and enthusiasm by offering a range of exciting professional development, networking and workshop opportunities as well as creating a social media network for our organisation.

She is a genuine, dependable, passionate and generous Art educator who has given her time freely to help other educators and the profile of Arts Education across the state.

Ms Robyn Veitch

ASME – Australian Society for Music Education – Western Australian Chapter



Robyn joined the ASMEWA council committee in 2009 after moving to Western Australia and taking up a Music Specialist role at East Beechboro Primary School. Her original idea for joining the committee was to meet other like-minded educators. In 2011, Robyn took on another school to complete her week at City Beach Primary School. Her passion for delivering quality music education to all children in her care has inspired her to work tirelessly as a committee member of ASMEWA to ensure that this is the case throughout the state.

Since joining the committee, Robyn has completed 4 years as Secretary, 6 months as Vice Chair and has been the chairperson for the past 4 years. The main changes that Robyn has seen to are increasing use of IT by members and executive for planning, communication and evaluation of events. Robyn works tirelessly during her summer holiday preparing for the annual 2-day Summer School run by the committee each year.

ASMEWA has developed a great reputation for running Professional Learning for Music Teachers in this state. Robyn believes, as there is no purposeful training for teachers in Music Education in most places in Australia, it is up to the NFP organisations to provide this. 'We provide workshops and information. We also connect people with other NFP groups that provide what they need' says Robyn.

Robyn has recently been invested as Vice President of ASME—National Executive. She is now able to share her understanding of the purpose of ASME with the national group and is looking forward to working with music educators from around Australia to try to address the issues with training and recognition. ASMEWA holds nearly half of ASME's total members from all around Australia.

It is ASMEWA's pleasure to nominate Robyn Veitch for this award.

Ms Li Liu

CLTAWA – Chinese Language Teachers' Association of WA (Inc.)



Li Liu has been a member of the CLTAWA committee for three years. Despite the short period of time, Li has made significant contribution to the Association. As a secretary in the executive committee, Li has worked tirelessly with great professionalism, maintaining close relationships with all members by keeping them updated with all relevant matters. Her ability to work cooperatively, her commitment and the dedication towards her service to the Association are exemplary. Li takes initiative to complete all secretarial tasks to a very high standard and has spent a huge amount of time monitoring the Association's emails and other correspondence. She has been organising professional development on behalf of CLTAWA for Chinese language teachers throughout the last two years. Her organisational skills have ensured the great success of each event. Li has also been the CLTAWA primary school coordinator in the past few years. She co-ordinated the 2016, and coordinated the 2017, annual Pandas' Picnic, a full day excursion for primary school Chinese language students. It involves more than 10 primary schools with over 250 students. Her dedication and commitment to the Association is greatly valued by the CLTAWA committee and its members.

Mrs Lyn Girvan

HEIAWA – Home Economics Institute of Australia Western Australian Division



Lyn Girvan has made a significant contribution to the Home Economics profession since she began teaching in 1977, the same year she joined the Home Economics Institute of Australia Western Australia division (HEIAWA). Throughout her long and distinguished teaching career, Lyn has held many leadership roles within schools, including several periods as a Year Coordinator and Vocational Education Coordinator. As one who has always been willing to share her knowledge and experience, Lyn has been a valued mentor to both pre-service and beginning teachers and a strong advocate for membership of HEIAWA.

In 2009, Lyn volunteered to become the convenor of the International Affairs Standing Committee for the Home Economics Institute of Australia (HEIA), a position she still holds. As convenor, she has represented Australia at IFHE conferences in Kyoto, Japan; Lucerne, Switzerland; Melbourne, Australia; and Daejeon, South Korea.

Closer to home, Lyn has served HEIAWA as an executive member on the Committee of Management and has been a representative of the Institute on the King & Amy O'Malley scholarship selection panel. She has been involved in writing curriculum materials for upper school courses and contributed to the consultation process for the draft National Curriculum for Technologies and Health and Physical Education.

Lyn retired from full-time teaching at the end of Term 1 in 2016. However, she continues to accept relief work and support the work of HEIAWA by writing articles for the national e-newsletter and WA journal. Lyn has always displayed great integrity and an ongoing generosity of spirit. Her commitment to her professional association is both exemplary and long-standing. HEIAWA is pleased to be able to acknowledge her work with this award.

