



PTCWA
Outstanding Professional Service Awards
& Media Awards

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PTCWA is the West 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 co-ordination of shared resourcing and joint planning for members
- To organise such meetings, professional learning and professional development activities, so as to meet the needs of the members and to raise the profile of professional educators and professional education associations in the general community.

The Voice of the Profession

PTCWA is the state council representing peak bodies of the professional education associations in Western Australia. It provides a state voice for West Australian teachers and educators in all systems and has national representation through the Australian 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 W.A.

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

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

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

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PROFESSIONAL TEACHING COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

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 their professional teachers' association. This provides the opportunity for each financial member association of PTCWA to consider the work of their members and nominate a worthy recipient.

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia has as its objective the promotion of professionalism in teaching through an enhancement of the work of professional education associations. It provides a wider context for the work of professional associations through facilitation of networking and communication between individual associations whilst providing a forum for the discussion of broad educational thought and current issues. PTCWA through its membership to the Australian 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 of time as, for example; contributing to the associations publications either at a personal or professional level (eg served as journal editor, have developed teaching resources, have written articles, etc) as a committee member; professional development coordinator; award or accreditation coordinator; website/ICT coordinator; and/or have made an outstanding contribution to the association over an extended period of time through the management of the association and/or association committees.

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PTCWA Media Awards

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

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

The inaugural PTCWA Media Award was presented in 2007 to Mr Hugh Mackay OAM for his article "Tying Teachers' Pay to Performance is Flawed", published in the West Australian April 21st 2007.



PTCWA Media Awards 2011

Community Newspaper Group

The achievements of schools and their staff and students are a vital component of our news coverage at Community Newspaper Group.

Our reporters are always looking for positive stories about their local community and rarely an edition is printed without such a story involving a school.

We are committed to shining the spotlight on moments of success and sustained achievement at schools.

The successes we write about show how integral teachers are to the community. After all, our coverage wouldn't be possible without "good" people and achievements at schools to write about.

Our reporters are proud when it is "one of their teachers" or a student from "one of their schools" that they are writing about.

And we know that among our readers are many past or present students, or parents of students, who share our enthusiasm and delight for all that can be shared as good news about schools, teachers and parents.

2012

Samantha Maiden

National Political Editor

In August 2012, Samantha Maiden's coverage of the Gonski report expressed concerns for how the proposed changes could occur using the new model of funding. Maiden has been following the cash bucket in relation to education for some time, and the issues raised are as yet not resolved, but the public awareness of the issue needs to be held firmly in the spotlight, and able to be scrutinised. Maiden will do that.

Samantha Maiden is listed on the Internet as a National Political Editor for the Sunday Telegraph, Sunday Herald Sun, Sunday Mail and Sunday Times (Perth). At the time of going to press ourselves (PTCWA Awards Committee), contact has not been made with Maiden, but her presence on the Internet is significant, with 13,627 followers on her Twitter page.

PTCWA acknowledges coverage by the media on items of high interest to the public in relation to their children's education, and in particular what is happening in schools and with educators. And for 2012, the PTCWA Media Award goes to Samantha Maiden.



GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Marie Martin Facilitating Conversations



Dr Marie Martin has a long history with professional teaching associations. The National Professional Development Project (1994-1996) brought to associations' attention the need for better networking and communication.

At the time, Marie was working with Meerilinga and space was found there for meetings of the executive officers of the state projects. When the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations was formed in 1995, Meerilinga continued to be home to the new Executive Officer and Marie joined the Management Committee.

In 2001, Marie left Meerilinga to complete her PhD in facilitation and has worked as a facilitator since, including facilitation of position statements and submissions to government enquiries by APEA and PTCWA. Marie also worked with Val Baird coordinating PTCWA's Consumer and Financial Literacy Project and delivered sessions in relation to Working across Generations for several professional associations.



2011 Awards

Ms Elaine Blake

(ACE) - Australian College of Educators (WA)

Elaine Blake has been a committed member of the Australian College of Educators for almost twenty years. Elaine has held the role of Immediate Past President of the Western Australian Branch of ACE for the past three years. She joined ACE in 1995 and joined the committee soon after. She has held the roles of President Elect, President and Immediate Past President for the past nine years. Elaine has proven to be an outstanding committee member and has contributed tirelessly to ACE and its goal to advance the profession through support, networking and research.

Elaine has achieved many important milestones in her time at ACE-WA. She has been the pillar of our annual Fellows Dinner and her organisation of this event has been highly regarded by this prestigious group of members. A major initiative Elaine contributed to through the ACE committee was to recognise and celebrate the Outstanding New Educator of the Year. A major historical account of ACE and its WA legacy was also undertaken during her Presidency.

The Australian College of Educators is extremely grateful for the tireless effort, experience and expertise Elaine has offered to our membership community.

