

Inaugural PTCWA

*Outstanding Professional Service Awards
& Media Award*



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PTCWA

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

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

PTCWA Objectives

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

A Voice for the Profession

PTCWA is the state council representing peak bodies of the professional education associations in Western Australia. It provides a state voice for West Australian teachers and educators in ALL systems.

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

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

PTCWA's website provides a centralized listing of all professional education associations in WA. Links are maintained so that interested persons can make direct contact with association management.

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Outstanding Professional Service Awards

Welcome by the President Ms Anne Tumak
The Hon Peter Collier MLC "Teachers' Professionalism"
Mr Graham Mabury " Teachers and the Community"
Presenter Mr Graham Mabury OAM, Cit.WA

Commemorative Award presented to Ms Mary-Jane Whitehead
Commemorative Award presented to Dr Marie Martin
Certificate of Appreciation presented to Dr Robyn White
Media Award presented to Mr Hugh Mackay OAM

Presentation of **Outstanding Professional Service Awards**



The Hon Peter Collier BA., Dip Ed (W Aus). MLC
Shadow Minister for Education and Training

Peter Collier was born and raised in Kalgoorlie. He attended North Kalgoorlie Primary School and Eastern Goldfields Senior High School. Peter completed his tertiary studies in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Diploma in Education from the University of Western Australia.

Peter has taught at several schools including John Curtin Senior High School, Lesmurdie Senior High School, Presbyterian Ladies College and Scotch College. At Scotch College, where he taught from 1990-2004 he was Head of Department: History and Political and Legal Studies, Head of Ross House and Head of Tennis (including coach of the First VIII). Peter has served on many state and federal committees including the National Expert Advisory Committee on School Drug Education and the Western Australia Youth Advisory Committee.

Since being elected to Parliament in 2005 Peter has held a range of portfolios in the areas of Communication, Science, Heritage, Training and Higher Education, Works and Services. He has been a very active Shadow Minister for Education and Training since April 2006.



Graham Mabury O.A.M., B.A. (Hons), Dip Ed., FECU,
2002 W.A. Citizen of the Year for Community Service

Graham Mabury graduated from the University of Western Australia with a B.A. (Honours) with a music major and his Dip Ed. From a position of Acting Senior Master of Music at Churchlands SHS, Graham moved through secondary school teaching to special programmes working with youth - designing and implementing rehabilitation programmes, public speaking on youth issues and working with homeless young people.

In 1987 Graham was the inaugural Chairman of the Living Stone Foundation, which was renamed "Lifeline" in recent years. "Lifeline" is the collective services of the Foundation, and includes 24 hour telephone counselling, Crisis Support, Dads@Lifeline (formerly Lone Fathers Family Support Service) Santa's Workshop, New Links - for the lonely, a Resource Programme, plus Life Skills Seminars for around 3,000 secondary school students.

Graham has been presenter of 6PR's Nightline program for the past 23 years, something of a record for commercial radio. During this time it has become the most successful local night-time radio programme in Perth.

Graham is Senior Pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and was a member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Offenders, Advisory Committee of the Secondary Education Authority, and the St. John of God Board of Ethics. He is currently a Board member for the South Perth Zoological Gardens, a member of the Institute for the Service Professionals Advisory Board at Edith Cowan University and is also invited each year to be a guest lecturer in leadership and management at Curtin University's School of Business.

PTCWA *Commemorative Award*

Presented to *Ms Mary-Jane Whitehead*

in recognition of her contributions and leadership in education in Western Australia, and, in particular, the establishment of the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations.

Mary-Jane is a woman with a strong belief in teachers and teaching, the importance of professional associations and the power of a combined voice. Mary-Jane, with Robin Pascoe and Alan Blagaich, had worked to set up Arts Accord, an umbrella association of visual arts, dance, drama, music and media professional associations through which funding was procured as part of the National Professional Development Project to support teachers in their use of the Student Outcome Statements.