Mrs Merredith Southee

HTAWA – History Teachers' Association of Western Australia



As the longest standing HTAWA Executive member, Merredith has played a vital role in shaping WA History education for several decades. She co-edits our Bulletin and Hindsight publications, has produced several outstanding free teacher resources such as the Dirk Hartog resource, West Australians in WW1 and Sikh and Indians Australian website and has published several History textbooks. She guides future generations of History teachers through her work at ECU, teaches students part-time and has represented HTAWA on numerous History-based committees. Over the years she has delivered numerous teacher professional learning sessions and is always on hand to support and help HTAWA with our student events. Merredith is an astoundingly encouraging and inspirational History teacher. Her passion for what she does is unwavering, and everything she does is to leave this world 'historically better' for the next generation. She will leave a legacy of motivated, enthusiastic and innovative graduate teachers.

She is a true teacher in every sense of the word and HTAWA is honoured to have her as a vital part of our team.

Mrs Rachael Whitney-Smith

MAWA – The Mathematical Association of Western Australia Inc.



Rachael is an esteemed educator who has continually demonstrated her commitment to the mathematics education of students from 1994 to 1999 and then again from 2008 to the present. From 2000 to 2008 she was a serving member of the Australian Navy, however, continued to be passionate about teaching.

Rachael has been a member of the Mathematics Association of NSW and the Mathematical Association of WA her entire teaching career. She has always been passionate about an inquiry approach to teaching and has a keen interest in the cross-curricular nature of Mathematics and Science.

In 2015 Rachael's career took a turn towards her passions of STEM and high quality professional learning. Recently she has been working as the TEMPEST officer in WA for The University of Tasmania and Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT). Her major responsibility has been in the development and delivery of professional learning, from Kindergarten to Year 12, with a focus on establishing a highly informative and engaging professional learning framework that can be applied to any content.

AAMT and the Academy of Science identified that Rachael has highly developed skills in the development of resources and she has worked within the ReSolve program to develop and deliver resources and professional learning about inquiry-based learning suitable to students for Kindergarten to Year 10.

Rachael has been involved with the Australian Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program and STEM Learning Project during her time as the executive officer of MAWA. Rachael has worked tirelessly for MAWA to deliver professional learning, increase the resources that are available to support Mathematics teachers and engage other teachers in delivery professional learning.

The MAWA committee is delighted to be able to take this opportunity to recognise the significant contributions that Rachael Whitney-Smith has made to both the organisation and the teaching of Mathematics both in WA and NSW.

Ms Kate Reitzenstein

MLTAWA – Modern Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia

Kate Reitzenstein has long been recognised as an outstanding and dedicated teacher of Indonesian and an advocate for the learning of languages, whether it be a second/additional language, or encouraging the maintenance of one's first language/s. She is a long-time member of the MLTAWA, frequently presenting at conferences and other professional learning before formally joining the committee in 2013. In November 2015 she became president.



Under Kate's committed and expert leadership the MLTAWA has achieved many milestones during the past two years and is poised to continue to grow in future years. These milestones include:

- The fruition of the MLTAWA's desire to recognise the important role that principals play in promoting languages with the presentation of the inaugural MLTAWA Principal's Award in August 2016. The award acknowledges school leaders who have shown long-term commitment to their Languages program and promoted languages within the wider school community.
- Languages in the Mainstream (LiTM), a partnership project between the MLTAWA and the Office of Multicultural Interests. Kate had a pivotal role in the conception, development and implementation of a year-long series of activities and initiatives to promote language learning and celebrate cultural and linguistic diversity. This included four competitions aimed at a range of different language learners and users in our community.
- The revival of Languages Week, in August 2017 as the culmination of the Languages in the Mainstream project. This provided opportunity to engage students, teachers and special guests in a series of events aimed at showcasing student work and awarding prizes. The Languages Week celebrations were very successful due to Kate's effort in building many strategic partnerships.
- The development of a training package for the Department of Education aimed at preparing teachers for the implementation of the Western Australian Languages Curriculum. Kate is the key writer of the package.

Kate has had significant impact in the language learning space in Australia, participating in local and national projects and discussions. She uses social media as a tool to inform others, provide links to professional reading and to promote quality teaching. She actively promotes the positive impact of teaching professional associations on education and has recently supported teachers of Spanish to establish their own professional association, ASTWA. Kate is always a generous and encouraging mentor to both MLTAWA committee members, languages teachers and other colleagues.