Elaine has made an outstanding contribution to education at many levels and is a vital member of the education community in Western Australia. Her work on the committee of the Australian College of Educators is worthy of recognition in this forum this evening.

Thank you and congratulations Elaine.

Mrs Penny Worthington

AISWA - AISWA Libraries

Penny has made a significant contribution to education in Western Australia. As Head of McCarthy Library at Mazenod College, she has lead and nurtured the development of a contemporary, dynamic, technology rich environment which has learning, literature and the well-being support for the school community as her core principles.

Penny has held a leadership role as President of AISWA School Libraries for the past three years, providing professional learning opportunities for school library professionals. Prior to this Penny was a committee member of AISWA Libraries for three years. Penny was instrumental in her role as President representing AISWA Libraries at the House of Representatives National Inquiry into School Libraries, ensuring that Independent School Libraries perspectives were well represented within the inquiry framework. As President, Penny has streamlined committee procedures and ensured liaison with the WA School Library Association.

Penny has worked on the WA School Library Association (WASLA) for 5-6 years, in a similar capacity, this time as a committee member to improve the quality and advocacy of the library services to all WA schools. On a national and state level, Penny has taken an active role assisting on the Library Conference committees. Penny has given tireless support and leadership to libraries for many years.

Ms Anne Crawcour

(ALEA) - Australian Literacy Educators' Association

Anne joined ALEA Perth Local Council in 2006 when a colleague at Wesley College, also a long standing member of the ALEA committee, invited her to a committee meeting which was held at Wesley College.

Anne, who hails originally from South Africa, is a dedicated teacher of young children. As a committee member there is nothing that Anne wouldn't volunteer her time or service for. She is always the first to 'put her hand up!' She has organised end of year dinners, professional development for ALEA members, seminars and meetings at local venues e.g. 'The Book Caffe' in South Perth. She was instrumental in having her class at Wesley College, with parents, raise funds for our 'Books for Babies' project. It was extremely successful. Anne has delivered books to babies born on International Literacy Day in a number of our major maternity hospitals.

Anne hosts the ALEA meetings at Wesley and is always very organised and helpful. Anne spent her first year on the committee helping organise an ALEA conference. She was then part of the committee when the National Conference was held here in Perth in 2010.

She organised some wonderful Friendship dinners. She has attended National Conferences in Sydney and Brisbane. Anne has been a wonderful asset to ALEA and is a very worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations Anne.

Ms Sue Lalor

(ASME) - Australian Society for Music Education

Sue Lalor has been a member of the Australian Society for Music Education for over 25 years, ten of which she spent on the state council. During that time she has made an invaluable contribution to the Society in WA.

In the early days, Sue helped to write the ASME newsletters as well as the original and later editions of "Stepping In Time," a valuable music resource now in its seventh edition. She helped to sort and to distribute music materials from the state library, some of which were used to set up a borrowing library for music students and teachers at UWA.

Sue continued to organise and present at many professional development workshops locally and nationally. She represented ASME on the steering committee for the Western Australian Curriculum Framework, trialling outcome statements, providing work samples and helping compile these for Curriculum Council publications. She also worked with Drama West as an ASME representative to prepare combined arts programmes and publications.

After two years as ASME Vice-Chair Sue took over the role of Chairperson and during these two years represented ASME WA at national meetings in several other states. Sue also instigated the introduction of a paid administrator for the WA Chapter and organised a highly successful Choral Day, which has become a very popular annual event. Sue also wrote two very successful books to help teachers navigate and use the Outcomes Framework in Music. Sue's intelligence, energy and personality have inspired and guided countless music educators from WA and indeed, all over Australia.

Ms Jieqi Zhang

(CLTAWA) - The Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia

Jieqi Zhang has been a teacher for 19 years and she has served on the Executive Committee of the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of WA since 2005.

Jieqi has made numerous contributions in organizing professional learning seminars for members. She is always available for advice and support, works tirelessly working with Primary Chinese teachers, be it network or students activities to promote the teaching of Chinese in WA.

For many years Jieqi has been one of the co-ordinators of the CLTAWA Pandas Picnic, a Chinese Cultural activities day participated by over 200 primary school students studying Chinese. She has been invaluable in the running of the annual CLTAWA speaking and writing competitions. One of Jieqi's greatest assets is that she provided sound advice for her colleagues and executive team. She proved herself to be an outstanding mentor to new teachers.

In the CLTAWA committee, Jieqi is in charge of media, contributing articles to the Association newsletter and local Chinese Community papers. In July, Jieqi was elected Secretary to the Chinese Language Teachers Federation of Australia.

Jieqi is an accomplished teacher and leader in Chinese education. It is with great pleasure that CLTAWA nominate her for this outstanding Professional Service Award.

