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## PTCWA Inc – A voice for professional educators in WA

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### PTCWA Initiatives

The PTCWA continues to work for member associations during this difficult time.

- The PTCWA will send 50 copies of the **PTCWA Information Guide** to graduating students at Curtin University. The President will also conduct an online session to appraise students of the work done by member associations to support new and experienced teachers in the profession. PTCWA has an MOU with [Curtin School of Education](#) and the [Professional Learning Hub](#). Member associations will be contacted when this event is due to take place so a representative can join in the conversation.
- The Committee is also working with contacts at the other universities to provide the same service. If you were a member of PTCWA in 2019 you will find your entry in the [PTCWA Information Guide](#) on the Members page of the website.
- If your association is planning to conduct an event (Professional Learning, Conference, Awards Night, Christmas function) please make sure you are up-to-date with the [COVID19 Information and Community Advice](#) – Latest Updates. This has changed as of the 18 September 2020.
- Legal requirements and the **Director Identification Number (DIN)**. The Commonwealth Government passed the Registers Act 2019 on the 22 June 2020. The Act means that all charities with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, including registered Australian bodies such as an incorporated association registered under a State Act, must be registered. This includes incorporated associations established under Australian state or territory legislation or any organization that is a legal entity and runs using a business structure. Incorporated associations can only carry on business in the state they're registered in. Association incorporation legislation changes from state to state, but requirements can include:
  - having a committee that manages the association;
  - having a public officer;
  - having a registered office in its state of incorporation;
  - acting under all the rules of legislation;
  - holding an annual general meeting once a year;
  - lodging an annual statement every year;
  - keeping proper accounting records;
  - keeping minutes of all committee and general meetings;
  - having registers of members and all committee members; and
  - having a common seal.

Associations that are Incorporated are registered under the Corporations Act, have an ABN (deal with money and fees), are often registered under the Business name Register and have a committee that acts like a company board. The wording in this legislation appears to include member associations of the PTCWA and PTCWA itself.

The Committee is currently investigating if this is the case and what this will mean for members. **We will keep you posted.**

### PTCWA Awards 2020

Considering the uncertainty of the pandemic this year the PTCWA Awards Night is going to be a different format that is designed to showcase member associations.

1. Complete a **150 word or less** summary that succinctly outlines what your association does and email it to the PTCWA Executive Officer. This summary will go on the Members Section of the PTCWA website with links to the member association website.

**Date due: end of Sept 2020**

2. Create/compile a **2-minute or less visual presentation** (video, PPT) detailing what your association provides to its members. You could include the following:
  - Include intro of association – eg. length of years the association has been around. Who are the members?
  - Events, activities and services associations provide eg. conferences, workshops, mentoring, templates.
  - What are you proud of and where are you going?
  - Finish – benefits of being part of an association.

**Date due: end of October.**

3. Your association can elect to do both or just one of these activities – both will be included on the PTCWA website and videos/PPTs located on the upcoming PTCWA Youtube Channel.
4. If circumstances permit, the PTCWA Awards Night will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. The Committee will keep you posted. Several member associations have already sent the first part of the showcase in and the website will be updated and in a new format to commemorate this event.

**We look forward to your participation!**

**PTCWA Committee**