The MLTAWA committee and membership thanks Kate very much for her hard work and dedication, and congratulates her on this well-deserved award.

Mr Mal Johnson

STAWA – Science Teachers' Association of WA



It is with pleasure that STAWA nominate Mal Johnson for the 2017 PTCWA Outstanding Service Awards.

Mal has been a member of STAWA since 1999 and over the past decade has been involved in many aspects of the association. During his time at STAWA he has served as a member of Council during which time he attended monthly meetings, was involved in decision-making processes and took responsibility for a range of portfolios, including Student Activities, Publications and Strategic Planning.

In 2012 and 2013 Mal hosted CONSTAWA, the state Science teaching conference, helping to inspire and develop teachers from all over Western Australia. Mal played an integral role in the development and writing of the STAWA physics resources, an important contribution at a time when national texts did not meet the curriculum requirements for Western Australian teachers.

In 2012 Mal was STAWA's nomination for the BHP Billiton Science Teacher Awards in recognition of his active promotion of scientific inquiry within schools. In 2014 Mal received the STAWA de Laeter Medal in acknowledgement of his ongoing contribution to the mentoring of teachers to enhance the learning experiences for Science students. This year Mal was a key contributor to STAWA's team for Synergy Schools Solar Car Challenge, a competition in its inaugural year. Mal's ability to provide strong leadership and create enthusiasm for teaching and learning in science helped make this competition a huge success.

STAWA has benefited greatly from having a dedicated and enthusiastic member like Mal and we believe he is a worthy nominee for this prestigious award.

Mr Patrick Guggisberg

TAGWA – Teachers Association German Western Australia



Patrick Guggisberg has been a member of TAGWA for 6 years and is an inspirational committee member. He has been on the management committee for the past 5 years.

His enthusiasm and dynamic nature make him an invaluable team member.

Patrick's contribution adds to the smooth running of the TAGWA committee and to the success of many events. In particular, Patrick assists with the coordination of the German DAS Examination for high schools and always makes himself available as a writer and examiner. He takes time to nurture other teachers and offers support and advice when needed. Patrick is also a valuable committee member on the Society for Australian and German Scholarship Exchange and actively assists with fundraising and organisation of the exchange program. Patrick is the chair on the Course Advisory Committee for German at SCSA and has also been a WACE examiner for German orals for 5 years.

Patrick's outstanding voluntary contribution to the Teacher's Association of German WA, on top of his full-time workload as the German teacher at Perth Methodist Ladies College, is highly regarded.

He has presented regularly at state conferences and other professional learning events for German teachers and willingly shares his knowledge and expertise. His ideas and suggestions are always well thought out and add to positive outcomes for the association.

Patrick is a very deserving winner of this award.

Mrs Lyn Worth

WAATA – West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants (Inc.)



It gives me great pleasure to nominate Lyn Worth as a very worthy recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Lyn Worth has been a Committee Member of WAATA (The West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants Inc.) since 1994.

In her many and varied roles over this period of 23 years, Lyn has edited the newsletter (1998), worked on the WAATA Conference Committee and performed the essential role of Treasurer twice, from 2001–2007 and again from 2015 to the present.

Lyn was made a Life Member in 2008 as recognition of her tireless service to WAATA.

In 2015 the role of Secretary became vacant mid-year, and Lyn valiantly took on this second role as well, to ensure the continuation of WAATA.

At the 2016 WAATA Conference, many experienced and long term WAATA Committee Members retired or stood down.

As a result of this, many new and inexperienced members became part of the 2016–17 WAATA Committee.

Lyn's experience, advice and assistance, along with other long term WAATA Committee Members guided the new and enthusiastic committee to a successful 2017 Conference.

New members have joined the 2017–2018 WAATA Committee and we are now at full capacity. Exciting times ahead!

Lyn's continued role as Treasurer assures WAATA of a successful future.

Her dedication to WAATA is outstanding and very worthy of an Outstanding Professional Service Award! Please consider Lyn for this honour.