Mr Roland Penno

(DATTA WA) - Design and Technology Teachers Association of WA

On behalf of DATTA WA I would like to nominate Roland Penno for the 2011 Outstanding Professional Service Awards. Roland has been essential in maintaining, developing and growing our professional association. DATTA WA over the last few years has been short staffed in many roles and this has led to the point where it could have easily been disbanded. Luckily through the efforts of a few dedicated and long serving active members, DATTA WA has developed to better address members in our rapid technological world. Roland has been instrumental in this process of change to serve the members better.

He has been an executive member for many years, holding numerous positions such as Treasurer, Secretary, DATTA Australia Representative, PTC liaison officer and editor of our E-Journal. Roland is one such person who has devoted himself to DATTA WA, and steered DAATA WA towards the future through his recommendations at meetings and dedicated effort.

I know at times it has been at a great personal cost. Roland has been the key orchestrator for implementing several system level changes and initiatives in DATTA that has strengthened a volunteer based association to become a more sustainable and self-supporting professional association.

Over the last several years as treasurer he has sorted and restructured the financial records and accountability for auditing by managing the books electronically and implementing the recommendations of an auditor. We now currently employ two staff on contract payments to follow up and process finances and receipting etc, and are now in the position to be able to provide the opportunity to employ an association officer with duties of managing the day to day running of DATTA WA. His outstanding daily effort and attention to a standard process with the financial management has allowed DATTA to position themselves in this manner.

He has also streamlined the payments and receipting processes online, he has setup DATTA WA debit cards for several executives as well as establishing and understanding and training for members of the executive to follow set purchasing and recording processes. Through his resourcefulness and liaisons with the outgoing president he has developed job roles and trained employees on contract payments to perform duties of DATTA WA.

This year he has been acting treasurer as well as secretary due to the position being vacant, fulfilling two positions for DATTA WA. As always, he ensures all liaisons and communications are distributed to the executives and all members.

As an active member he researches, informs members and submits proposals. Recently he has co-ordinated the issuing of smart phones to the executives to reduce the workload and improve the response time of pending issues. Meetings and conference calls are now often completed over the phone, saving both time and money for the executive.

This year Roland dedicated many hours toward our annual conference. He managed the setting up, running and management of registration and payments for our annual conference.

This event ran smoothly and was recognised and praised by the members as being a huge success. The registration and payment for this event was all conducted online with Register Now. Roland has now taken this initiative and rolled it out to all professional development being offered by DAATA WA making the workload for all involved including attendees (members) easier.

Mrs Dianne Donovan **(EYES) - Early Years in Education Society**

Dianne Donovan has been an active member of The Early Years in Education Society committee for a number of years. During this time she has proven her commitment to Early Childhood Education through her contributions to regional seminars and workshops, as our University liaison officer and the current conference.

Dianne accepts responsibility and shows initiative in completing all tasks. She is always enthusiastic and willing to take on any new challenge. Despite the demands of family and school she makes the time to read, digest, question and implement new initiatives. She is dedicated to providing a challenging, secure environment for the children she teaches as well as being a dependable and diligent committee member.

Mr Nathan Harvey **(MLTAWA) - Modern Languages Teacher Association WA**

Nathan has had the role of treasurer for the Modern Languages Teachers' Association WA (MLTAWA) since 2010. During this time he has:

- developed the process for the Professional Development Grant available to the single language associations affiliated with the MLTAWA
- contributed to the streamlining of the electronic payment of memberships
- worked on the subcommittee for the refinement of the MLTAWA constitution
- participated in the selection of the recipient of the 2011 Hilde Dixon MLTAWA Award for Outstanding Languages Teachers
- presented at and assisted in the organisation of the MLTAWA's annual conferences
- synthesised member feedback to consultation on National Curriculum
- contributed regularly to the Associations' newsletter

Nathan is the MLTAWA's contact for The Mentoring and Reflecting: Languages Educators and Professional Standards (MoRe LEAPS) project which is managed by the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations (AFMLTA).

In this capacity Nathan works with WA teachers to meet the project's aims of developing accomplished lead teachers of Asian languages by increasing their knowledge and improving their classroom practices to improve student learning, and by building their capacity for mentoring and reflective practice in teaching and learning language.

Nathan is a committed, supportive and innovative HOLA at Willetton SHS.

In recognition of this ongoing commitment to the teaching of languages and support of teachers of Languages, in April 2012, the Japanese Language Teachers Association WA (JLTWA) presented Nathan with their JLTWA Language Teacher Award.

Dr Graeme Lock

(SPERA) -Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia

Associate Professor Graeme Lock is Director of Learning and Teaching in the School of Education and the course coordinator of the Graduate Certificate and Master of Education in Educational Leadership courses at ECU. He is a member of the national executives of the *Australian Teacher Education Association* and an *Executive member of the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia*, and serves on the editorial boards of *The Australian Journal of Teacher Education* and *SCIOS* (the journal of the Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia).