Mary-Jane had been working in the Curriculum Policy Branch of the Education Department and had volunteered to maintain its database of professional associations. The Department, at that time, provided some funding to some professional associations to support them in providing professional development to teachers. But, for Mary-Jane there were injustices in the funding arrangements, the expectations of the Department and the way in which professional associations were treated.

Through her interstate association contacts, Mary-Jane knew that there was a joint council of professional associations in Victoria and saw the potential and power of having a united voice in WA. Mary-Jane sent out invitations to all professional associations to talk about ways in which professional associations might work more effectively together. At the initial meeting on 23 March 1994, a working party was formed to draw up a draft operational charter. Eventually, associations agreed to form an Affiliation of Professional Education Associations.

Mary-Jane led never-ending petitions to the Education Department and Ministers for Education for funding for APEA. By 1996, funding through NPDP was ending, but there was a little left over. Mary-Jane campaigned to have that funding given to the establishment of an office for APEA. This was given and APEA appeared to be on its way.

Much has happened since. But the birth of PTCWA and all that it has achieved was in 1993 - and the mother was Mary-Jane Whitehead.

PTCWA Commemorative Award

Presented to *Dr Marie Martin*

In recognition of her contributions and leadership in education in Western Australia, and, in particular, the establishment of, and continuing support, for the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations and the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia.

The Professional Teaching Council of WA (PTCWA) first saw the light of day as the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations in the early 1990s. The catalyst for its emergence was the need for teacher associations to combine, work together and have a strong teacher-led voice in the decision-making process for allocating the money made available through the federally-funded National Professional Development Program (NPDP).

Marie Martin was an enthusiastic respoondee on behalf of Meerilinga to the call for associations to work together. The affiliation was modelled on similar associations already existing in Victoria and New South Wales. She became an active member of the small working party that lobbied and negotiated successfully for start-up funding, premises, a paid executive officer, status and support from the education systems. APEA became incorporated and part of a national affiliation of like bodies.

In 1997 Marie was elected to the position of Convenor of APEA, a position she held with distinction for some years. She negotiated its passage through the financial drought that followed the end of the NPDP and held it together through rough times until it morphed into its current incarnation as PTCWA.

PTCWA Certificate of Appreciation

presented to *Dr Robyn White*, Principal, Perth Modern School

In appreciation of her support for Professional Education Associations in Western Australia through making available the Perth Modern school premises for numerous professional development and networking activities conducted by the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations and the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia.

PTCWA Media Award

presented to *Mr Hugh Mackay* OAM

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia Media Award has been established to acknowledge a person or persons in the media industry for their positive portrayal of the work of teachers and schools, and their recognition of the value to the community of teaching as a profession. This person will have contributed positively to the public's perception of the significance of teaching as a profession, through news stories, presentations, interviews or articles.



Hugh Mackay is presented with this Inaugural Media Award for his clear, concise review and analysis of the teaching profession in relation to demonstrating the flaws linking teacher's pay to performance. His article 'Tying Teachers' Pay to Performance is Flawed', published in *The West Australian* on April 21st 2007, made comparisons with industry executives and their pay rates and performance comparisons.

Hugh Mackay is a psychologist, social researcher, and the author of eleven books, including four bestsellers in the field of social analysis and four novels. In recognition of his pioneering work in social research, he has been awarded honorary doctorates by Charles Sturt, Macquarie and New South Wales Universities. He is a fellow of the Australian

Psychological Society and received the University of Sydney's 2004 Alumni Award for community service.

A former deputy chairman of the Australia Council for the Arts, he is currently an adjunct professor in the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics. He writes a weekly column for the *Sun-Herald* and *The West Australian*, and occasionally for the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age. He is also a frequent broadcaster on ABC Radio. His latest book is *Advance Australia ... Where?*, was published in September 2007 by Hachette.