Dr Gregory Hine

WAIER – Western Australian Institute for Educational Research



Since joining the Executive Committee in 2012, Dr Gregory Hine has been a regular attendee and contributor at WAIER monthly meetings and provided leadership in a number of ways. In his role as Treasurer since 2013, Greg has efficiently provided regular financial statements at each committee meeting, managed the annual auditing process and presented reports at the WAIER Annual General Meeting and to various online agencies. Under his excellent management WAIER has been able to support two new initiatives: the redevelopment of the website <www.WAIER.org.au> and the provision of a research grant program to support WA educational researchers. Greg's assistance with the WAIER Annual Research Forum has been multifaceted. As well as presenting his own research, he has provided financial advice regarding setting registration fees and the catering budget, facilitated WAIER's presence at the Notre Dame Fremantle campus, and assisted with practical matters such as managing the technology and being our MC for the final Sundowner/Award event of the day. Greg's energy, competence and continual professionalism are much appreciated by the committee and he is a valued committee member.

Mrs Esther Blood

WAATI – Western Australian Association of Italian Inc.



Esther Blood joined the Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian as a graduate teacher at the beginning of 2004. Since then, Esther has been an increasingly active member of our association. After three years teaching in the country, and having participated in as many activities as possible from afar, Esther transferred to the city in 2007 and became even more involved with WAATI. In 2008, she joined the State Management Committee and immediately took on the demanding role of Treasurer. Rising to this challenge, Esther kept the books most efficiently and developed spreadsheets that were easy for committee members to quickly identify income and expenditure. These have been used by subsequent treasurers. Esther remained in the role of Treasurer for four years from 2008 to 2011, kept immaculate records and always produced accurate, clear and timely reports for the committee and other members.

As a committee member, Esther was heavily involved with organizing, and presenting sessions at, Professional Learning Events and State Conferences, always being happy to share her experience, expertise and ideas with other members.

Although Esther stepped down from a formal position on the Management Committee at the end of 2011, she has continued to assist the committee in a variety of ways. She supports every program we offer and is actively involved with most.

Esther has always supported the WAATI Student Exchange Program, having her school and students host Italian students during winter each year and then sending students to Italy for eight weeks over summer. As an involved teacher, Esther always willingly offers her time and assistance at the various briefings and events held throughout the year involving both Italian students being hosted in WA and sending WA students to Italy. With WAATI's updated website, it was decided to put the exchange forms online. Esther willingly offered her IT skills and was instrumental in making the online registration happen, streamlining the process, thus making it easier for teachers, families and also the Exchange Program Coordinator. Esther has frequently been called upon to troubleshoot when there are problems.

Esther is a strong advocate for Languages education and is a hardworking, passionate teacher of Italian. As such, another area where she has contributed heavily to WAATI has been in Professional Learning. Esther has been a frequent presenter for PL events, particularly in the Secondary field, and is always willing to share with other teachers on a wide variety of topics. Her lively, informative presentations are well-received by participants at PL events. Esther works collaboratively with other presenters and participants and over the years has contributed to developing resource materials for teachers to use.

Esther is a quiet, unassuming, reliable member of our association who, over the years, has consistently contributed greatly in many ways to further the aims of our association, whether as a committee member or otherwise, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

Mr John Exeter

**WAESPPA – Western Australian Education Support
Principals and Administrators' Association Inc.**



It is my pleasure to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of John Exeter to both the West Australia Education Support sector and to the Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators' Association.

In the area of Special Education, John is held in high regard amongst his peers. John was instrumental in the foundation of the Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrator Association Inc. in 1993 and was more recently recognised as a Life Member of the Association. John has held returning office bearer positions within the association and has been actively involved for more than 20 years. He has contributed greatly to WAESPPA becoming the highly respected association it is today.

John has consistently demonstrated his commitment to students with special educational needs and has helped them to take their place in the community. John is passionate in his belief that all children can learn and has dedicated his teaching career to the development of innovative educational programs that meet the needs of every child.

John's fascination with researching new and inspiring ways to improve education for special needs students led him to establish Conductive Education (CE) in Western Australia. His enthusiasm, passion and belief in this program were instrumental in the development of CE in the early years, and continue to the present day.

John has an entrepreneurial spirit and in 2009 encouraged the then Carson Street School Council to apply for the first roll out of the innovative Independent Public School (IPS) strategy. The application was successful and as one of only two IPS Education Support Schools at this time, John was in a position to influence the growth and development of Independent Public Schools in WA.

John has continually demonstrated collaborative leadership qualities. He has mentored many peers and has worked to inspire others over his career. He has made a positive contribution towards enhancing educational outcomes for students with special needs and in supporting the members of the Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators' Association.