Graeme is the managing editor of the SPERA academic journal, *Australian and International Journal of Rural Education* (formerly *Education in Rural Australia*), one of the few national and international journals that focus on addressing issues, challenges and developments in rural education, and has excelled in this role. The journal has significant international standing due to the research, quality and depth of articles published relating to rural education.

Under Graeme's leadership, *Australian and International Journal of Rural Education* have grown both nationally and internationally. Research has indicated that the journal's mean citation index has increased considerably since 2009 reflecting the journal's improving quality.

Graeme has successfully gained and published high quality articles across a range of investigations relating to different levels of education in rural Australia.

Mrs Jan Mitchell

(STAWA) - Science Teachers Association of Western Australia

Chair- S-KIDS Committee 2005 – 2011 (Science for Kids Day)

Jan Mitchell has been involved in the S-KIDS (Science for Kids Day) since its inception in 2005. Initially this was in the position as an S-KIDS committee member and in more recent years she acted as the chair of the committee.

S-KIDS Day is held at Edith Cowan University's Mount Lawley Campus as a yearly event each October school holidays, and is an ongoing partnership with Scitech and STAWA. In 2011 over 160 primary school children participated in four different engaging hands-on science workshops over the course of the day.

S-KIDS Day aims to motivate primary children and parents regarding the importance of scientific literacy within the community, as well as providing a forum for engaging primary children in science. The day is supported by voluntary Primary and Secondary Science teachers as presenters and guest presenters, along with voluntary pre-service teachers who escort and engage the children around their workshops.

On behalf of the STAWA Primary Science Committee we would like to nominate Jan Mitchell for her outstanding service, significant contribution, leadership, and her long-standing and valuable support during the last seven years helping to ensure the success of S-KIDS Day.

It has been extremely satisfying to reflect on the positive impact S-KIDS Day has had on the teaching, learning and promotion of science. Over the last seven years approximately 1200 children have attended being supported by more than 200 pre-service teachers, along with practicing teachers, lecturers and community volunteers from various organisations who have participated or contributed on the day. The success of S-KIDS Day has been due to the outstanding organisation of the program that was coordinated by Jan Mitchell.

Mrs Barb Lippiatt

(WAATA) - Western Australian Association of Teacher Assistants Inc

Barbara [Barb] Lippiatt has been an active member of WAATA for eleven years and has served tirelessly on the management committee for ten years.

During this time Barb was actively committed to the association and held many positions on the management committee: Workshop 2001; Workshop and Conference 2002 and 2003; Conference 2004 to 2011. Happy to take on more responsibility, in 2006 Barb became conference secretary; a position she held till 2008 after which she was conference coordinator from 2009 to 2011.

As conference coordinator Barb faced and overcame many obstacles but always remained passionate and committed to our members. Although no longer on the WAATA Management Committee, Barb continues to work tirelessly to promote WAATA and the role of Education Assistants and the important part they play in the education of our children. Barb's enthusiasm, dedication, hard work and patience are to be commended. It is only through dedicated individuals, such as Barbara Lippiatt, that volunteer organizations like WAATA can continue to function. The WAATA Committee is delighted to take this opportunity to recognize Barb's significant contribution to the association.

Ms Eve Ruddock

(WAIER) - Western Australian Institute for Educational Research

Eve joined the Executive Committee of the WA Institute for Educational Research in 2003. She took on the role of 'Research Seminars co-ordinator for 7 years from 2004 until she resigned from the Committee in 2010. This was a difficult role that Eve says she enjoyed doing. Eve used her personable talents to encourage researchers to make themselves available to present at these Seminars. At times, Eve was managing the Seminars with minimal assistance for the Committee, but she always had a positive, unassuming attitude. She was a reliable, loyal contributor to the Committee and was never reluctant to take on tasks at the Research Forum, no matter how menial they may be.

The calibre of the lady is reflected in her own words "It has been an honour to work with this inclusive organization where the emphasis is firmly placed on encouraging research in Education. I particularly value the support WAIER offers novice educational researchers. It is in this vein that I fondly recall my first presentation where, with the support of the chair (a member of the WAIER committee), a potentially ominous occasion became instead a useful and happy experience. After that, it was a pleasure for me to be able to help other novice presenters as they faced their first public delivery of their research work.

I continue to value the friendships formed as part of the WAIER membership and appreciate the generous contributions of the Seminar Presenters who were willing to share their expertise with us and the wider community."

Ms Tehani Wessley - WASLA Publications Editor (WASLA) - Western Australian School Library Association

Tehani has made an outstanding contribution to WASLA in her role as Publications Editor, working tirelessly for school libraries in Western Australia and literature across Australia. In 2011 Tehani has promoted literacy and children's and young adult literature as a judge for the Children's Book Council Awards and the Aurealis Awards which are national awards for Australian literature. She is also currently a judge for the West Australian Premier's Book Awards. Tehani is also an accomplished publisher and editor of children's and young adult fiction.