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Outstanding Professional Service Awards

Reverend Ted Witham

Australian Association for Religious Education Inc (WA) (AARE WA)

Reverend Ted Witham has been a member of the AARE since 1976 and has held offices including WA Secretary (1980 – 1982); National Conference Secretary (1982); WA President (1983 – 1985); WA Treasurer (1999 – 2002) and more recently as National Secretary (2000 – 2004) and National President (2004 – 2006). Ted convened the National Conference hosted in Perth in 1982 and was instrumental in conducting the National Conferences in 1994 and 2006.

Whether holding an executive position or not, Ted has continued to serve on the Association Committee and always made himself available to lead or support in whatever way is required. Ted has brought to the Association a level of knowledge, experience and drive that is difficult to match.

His professional experience has ranged from serving as Chaplain at Hale School (1976), Christ Church Grammar School (1978-1985) and St George's College (1995 – 1996). From 1999 to 2003, he served as the Executive Director of The Churches' Commission on Education (YouthCARE WA). Ted commenced his role as Religious Education Consultant in 1996 and continues to this day. He lectured in Religious Education at the Anglican Institute of Theology & Religious Education (1997 – 1999), served as Sessional Lecturer in Religious Education at Perth College of Divinity, Murdoch University (2001 – 2005) and continues to act as an on-call consultant for the Curriculum Council of WA, on the Religion and Life course of study.

Ted continues to serve the Association and its charter through his writing and editorials in various media outlets. It is difficult to think of a more worthy candidate for this inaugural award.

Ms Stephanie Gaunt

Australian Association for Special Education Inc (WA) (AASE WA)

Stephanie Gaunt has been a member of the Australian Association for Special Education, WA Chapter, since the early 1990s. She has been a quiet and invaluable contributor to the promotion of the AASE philosophy of quality education for all and has provided enthusiastic support to all AASE activities.

Stephanie has held a variety of positions on successive AASE WA Committees, as Vice President, Secretary, and National Councillor. She was part of the Planning Committee for the very successful AASE National Conference held in Perth in 2000 and as coordinator of the Professional Development Committee organized numerous professional breakfasts and state conferences over the years.

In addition, Stephanie's very significant contribution has been the work she has done for the

publication of the AASE WA Newsletter. The Newsletter is a valuable and much appreciated service to members. Stephanie wrote articles, cajoled contributions from others, set up the pages, negotiated with printers, printed, enveloped and posted the copies to members.

Her outstanding contribution to the Australian Association of Special Education has been much appreciated by each committee on which she has served and by all the members of AASE WA Chapter.

Ms Thelma Cluning

Art Education Association of Western Australia (AEAWA)

Thelma Cluning has participated in a variety of leadership roles in the Art Education Association of WA, in addition to being a supportive member for over 25 years.

She has represented the Association on many committees, forums, education task forces and interstate conferences. As President Thelma has encouraged and participated in, rigorous analysis of the implementation of Visual Arts and Design Courses of Study. She produced the Association Journal for four years and has provided support and guidance to others in their roles within the Executive.

Thelma is totally committed to the promotion of quality Art Education in Western Australia and continues to work hard to facilitate positive outcomes at all times.

Mr Alec Kanganas

Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA WA)

Alec Kanganas is currently the Deputy Principal of the Intensive Language Centre at Highgate Primary School. He has been a teacher in the ESL department of Highgate for almost 20 years, in a variety of roles from mainstream teacher, ESL teacher, to Deputy and Principal.

He has been a member of ALEA – formerly the Reading Association – for 18 years. He has been a committee member of ALEA – Perth Local Council – since 1994 (four years as President). During that time he has worked tirelessly in the promotion of the Association and its work which is to provide quality professional development to teachers to improve the outcomes for all students

As a committee member he has been involved in organizing monthly seminars at State and National Conferences. Alec has presented many seminars himself, the latest being 'My Read', a department technology publication showing the 'Four Roles of the Reader'. He has presented this a number of times and it has been such a popular Professional Development opportunity. He has coordinated the ALEA stand at all state and national conferences where he promotes ALEA publications and merchandise.