It is with great respect and pride that we acknowledge John as a valued colleague and vital contributor to our Association members, our students and to our sector.

Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

WAMGLTA – Western Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers Association

If not for the efforts of Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis over many years, the teaching and status of Modern Greek in this state would be close to non-existent.

From co-authoring the original SEA Modern Greek syllabus in the late 1980s to championing the inclusion of Modern Greek in the State's list of prioritised languages, Angela has been instrumental to the promotion and advancement of Greek in this state. She also had input into the National Languages Policy. She has ensured that Greek attained TEE status and served as Chair and Moderator for Modern Greek. In a voluntary capacity for the last 13 years as Director of the Centre for the Greek Language, Angela co-ordinated and arranged for annual examinations from Greece to be available for students of Greek in WA.

Her involvement in instigating the WAMGLTA is further evidence of her contribution to education in this state. Single-handedly she initiated the establishment of the association and is its driving force. Organising a constitution, consulting with various stakeholders and colleagues about the association, and being chosen by her peers to Chair the association is evidence of her commitment and the high regard in which she is held by fellow educators.

Angela would be a more than worthy recipient of the PTCWA's Annual Outstanding Professional Services Award.



Mrs Barb Lippiatt

WASLA – Western Australian School Library Association Inc.

Barb has been the West Australian School Library Association's (WASLA) Executive Officer since 2015. In this role she manages the operations side of what is essentially a volunteer organisation. Barb organises and assists in the running of after-school professional development (PD) sessions, half- and full-day seminars, the WASLA Library Conference and the biennial combined conference with AISWA. In this role she manages the Try Booking system, ensures that attendees receive certificates of attendance and any other information or resources as a result of the PD. She also organises and sources hospitality for PD sessions and the WASLA AGM. Barb is also a current member of the WASLA committee and manages the Association's Relief Roster for Schools. She also works with the Website Manager and the Treasurer to ensure the smooth running of the Association.

Barb is a dedicated professional who willingly shares her knowledge and keeps the WASLA Committee members up to date with information from the Professional Teaching Council WA. She is a behind-the-scenes person who has made and continues to make an outstanding contribution to school libraries and schools on many levels and is a vital member of the education community in Western Australia. Barb 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 PD. We could not do without her energy and tireless work ethic.



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ASSOCIATIONS

A2E2

Australian Association for Environmental Education

AARE

Australian Association for Religious Education Inc. (WA)

AASE (WA)

Australian Association for Special Education Inc. (WA)

ABODA

Australian Band and Orchestra Directors Association (WA)

ACE

Australian College of Educators (WA Branch)

ACEL

Australian Council of Educational Leaders

ACHPER

Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation

ArtED

Art Education Association of Western Australia

AECA

Australian Early Childhood Association

AHAWA

Ancient History Teachers Association

AISSWA

Association of Independent Schools WA Libraries Section

ALEA (WA)

Australian Literacy Educators Association (WA)

APIS (WA)

Association for Philosophy in Schools

ASME (WA)

Australian Society for Music Education (Inc) WA

CEAWA

Career Education Association of Western Australia (Inc)

CLTAWA

Chinese Language Teachers' of Western Australia (Inc.)

DATTA

Design and Technology Teachers Association
DRAMAWEST DramaWest (Inc.)

ECAWA

Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

ECTAWA

Early Childhood Teachers Association

ETAWA (Economics)

Economic Teachers' Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

ETAWA (English)

English Teachers Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

EYES

Early Years in Education Society

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 Schools' Counsellors Association

JLTWA

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 Education Institute

MYCF

Meerlinga Young Children's Foundation

OWC

One World Centre

PLEA (WA)

Political and Legal Educators Association (WA)

PTA (WA)

Primary Teachers' Association of Western Australia

SEAWA

Society and Environment Association of Western Australia

SPERA

Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (Inc.)

STAWA

Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

TAGWA

Teachers' Association for German

TOFA

French Teachers' Association of Western Australia

WAATA

The West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants Inc.

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

WAIER

Western Australian Institute for Educational Research

WAMGLTA

Western Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers Association

WAPPA

Western Australian Primary Principals Association

WASLA

Western Australian School Library Association

WASSEA

Western Australian Secondary School Executives' Association

WATESOL

Western Australian 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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