During a period of major change and rejuvenation for WASLA, Tehani has been a committed committee member who has participated in the development and delivery of major professional development sessions for Library Officers, Teachers and Teacher Librarians. She has also been responsible for the development and publication of WASLA's first refereed professional journal, *ic3*. This commitment has placed WASLA firmly into the academic area of publishing, while presenting a fresh approach to the dissemination of theory and practice in Teacher Librarianship. The journal also caters for school libraries which do not have professional Teacher Librarians on staff, by providing support and information for Resource Teachers, Library Technicians and Library Officers. *ic3* has been a major undertaking for WASLA in 2011 and would not have been possible without Tehani's expertise, extensive knowledge of the publishing industry and dedication to the Association.

Tehani's contribution to WASLA and schools ensures that Western Australian school libraries and their staff have support and a public voice which will enhance and advocate for the profession. Her efforts are greatly appreciated by the Committee as Tehani makes positive contributions locally, nationally and globally to Teacher Librarianship and Education.

The WASLA Committee proudly endorses this Award, and thanks Tehani for her work over the previous two years.

Ms Sophia Sabatier

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

Sophia Sabatier is currently on the WATESOL committee as ACTA councillor, representing WA TESOL educators to our national professional body, the Australian Council of TESOL associations.

She is being nominated for her hard work over many years, promoting the needs of English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) students at a national level as a social justice issue. In particular, she has ably supported efforts to ensure that the unique needs of WA Aboriginal students – especially those speaking Aboriginal English or Kriol – are highlighted during this time of Australian Curriculum development. Her work shows her dedication to maintain and improve high standards of English language learning and equity for EAL/D students in diverse educational setting in WA.

Sophia has definitely shown much leadership by being pro-active nationally and state wide, collaborating with colleagues and representing the voices of the group. Sophia has been highly effective in making sure the West Australian position is properly represented at national forums.

She has been a caring, supportive and inspirational mentor and colleague both in teaching and curriculum support roles. Passionate and knowledgeable about the profession, Sophia always displays unflagging good humour and willingness to promote WATESOL and its principles.

Ms Sue Cooper

(WILTA) - Westralian Indonesian Teachers' Association

Sue joined the Westralian Indonesian Teachers' Association (WILTA) in 2000 and has been an active member in all areas ever since.

In 2006 Sue was elected President of WILTA and she has worked tirelessly to provide a wide range of professional development to improve the quality of Indonesian teaching and learning in WA.

Sue has promoted professionalism in teaching through her outstanding example in the classroom and contributions to workshops at both primary and secondary levels. Her sincerity, warmth and sense of humour have always ensured ready cooperation and appreciation from her peers.

Sue has represented WILTA at national and international forums to improve and expand the breadth and quality of Indonesian and intercultural language learning in general. She has participated in Australian Society of Indonesian Language Educators conferences, MLTAWA activities and Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Association conferences.

Sue has enhanced communications between WILTA and other associations, including working in conjunction with the Indonesian Consulate General office in Perth as the Assistant Coordinator of the Steering Committee for the Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth. Sue was instrumental in the extension and re-signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between WILTA and the Indonesia-Australia Language Foundation, Bali, and has participated in, hosted and administered the WILTA/IALF Reciprocal Teacher's Visit program.

Sue's participation and interactions with these organizations have certainly enhanced the teaching of Indonesian in WA. She is an energetic team member and outstanding leader and WILTA gratefully acknowledges her service in nominating her for this thoroughly deserved Outstanding Service Award.



2012 Awards

Dr Elaine Lewis

(A²E²) - Australian Association for Environmental Education WA

WA Chapter Nomination for Environmental Educator of the Year Award in 2012

Elaine has been an active member of the Western Australian Chapter of AAEE for more than 10 years and during this time has conscientiously applied herself to supporting and facilitating education for sustainability. Elaine is an exceptional communicator and a real asset to AAEE and we are proud to work by her side in the WA Chapter.

Elaine has been living and working for sustainability spanning her whole career. The range of Elaine's teaching disciplines is exemplary from K-7 in both public and independent schools, Dyslexia- SPELD through to Lecturer/Unit Coordinator at the tertiary level. She is committed to building sustainability into all levels of learning and educates to help integrate it as a way of life and not just another topic. Two locally significant EE/EfS projects Elaine has actively developed and coordinated with AAEE WA include: *Science Fair* (Project Co-ordinator 2009-2010 & Team Member 2011-2012) and *Turtle Watch* (Project Developer & Co-ordinator 2009–present).

Elaine has influenced the lives of so many people through the connections she has made within WA. Three significant state-based EE/EfS projects Elaine has actively developed and coordinated with AAEE WA include: *Catchments, Corridors and Coasts (CCC)* (Coordinating Committee 2007 – to present), and *Little Green Steps* (Committee Member 2009 -12), and *Operation Climate Change* (2010).