Alec is currently the State Director for ALEA (Perth) and represents our Council at National meetings. He ensures that Perth has input into the organization of national events and changes to our constitutions. Alec is a most worthy recipient of this inaugural Award and we congratulate him and wish him well for the future.

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Dr Stephan Millett

Association for Philosophy in Schools (APIS)

Dr Stephan Millett has kept the Philosophy in Schools idea alive in Western Australia for a number of years. His contribution in providing professional development and commitment to the association has ensured its survival. Stephan has been the public face of the association for a number of years.

Mr Kent Miller Logie

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

Kent Miller Logie trained as a primary teacher. After an appointment in Perth, he taught for some years in New Guinea - he was a school principal in Lae. On his return to WA, he joined DET and became a Music Area Resource Teacher in the mid 1970s. As a MART, he had a circuit of schools and team taught music with the classroom teachers to upgrade their skills. In 1977, he went to Curtin University as a lecturer in Music Education, and stayed there until he retired about 25 years later.

Kent was Chair of the Australian Society for Music Education from 1989-1991 and stood down to take on the role of convenor for the 1993 National Conference that was held in Perth.

Kent was Conference Convenor for the recent ASME conference held in July this year, despite undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment for cancer during the three years of planning. Being convenor for two conferences is quite unique and was a tremendous service to ASME.

Kent is still involved in music education and conducts a community choir.

Ms Dell Trainer

Business Educators of Western Australia (Inc) (BEWA)

Dell Trainer established the Commercial Teachers Association, which was later to become BEWA, in 1965. She developed the Annual Examinations in Shorthand, Typewriting and late Accounting and Business Information Systems. She remains involved in the administration of these examinations.

Since her retirement from active teaching in 1990, Dell has held the position of Administration Assistant for BEWA, liaising between members, non-members, and schools for the organization of regular term newsletters, seminars and workshops, BEWA Annual Exams and all administration relating to the handling of annual membership fees and lists. The work that Dell undertakes on behalf of BEWA is of great assistance, and lightens the load of the BEWA Committee.

Mr Mike Callaghan

Design and Technology Teachers Association (DATTA)

Mike Callaghan started his teaching career as a teacher at Carnarvon Senior High School in 1979, having trained and worked as an electrician in his earlier life. He moved to Perth and has taught at a number of eastern metropolitan schools. In all of those schools he was respected, both by students and staff, as a capable and dedicated teacher.

His earlier connection with DATTA, apart from being a member, was with his assistance in producing the DATTA Magazine. When he moved to Mt Lawley Senior High School he became very active in DATTA, he joined the executive and then became President. Half way through his presidency he made the decision to retire from teaching, but was determined to continue on with his other activities in the promotion of Design and Technology and its role in the education of Western Australian children.

Mike has been working determinedly with Engineering Australia to advance the position of D&T in the community and has launched himself head first into the new course of study for Engineering Studies

He has worked tirelessly on the sorting out of Outcomes Based Education for D&T teachers, he has shared much of his own programs of work through workshops, he was a key member of the Value Added Quest committee and is now presently working on getting D&T technicians into government schools.

Ms Mary Vajda

Early Childhood Teachers' Association (ECTA)

Mary Vajda has been an active member and committee member of the Early Childhood Teachers' Association (ECTA) for over 20 years and has spent the last four years as editor of the ECTA magazine. This magazine is a 20 page publication that is produced five times per year, and is the main forum of communication to over 140 ECTA members working in the early childhood field throughout WA. The magazine contains interesting articles and websites relating to early childhood education, ECE advertisements, EC graduate teacher awards, ECTA grant opportunities, book reviews, research articles and articles of classroom practice submitted by members. Mary works in a full time capacity in the Early Childhood Studies Program at Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley, Perth.

Inaugural PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Awards



Ms Viola Galatis

Early Years in Education Society (EYES)

The Early Years in Education Society has great pleasure in nominating Vi Galatis for an Outstanding Professional Service Award since she was an inaugural member involved in the formation of the association and has remained an active committee member since our inception in 1984. She has always given dedicated service to the association and is a mentor in an unobtrusive but highly effective manner. Her influence and support of the philosophy, principles and goals of the society make her contribution to the members of great value by providing quality professional leadership.