In 2011, Elaine was invited to join the board of the *One World Centre – a global education centre in WA*.

Currently she is working with primary school students on the *Council of all Beings* and *Wake Up Project* to engage them in conscious action towards sustainable living. Elaine's commitment to sustainability is evident in every aspect of her life, from her home garden, consumer choices, and cooking to her efforts in multiple workplaces right through to voluntary professional commitments.

She is a wonderful teacher who lives, eats, breathes EE/EfS and is always working on multiple EE/EfS projects while constantly inspiring or planning the next project! Her incredible enthusiasm and willingness to constantly apply herself and her skills unselfishly above and beyond the call of duty amazes everyone she meets.

Mr Gary Adamson

(ArtED) - Art Education Association of Western Australia

Gary has been a member of the Art Education Association for the past twenty five years, joining in 1987. Over this time there have been many departmental changes and Gary has been privileged to be a part of both of these and in some ways instrumental as an association member and classroom teacher.

In the early years of the association, when meetings were at then WAIT, now Curtin University, a small group of dedicated Art teachers, primary, secondary and tertiary met to help strengthen the bonds of Visual Art across the education system. Gary became a part of this group and in 1987 when he was employed by the "Education Department of WA" as a primary advisor for the state. He has been committed to work between both primary and secondary cohorts as a means to develop and implement Visual Art PP-12.

In the mid-eighties, as Primary advisor for the Education Department, Gary was instrumental in setting up the publication of "Arts Alive" as a departmental journal. This helped to create a vital link with primary teachers and help formulate greater collaboration amongst each other, creating a document that would thrive and build ongoing professional relationships with both Art educators and primary generalist classroom teachers, across the state, over the next decade.

As the Education Department went through change, to the Ministry of Education, "Arts Alive", as a journal, was discontinued and took on a new look, "Arts Still Alive". Gary's involvement with the Art Education Association has been appreciated and members have enjoyed working with him. Gary believes he has been rewarded working with the Association members whose energy and sheer will to promote Visual Art across the state, has been so fulfilling for all involved.

Taking on various roles within the association, as convenor of the primary subcommittee, vice president, various executive positions and committee portfolios over the years has allowed Gary to work closely with a very positive and passionate group of educators, to help build a solid membership of educators across the Art Education Association of Western Australia. Gary has had the opportunity to work with many teachers over the years and in so many different capacities through his various roles; as a teacher within the department and representing his colleagues through his long involvement with Art Ed. WA.

These opportunities have ensured a very rewarding experience and the Art Education Association of Western Australia is very proud to nominate Gary for this Award for his services over the many years.

Ms Lynda Cumming

(ALEA) - Australian Literacy Educators' Association

Lynda was a primary school teacher who taught in a number of country schools before heading to Perth in the mid 1980's and later becoming a First Steps Collaborative teacher. In 1994 Lynda taught at Attadale P.S. eventually becoming the Teacher Librarian there for many years. It was at this time that Lynda joined ALEA as a committee member.

Lynda volunteered for many activities whilst on the committee from delivering books for babies, always being available to assist at mail outs, to organising end of year dinners and workshops. She was a highly organised member who gave many hours to ensuring that events ran smoothly and efficiently.

Lynda was the Conference secretary for a number of ALEA State conferences through the 1990's and due to her amazing skills and organisation, together with the Treasurer, made substantial profits for ALEA members.

Lynda was a co-conference secretary for our National Conference together with AATE in 2002. This was an enormous undertaking and Lynda was the epitome of efficiency in ensuring that this event, in particular registrations, with over 600 delegates, ran smoothly.

Lynda organised our "Writers' Picnic" for a number of years. This entailed searching for an appropriate venue, securing the services of a number of local authors and contacting up to 30 or more schools in a district. Venues such as the Museum of WA, the Maritime Museum and The Perth Zoo were wonderful settings for students to use their imaginations and write some amazing stories and poems. Lynda then organised the editing and publishing of the students work to produce a booklet for students and schools to share. It took an amazing amount of organisation and time and it was well received by all concerned.

Due to her work commitments with "STEPS PD" Lynda had to curtail her involvement on the committee of ALEA but she continues to be a great supporter of the organisation and we congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

Ms Helen Macpherson **(ASME) - Australian Society of Music Education**

Helen Macpherson describes the Australian Society for Music Education as having been “such a long lasting companion over the years.” She is a reliable, hardworking team member who has supported this association in so many ways.

After becoming a member of ASME in 1988, Helen regularly helped organise workshops, Induction Days for new and returning music teachers and the annual Summer School, plus was an active member on the ASME (WA) Council and several sub-committees. Helen has also held the position of Secretary on the ASME Council.

Helen has presented at many Summer Schools, with one of the largest being a day long workshop on the theme of integrating music with visual art, which was extremely successful. Her skills in visual art have been generously offered to the association and her illustrations were used in the 7th edition of *Stepping in Time*, a valuable resource book for music teachers, which has also been on the University of WA booklist for pre-service music teachers. She has illustrated a colleague’s book on music outcomes and for the last four years, has designed the original logos for the annual ASME Summer School delegates’ bags.