Her guidance and advocacy extends to all Early Childhood Teachers who have attended annual conferences, seminars and workshops organized by the society. Vi's contribution to the society is an excellent example of a valued and meaningful interaction of outstanding significance.

Vi is often the initiator of new directions, one of which was the annual Small Action Research Grant, provided by EYES to give practical help for members in their daily work.

The society welcomes the opportunity to recognize Miss Viola Galatis for her exceptional contribution to the Early Years in Education Society and to education in Western Australia.

Mr Lachlan McKinnon

Geographical Association of Western Australia (Inc) (GAWA)

Lachlan McKinnon has supported GAWA and Geography teaching in Western Australia for more than 20 years. He has served with distinction as Vice President and President at both the state and national levels. Involved in the organisation of the 1996 Australian Geography Teacher's Association' national conference in Perth, he was a member of the organising committee, presented a workshop at the conference and organised and led the study tour of the Wheatbelt to Merredin.

Lachlan has also been editor of the *"Bulletin"*; established and coordinated the Joe Gentilli Award in its inaugural years. He has been a speaker at TEE revision seminars and a member of conference organising committees.

He has also found the time to write a number of study manuals which have been published by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy as well as Student's Study guides to the Geography TEE with answers to TEE papers for 1991 to 2000.

Ms Noemi Reynolds

Mathematical Association of WA (MAWA)

Noemi Reynolds' commitment to the profession and to the Mathematical Association of Western Australia is truly commendable. She has taken on a number of different roles within the Association during her long involvement on the Committee, as well as representing the Association and the membership ably on consultative committees shaping the future of mathematics education in this state. Noemi has also represented MAWA and its members on a national basis through her involvement on the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers Committee.

Noemi took on the leadership of MAWA at a difficult time and has capably guided it through the period of significant uncertainty that always accompanies proposals for change. She has maintained its strength and the support of its members throughout this time as well as being instrumental in the extensive rewriting of our Constitution in order to meet our legal requirements. Noemi freely gives of her time to the Association and her focus is always on what is best for mathematics education and mathematics teachers, which has typified her work with MAWA and made her a highly valued member of MAWA's leadership team.

Ms Clare Buising

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

Clare Buising has been an outstanding contributor to the Modern Language Teachers Association and its associated unilingual associations for over twenty years.

In the past 10 years she has served on the Executive Committee in the positions of President, Past President and is currently the Treasurer of MLTAWA.

Clare's commitment to MLTAWA recently culminated in her role as a key organiser of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Association (AFMLTA) biennial national conference. Clare was the speaker coordinator who over a two year period of voluntary work put together a comprehensive and challenging academic program. Clare was also Treasurer of this conference, during which the MLTAWA accounted for funds in excess of \$130,000. For a small association this is a huge accomplishment, done so under the guidance of Clare.

Clare is one of Western Australia's foremost educators in the languages field and readily gives her time to mentor new teachers. She actively promotes the work of professional associations, describing it as a professional responsibility to become involved and engaged meaningfully with colleagues for the good of the profession. She contributes to all MLTAWA publications providing the academic content desired by so many teachers. This is both time consuming and challenging work.

Clare would be a worthy recipient for this award having contributed over 35 years of her life to educating the young people in this state and many of these years as a volunteer within a professional association. She is yet to be recognized for her outstanding, tireless volunteer work.



Ms Ros Marshall

Political and Legal Educators Association (WA) (PLEAWA)

Ros Marshall has been the mainstay of this Professional Association. She has worked conscientiously for teachers and students of Political & Legal Studies.

As secretary of this Professional Association, Ros has taken on the tasks of minute taker of meetings, organiser of Professional Learning, banker, caterer, exam organiser and the many other duties involved in being a volunteer.

Ms Val Baird

Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA)

Val Baird is currently Treasurer of the Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations (AJCPTA), the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA), and the Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (ECAWA). She is Editor of the ECAWA journal *Login*, Joint Project Manager for the AJCPTA /PTCWA's National Values Education for Australian Schools projects, and coordinator of the AJCPTA's Promoting Professional Learning Project.

Val's encyclopaedic knowledge, willingness, perceptiveness, good and sensible advice are greatly valued, and she provides mentoring support to numerous colleagues. She provides specific professional learning opportunities for association executives, and general professional development for classroom teachers. She recently presented highly acclaimed sessions at both state and national conferences.

Val's commitment and her contribution to professional education associations at both state and national levels is awesome. She has served four years on the committee of ECAWA, including a previous term as their Treasurer and three years on their Conference Committee. She served seven years on the committee of the Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA) – two years as Treasurer and five as President; and was Chair of the School Library (all sectors) Conference 1997-2000. At the national level she was on the Executive of the Australian School Library Association (ASLA) for five years, including two as Treasurer. As Webmaster of the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations (APEA), now the PTCWA website, her role included assisting and training members of other associations in developing, building and maintaining their websites. Her skills in this area have been applied to the design and development of the AJCPTA website which serves as a national repository for the association's records and activities.

Val is committed to building and maintaining viable and active professional associations. She cares deeply about education, her students, her colleagues and the community in general. Perceptive of the larger picture as well as of the finer details she has always managed change in a consultative, collaborative and particularly effective fashion.

Enthusiastic, committed and always available to assist a student or colleague at the point of need, Val has earned their respect and appreciation. She was chosen as Teacher Librarian of the Year for 2005 by WASLA and voted Educator of the Year by ECAWA in 2005. It is fitting that this quiet achiever, who has contributed so much to so many associations on a voluntary basis, should receive the Inaugural Outstanding Professional Service Award from PTCWA. Val Baird epitomises the caring, hard working professional for whose recognition these awards are designed.

Dr Donna Brandes

Regional Association for Student Centred Learning (RASCL)

In 1992 Donna Brandes formed an organization in Western Australia based on her many years of successful teacher practice, called the Regional Association for Student Centred Learning (RASCL). This has developed and fostered Student Centred pedagogy through an annual conference over the last 15 years.

Dr Donna Brandes as the founder of RASCL, has had a major impact on educational practices in Western Australia. She has worked closely with all committee members to ensure that the organization and annual conference maintains direction and continues to aspire to promote Student Centred Learning. Through RASCL, teachers come to understand both the philosophy and practicalities of using student-centred methods which ensure that all students are involved in planning, organising and evaluating the required curriculum. She willingly hosts the meetings in her home and is always available for consultation, as well as providing five inspirational books about these methods.

Donna has been an inspiration to all who work with her and we take great pleasure in nominating her for this award.

Mr Geoff Lewis

Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia (Inc) (STAWA)

Geoff Lewis is an active, loyal member of STAWA and has been for over twenty years. He has served on the STAWA Council as Vice President and Convenor of the annual conference of STAWA, CONSTAWA. Geoff has either held the Convenor role or participated on the management committee for fifteen of his twenty years service to STAWA. Through his leadership as CONSTAWA Convenor, Geoff has made it possible for STAWA to provide science teachers across the state with the opportunity to engage in professional learning and professional networking. Geoff was instrumental in the success of the national conference, CONASTA, held in Perth in 2000 and continues to lead in the organization of the annual Council Dinner. Geoff's efforts, anything is possible attitude and generosity of spirit make him an ideal recipient of an Outstanding Professional Service Award.