Helen’s enthusiasm for music education has never waned in all her years of teaching classroom music. She inspires her students with her creative ideas and vibrant approach. Helen is a great advocate for music education and her passion for this subject is infectious.

The Australian Society for Music Education has really appreciated Helen’s many years of service.

Ms Fulvia Valvasori

(MLTAWA) - Modern Language Teachers' Association WA

Fulvia is dynamic, dedicated and in her fifth term as president of the Modern Languages Teachers' Association WA (MLTAWA).

As president Fulvia has successfully achieved her main objectives to:

- Heighten teacher and community awareness of the Association.
Under Fulvia's leadership, MLTAWA have experienced the largest increase in membership numbers of any MLTA in the country.
- Increase the quality of and participation in MLTAWA professional learning.
The Association's annual conference in 2009 had 45 attendees, then in 2011 and 2012 there were more than 100 attendees. Presenters included interstate and international guests
- Strengthen the connections between the Association and its affiliated single language associations - this has been done through collaboration in professional learning and the establishment of a Professional Learning Grant to assist the SLAs with some of the cost associated with running professional learning opportunities for members
- Promote the MLTAWA in national contexts
- Review the Association's constitution and develop working guidelines to ensure explicit and functional processes are in place for future committees.

In 2007 Fulvia was awarded the MLTAWA's inaugural HILDE DIXON MLTAWA Award for Outstanding Teacher in recognition of her outstanding organisation of the MLTAWA hosted 2007 AFMLTA National Conference, her ongoing involvement with the Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI) and the MLTAWA, and her commitment to languages education in WA.

Fulvia is also the promotions officer for the AFMLTA (our national body), president of Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI) and student exchange coordinator for WAATI (Fulvia has been doing this for more than 20 years!).

Ms Wendy Sinden

(MSAWA) - Middle Schooling Association of WA

As an educator, leader, past president and current Vice President of the Middle Schooling of WA, Wendy Sinden, understands the importance of establishing positive professional learning opportunities for teachers. Her leadership of this reflects her outstanding and ongoing commitment to the education of students in their middle years of education.

Wendy joined the MSAWA Committee in 2006 and she has effectively contributed to professional development of teachers, the empowerment of students, the profile of middle schooling and the welfare of the organization over the last 7 years.

In her role as President of the Association Wendy led the development of a number of initiatives including:

- Establishing an annual regional conference. Wendy's dedication to this ensured the ongoing success of the conferences, sourcing venues, high quality speakers and relevant programmes to meet the professional learning needs of teachers.
- The development of an awards system that recognizes excellent practice by individual teachers and schools, as well as service by those who have contributed over the years to middle schooling in Western Australia.
- Empowering students through their involvement in events and through the employment of students to manage the association website.
- Recently, leading the negotiation of formalizing a relationship between the association and MYSA, the Middle Years of Schooling Association, which has led to greater access to visiting speakers, a voice at a more national level and access to administrative services.

When middle schooling has needed a voice locally, Wendy has been at the forefront, encouraging teachers to become involved.

Assistant Professor Dr Elaine Sharplin **(SPERA) - The Society for the Provision of Education for Rural Australia**

Assistant Professor, Dr Elaine Sharplin has actively advanced the mission and goals of SPERA by being an outspoken advocate of rural education since commencing teaching in a rural school in 1983. Elaine has been actively involved in rural education research since 1994 through Hedland College and the Northern Australian Social Research Institute.

She commenced a PhD in 2000 to examine issues associated with the attraction and retention of rural teachers at a time when rural education was a highly marginalised research area. Elaine advanced the work of SPERA through networking with other rural associations such as the ICPA and the CWA to facilitate rural education experiences for pre-service teachers.

Elaine has been the coordinator of a Pre-service Teacher Education unit (EDUC 8416 Rural Education in Australia) since 2004, one of a small number of universities, and the only one in WA to offer such a unit. The unit has offered a ground breaking rural field experience which has now been introduced in other contexts. Elaine was a founding member of a network of WA researchers to promote rural education in Higher Education (TERRN).

This network has actively facilitated the work of SPERA through a range of joint initiatives including an ALTC grant for the development of programs to preparation of rural educators *Developing Strategies at the Pre-service Level to Address Critical Teacher Attraction and Retention Issues in Australian Rural, Regional and Remote Schools* and a joint tender for the *Western Australian Combined Universities Training Schools* which promotes rural internships and a rural field experience.

Elaine was invited to become a Curriculum Writer for the ALTC project *Renewing Rural and Regional Teacher Education Curriculum* (RRRTEC). Elaine continues to actively lobby politicians and government committees (RREAC) and funding bodies to promote and expand rural education experiences.