"Geoff is an outstanding science educator. His passion for physics and chemistry is clearly seen in every lesson he teaches. Geoff is always enthusiastic, a great mentor to young teachers and is always keen on an explosion." Jodie Rybicki, Co-Convenor CONSTAWA 2008 and past first year out teacher with Geoff)

Geoff's work goes beyond the classroom as demonstrated by his involvement in the activities of STAWA, particularly his commitment to the annual conference, CONSTAWA. As Convenor, Geoff has been responsible in organising and communicating with Curtin, Muresk Campus, venue and accommodation, the catering staff for food and in taking personal responsibility for providing drinks for social occasions. He has lead management teams, volunteer members, in a way that has inspired them to continue in their roles for many years and in taking up new leadership roles within STAWA.



Fulvia Valvasori

Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI)

Fulvia Valvasori began her teaching career in 1974, displaying great vitality and enthusiasm towards the promotion and growth of Languages, in particular Italian. This genuine dedication and commitment to her language teaching has seen her serve for twenty consecutive years on the WAATI committee, holding a great number of positions on this professional association committee: President (eight years); Vice President (four years); Secretary (one year); Exchange Coordinator (fifteen years, many of these concurrently with role of President); Assistant to the Exchange Coordinator (two years); and Caterer.

She has often contributed in a practical manner by providing articles to the WAATI newsletter. Other roles she has taken on such as the MLTAWA Unilingual Representative (twelve years) and Syllabus Committee Representative (sixteen years) have enabled Fulvia to make important and worthwhile contributions to the education of Italian and Language learning in general.

This in-depth and lengthy involvement has enabled her to impart much valuable experience and knowledge to all members, both on and off the committee. At the same time, she also embraces new ideas and suggestions with a positive and eager attitude, for always at the forefront is her genuine desire to see WAATI as an association that is always more relevant to as many of its members as possible.

Fulvia's commitment to ensuring that WAATI remains an important 'vehicle' of learning for its members, led her to establish the first Italian Teachers' Conference in 2004. Under Fulvia's guidance, expertise and boundless energy, the WAATI committee provided a number of very worthwhile professional learning workshops and as a result of its huge success, two more similar conferences have since been held and both very well attended. She also established ties with the Cassamarca Foundation in Italy and arranged for both Student and Teacher Scholarships in 2002.

Fulvia is always willing to volunteer her time and share knowledge of the Italian language and its culture, as well as the teaching and learning strategies of our profession, with others. This could be through the professional development workshops presented by WAATI or through private publications, such as Heinemann, where Fulvia has often been asked to provide constructive feedback on its textbooks and resources.

Fulvia's on-going commitment of an up-to-date association extends itself into the area of IT. As part of the Intercultural/ WAATI Exchange programme, all forms and information are now issued via the internet creating a more efficient and less cumbersome workload for all involved. This international exchange involves both a hosting and sending programme and under Fulvia's guidance this year (2007) hosted a record number of 46 Italian teenagers in West Australian schools for eight weeks. In December she will be escorting 26 students to Italy and will coordinate their orientation as well as hold meetings with the Intercultural Directors.

Over the many years, Fulvia has shown relentless enthusiasm, a genuine commitment and has contributed endless hours to the promotion and growth of an association that works for the benefit of all Italian teachers of Western Australia: WAATI. She is truly an inspiration for all teachers of Languages in Western Australia and is a worthy recipient of this award.

Ms Jenny Cole

Western Australian Education Support Principals' Association (WAESPA)

Jenny Cole is an inspirational leader. She has worked tirelessly in education for 18 years as a teacher, principal, advocate for students with high support needs and for the past 5 years as President of the WA Education Support Principals and Administrators Association.

Jenny has mentored both her staff and individuals aspiring to leadership roles. She is supportive, inclusive, dedicated and inspirational.

Jenny's dedication to education is her passion and because of this she gives her time unreservedly. Together with her deep knowledge and advocacy, Jenny has ensured the profile of Education Support within DET through her views, opinions and advice and these are well sought after.

Her personable and professional approach is highly regarded amongst her colleagues and peers – she tirelessly and purposefully advocates on behalf of her sector. As a direct result of her leadership and with the support of her executive, there has been a significant increase in the membership of the association over the past few years.

Jenny understands big picture issues including the wider issues confronting parents/carers and families – highlighted in the past 12 months by strengthening the links between organisations, families and schools by being asked as an Australian Special Education Principals' Association representative to present at the Australian Council of State School Organisations' national conference on Disability into the Future and organising meetings with Siblings Australia to support the needs of families in the disability sector.

As President of WAESPAA – Jenny has not only placed the agenda of the education support sector firmly on the table of DET she has raised its profile in both state and federal government arenas.

Dr Susan Beltman

Western Australian Institute for Educational Research (WAIER)

Dr Susan Beltman has been a member of the institute and its executive committee since 1998. Her outstanding and significant professional contribution to education and to the institute has been demonstrated by ensuring the seamless and effective administrative management of the institute's executive operations.

This is exemplified through her recent role in the management of a review and subsequent improvements of the procedures associated with the planning and conduct of the Institute's Annual Forum. Commenced in 2003, Dr Beltman collaboratively identified and documented the business, administrative and management processes associated with the planning and conduct of the Annual Forum. The outcome has been the financial stability, and effective planning and management of the Forum. This has ensured that the forum continues to provide a valuable opportunity for early career researchers to present the results of their research.

Her outstanding contribution is evidenced through her conscientious attention to detail and her consultative manner ensuring that all members of are kept fully informed of the work of the executive and value of the Institute to its members.



Ms Anette Ainsworth

Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA)

Anette Ainsworth has made a significant contribution to the school library community over many years. She is highly regarded both in Western Australia and nationally as a dedicated and visionary teacher and colleague. Anette's forward thinking has resulted in the introduction of many exciting strategies that have raised the professionalism of WASLA and provided advocacy for the role of teacher librarians in Western Australia. One of her valuable contributions in Western Australia has been to the many teacher librarians and library support staff who have benefited from her mentorship, support and assistance over the years.

Her enthusiasm and passion to promote the role of teacher librarians has been an inspiration to our members. In taking on the role of President of the Australian School Library Association in 2006, Anette demonstrated her commitment to building and maintaining viable and active professional associations at many levels.

Ms Belinda Stewart

Western Australian Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Inc (WATESOL)

Belinda Stewart joined the WATESOL committee in 2004; and has since then held a range of strategic positions. Belinda has, on a number of occasions, taken on key positions at short notice, when circumstances dictated that committee members had to step down, and has, on occasions, held two committee positions simultaneously. (Secretary (2004-2005), Editor of TESOL Links (2005-2006), Editor and President in 2006 and as A/Treasurer and President in 2007) Belinda has been specifically involved in writing letters on behalf of members to David Wood, CEO of the Curriculum Council; reviewing proposals for research to utilise WATESOL-generated funds; writing submissions for EALD courses of study Teachers' jury and for the Human Rights Bill in WA Parliament; and the delivery of Professional Development for WATESOL members.

Belinda is to be commended firstly for her enthusiasm and energy in the pursuit of serving the members of the organisation. Her commitment and dedication in an increasingly demanding profession, is worthy of reward.

Ms Karen Bailey

Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (WILTA)

President of the Westralian Language Teachers' Association (WILTA) since 1997, Karen Bailey has been the driving force that has built the association from a small network of teachers to a dynamic professional association that is recognised and respected locally, nationally and internationally. As President of WILTA, Karen was dedicated to promoting and further developing Indonesian language programs in Western Australian schools. Karen's commitment to effecting quality change in Languages Education programs, support documents and policy direction is legendary; as is her drive to introduce innovative projects and see them through to fruition.

Karen continues to ensure the provision of quality professional development opportunities for WILTA members and the free communication of issues and ideas, through the WILTA Committee, workshops both in Perth and in Bali, teacher and student exchanges, the establishment and continuing maintenance of the WILTA Web Site, email lists, and her regular contributions to WILTA's newsletter.

Karen's work has been integral in creating a positive and proactive teaching association and she is a worthy nominee for PCTWA's Outstanding Professional Service Award. Professional Associations.

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