Elaine has attended two International Symposiums for Innovation in Rural Education, representing SPERA on one of these occasions. Elaine is the Convenor of the Third International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education which is being jointly hosted with SPERA at The University of Western Australia in February 2013.

Elaine presented papers, facilitated sessions and contributed to a wide range of rural education events and forums: the Rural Education Forum Australia (REFA); the National Summit on Rural Education and the Small Schools Forum.

Elaine is currently an executive committee member of SPERA.

Ms Susan Doncon

(STAWA) - Science Teachers' Association of WA

The Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia, STAWA, nominate Sue Doncon for the 2012 Outstanding Professional Service Awards. This nomination is in both recognition and appreciation of her many years of distinguished service to the Association.

Sue Doncon has been a member of STAWA and the Primary Science Committee since 1989. Her very long-standing commitment to promoting Primary Science and particular to the STAWA Primary Science committee has been enormous.

Sue has generously volunteered her time over many years as Chair of the Primary Science committee (1997/8, 2001-2006) and has been a key organiser of a yearly STAWA Primary Science conference that attracts over 100 delegates.

Sue has also been responsible for planning and conducting regular professional development, on behalf of STAWA, for Primary school teachers across the state. She has also volunteered her time and skills to help judge the annual STAWA Science Talent Search competition for many years and contributed to STAWA primary science projects and publications such as PriSci Pin-ups, an activity based Science resource for Primary teachers.

Other than Chair of the Primary Science Committee, Sue has held many positions as an elected STAWA council member, including 3 years as Vice-President 2006-2009, 4 years as Australia Science Teachers Association (ASTA) Council Member 2007-2011 and the past 2 years at STAWA President 2009-2011.

Members of the Science Teachers' Association congratulate and thank Sue for her many years of dedicated service to science education.

Ms Val Baird

(WASLA) - Western Australian School Library Association

Mention Val's name in any school library circle and you will hear a dozen stories. New graduates talk of her freely given support and mentoring, and experienced teacher librarians laud her hard work and guiding experience on too many committees to mention, both at state and national level.

Her boundless drive and energy has produced countless professional development sessions, numerous articles in professional journals and her technical expertise has been employed in designing and maintaining professional web sites. Easily approachable, extremely knowledgeable and always willing to assist others no matter what the task, Val has developed a reputation as the first port of call for many.

Over the past twenty five years she has been a leading light in challenging school libraries to do better, supporting them through her vision and drive, with a passion that's infectious.

Mr Andrew Wilson

(WAESPAA) - Western Australian Education Support Principals' and Administrators' Association Inc

Andrew Wilson's capabilities and strengths as a leader are constantly demonstrated in his roles as both the principal of Cannington Community Education Support Centre and as a representative of the Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators' Association (WAESPAA). He has been a committee member of WAESPAA since the early 1980's and became Treasurer in the 1990's. Andrew was President of WAESPAA from June 2008 to September 2012.

During this time he was also the WA representative to the Australian Special Education Principals' Association, and represented his members at many state and interstate meetings, reference groups and forums for bodies such as the Department of Education, MCEEDTYA and DEEWR.

Andrew is well respected in the Education Support community, and highly regarded in the Department of Education as an advocate for Special Education.

Andrew's dynamic leadership style is the catalyst for the creation of cohesive teams, which he establishes through his ability to recognise strengths within a group. His visionary skills have allowed him to create shared understandings, and set protocols and targets which underpin the work of WAESPAA. He works tirelessly within guidelines of the Association while empowering others to create their own direction.

Andrew's negotiation skills are an asset to his advocacy roles within the Department of Education and related fields. Throughout his tenure as President of WAESPAA he made a powerful contribution in behalf of the Education Support community. He secured financial support for the Association and for the sector, and ensured that the WAESPAA's position is considered at all levels within our system. Due to Andrew's work WAESPAA now has a strong voice that is respected and sought after by those making decisions that impact on the future of students with special education needs.



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.



PTCWA Associations:

A2E2

Australian Association for Environmental Education

AAPCE

Australian Association for Pastoral Care in Education (WA)

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

AISWA

AISWA Libraries Section

ALEA (WA)

Australian Literacy Educators Association (WA)

APIS

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)

DSF

Dyslexia Speld Foundation

ECAWA

Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (Inc)

ECTA

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

MLTA-WA

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

RASCL

Regional Association for Student Centred Learning

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

WAATI

Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian

WADHSSA

Western Australian District High School Administrators' Association

WAESPA

Western Australian Education Support Principals' Association

WAIER

Western Australian Institute for Educational Research

WAPPA

Western Australian Primary Principals Association

WASLA

Western Australian School Library Association

WASSEA

Western Australian Secondary School Executives' Association

WASTAA

Western Australian Secondary Teaching Administrators Association Inc

WATESOL

Western Australian Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Inc

WILTA

Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association

