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*Outstanding Professional Service Awards
& Media Award*



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Teaching Australia
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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.

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

Curtin University of Technology is delighted to host the 2008 Professional Teaching Council of WA professional service awards. These awards are important because they recognise and reward the diverse contributions that individuals make to the education sector and which until 2007 were not acknowledged in any public forum. Congratulations to the 2008 recipients.

Jeanette Hackett, Vice Chancellor

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PTCWA 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 Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations 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 association's 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.

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 (newspaper, 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 as a profession.

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

Guest Speaker

The Hon Michelle Roberts MLA

Michelle Roberts entered public life in 1986 with her election to the City of Perth. In 1992 she became the youngest ever Deputy Lord Mayor. During her time with the City of Perth Michelle Roberts also served as a board member of the Perth Theatre Trust, the Festival of Perth and the East Perth Redevelopment Authority.

Michelle Roberts was elected to the State Parliament in 1994 and is the Member for Midland. Michelle was the first woman to be President of the WA ALP a position that she held for seven years. She has held a number of ministries: Housing and Works; Heritage; Land Information (Feb 2006 - 2008); Indigenous Affairs (2006 - 2008); Consumer Protection (2006); Employment Protection (2007); Police and Emergency Services (2001 - 2006); Local Government (2001); Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (2001); Justice (2003 - 2005); Community Safety (2003 - 2006).

She was appointed Shadow Minister for Education and Women's Interests following the 2008 State Election. Through her portfolios, Michelle is committed to realising improvements that will benefit the lives of West Australian families and continue to make our State a better place to live.



Guest Speaker

Professor Lance Twomey

Professor Lance Twomey was Vice-Chancellor and President of Curtin University of Technology between 1997 and 2006. Prior to that time, he had been Deputy Vice-Chancellor for 8 years and Head of the School of Physiotherapy for 15 years. He has qualifications in physiotherapy, teaching and an honours degree and PhD in Anatomy. His research has focused on the structure, function and pathology of the human spine, including the effects of ageing and of trauma to the spine. Lance has in excess of 200 peer reviewed publications in books and journals and has presented numerous conference papers and keynote addresses. He was a member of the National Health and Medical Research Committee's medical research group for 9 years.

During his period at Curtin as Vice-Chancellor, the University grew to include more than 38,000 individual students, with international students comprising more than one-third of total student numbers, placing Curtin within the top ten WA export earners. A major campus, funded by the state government of Sarawak and supported by the Malaysian federal government, was developed at Miri in northern Sarawak in 1998. It presently has more than 2500 students from 30 countries. Curtin's research increased five-fold under Lance's direction, with a major focus on energy, mining and resources. Curtin has a superb Centre for Aboriginal Studies and Lance was Chair of the Australian Vice-Chancellor's committee for Indigenous education during his 7 years as an elected member of the AVCC Board.

Professor Twomey was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1996 and an Officer of the Order in 2007. He has honour awards from Japan and Malaysia.





PTCWA *Media Awards*

The 2008 PTCWA Media Award is jointly awarded to Mr Richard Aedy and Ms Amanda Armstrong of the ABC Radio National's "EdPod".

EdPod presents a mix of education stories, from early childhood to the end of secondary school.

It's a jargon-free look at the experience of educators, researchers, parents and students. EdPod examines new education ideas, and asks whether things could or should be done differently.

From the classroom to the staff room and on to the home - EdPod brings you the latest ideas about learning.

This year's nomination, submitted by one of our member professional associations as worthy of this prestigious award reads: "These podcasts provide a balanced perspective on educational issues and cover a broad spectrum of topics. They involve researchers and practitioners with different perspectives. (The presenter) is interested in the issues and their perspectives offered without a predetermined position. (He) values, acknowledges, respects and advocates for the work of teachers and schools in ways that are affirming, considered and yet challenging."

www.abc.net.au/m/edpod



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Richard Aedy and Amanda Armstrong – EdPod

Richard Aedy

Richard Aedy grew up in Sydney and Canberra. In the process he went to seven different schools – three primary and four high schools. Not that he was kicked out or anything - one of the moves came out of change in zoning. The next was because his parents weren't happy with the new school. The one after that was the move to high school. See, it's all very normal. Then the family moved to Canberra, which meant another high school. But in Canberra high school only goes to Year 10 – after that you go to college, which he enjoyed a lot.

Then there was the small matter of repeating Year 12 at another college because he'd enjoyed the first one a bit too much. The year after that, and much to the relief of his mother, Richard went to night school and got into university. Some time later, he married an outstanding scholar. He hopes the children will take after her.

Education has always been a big part of Richard's life, as his mother was a teacher and two of his sisters are still teaching. To find out what Richard has done with all this education, listen to him present Life Matters on ABC Radio National, each weekday at 9am.

Amanda Armstrong

Amanda Armstrong has been Executive Producer of Life Matters on ABC Radio National since July 2005. She developed EdPod in early 2007 as an accessible information resource drawn from the best education coverage on ABC Radio.

Amanda began her career with the ABC as a cadet journalist in Perth. She has been Program Manager for Radio National and Executive Producer of the ABC Radio Science Unit. Amanda was educated at Morley Senior High School in Perth. These days she's actively involved in her son's primary school in inner Sydney.





PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Awards

Dr Catherine Baudains

Australian Association for Environmental Education (A²E²)

Dr Catherine Baudains has been a member of A²E² for 8 years, and has diligently applied herself to the position of Secretary for 6 of those years. Catherine has made a substantial contribution to Environmental Education on a personal, local, state, national and international level. Her students at Murdoch University, including Undergraduate, Masters and Doctoral students, benefit greatly from the depth of her knowledge in the Education for Sustainability (EFS).

Her work informs programs developed for both schools and communities such as Stepping Stones with Greening Australia WA and examining whole school implementation of EFS in a non government school setting. Catherine's work also extends to informing the Anglican Church body about how to develop EFS for their community.

Catherine believes strongly that evaluation and research about EFS is the key to orientating students, teachers, parents and communities to empower them to act in positive ways to improve their futures. She has published and presented research at local, national and international levels to inspire and promote best practice teaching and learning in EFS.

Ms Ann Smith

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

Ann Smith has been associated with AARE for 27 years as a Teacher of Religious Education. Ann completed a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) at the Western Australian Institute of Technology (Curtin University) in 1980, and a Diploma of Education at Nedlands Teachers' College in 1981. She was appointed Religious Studies Teacher at Presbyterian Ladies College in February 1982.

Ann was AARE WA Secretary from 1983 to 1994 and AARE WA Treasurer in 2005 and 2006. Her work included the organization of two WA based AARE National conferences. She attended many National Conferences between 1982 and 2006 and participated fully in academic debates and exchanges.

Ann studied at St George's College in Jerusalem during her long service leave in 1995, completing a four-week course 'The Bible and Its Setting'. She reports "All teaching is wonderful. However, the best was the year after I was in Jerusalem". Her funniest teaching moment was a Year 9 student saying "Jesus was a Jew, then he died, rose again and became a Christian".

Ann has contributed to local AARE through her extensive Religious Education knowledge and her willingness to centre her life on her work.

Ms Val Martin

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

Val Martin has been a very active member of the Australian Association of Special Education (WA Chapter) for a number of years. She has been a committed committee member, holding the positions of Secretary, National Councilor and President. In these roles Val has performed with the passionate commitment she brings to all her activities. She has been assiduous in broadening the perception of AASE as an organization of relevance to all those working with the full spectrum of students with diverse learning needs.

In addition Val has made WA prominent in the AASE national organization through her representation of AASE on national committees. She has also served as Secretary and Vice President of the AASE National Council. This year she was Co-Convenor of the very successful 2008 National Conference of the Australian Association of Special Education held recently in Fremantle, designing a significantly diverse program to cover all aspects of working with students with special needs.

Dr Simon Clarke

Australian College of Educators (ACE)

Dr Simon Clarke has been an active member of the Australian College of Educators since May 28, 1992 and continues to contribute valuable service to the College and its members. His current contribution includes membership secretary, minutes secretary and professional development coordinator.

Gaining and retaining membership in these highly competitive times is difficult for all associations. Simon offers a personal welcome to each new Western Australian ACE member, inviting them to college functions and offering what assistance he can to ensure their time with the College will be worthwhile and rewarding. Maintaining membership is recognised as an important role and highly appreciated by the College.

Simon arranges committee meetings, rounds up the committee members, circulates the agenda and keeps meeting minutes with good spirit and a fine sense of humour. As a leader on the committee, Simon has successfully initiated and coordinated a series of twelve seminars relating to the topical issues of education in Western Australia. This series called 'Hot Topics' was developed in 2006 and by keeping the seminars relevant and topical, these seminars continue to attract members and their guests.

The current committee of the Western Australian Branch of the Australian College of Educators truly appreciates the volunteer work that Simon generously gives to the College and its members. He is a dedicated and highly professional educator who selflessly finds time to ensure the college is well served.



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Mr Bruce Herriman

Australian Band and Orchestra Directors Association (WA) (ABODA)

Bruce Herriman has only recently stepped down from the position of President of the WA Chapter of ABODA. He has an unbroken record as an office bearer of the association since its formation in 1990.

Bruce is a highly capable and experienced conductor, having worked at all levels of schooling. In his various roles within the Association, he has shared his expertise with the entire teaching community. He has been both the longest serving president and secretary. For many years Bruce has been the driving force behind the WA School's Band and Orchestra festivals, which he has organised, adjudicated for, and provided conductor feedback for teachers.

Bruce has organised many state conferences during his time of service, and also served as national president, the highlight being the staging of a national level conference in Perth in 2002.

ABODAWA is very grateful to Bruce for his more than his seventeen years of service and leadership.

Mr Digby de Bruin

Art Education Association of Western Australia (ArtEd)

For more than twenty years Digby de Bruin has worked extensively in senior roles in art education with the Department of Education and Training, the Curriculum Council, other government agencies at a state level (in particular the Australia Council for the Arts, the Department of Culture and the Arts WA and the Art Gallery of Western Australia), WA universities and with educational leaders on the consultation, review and development of a wide range of educational initiatives in art education. He has also worked in an international arena in visual arts education, providing international project management for the implementation of a successful aid and development program in art education in Fiji, working directly with senior management of the Fiji Ministry of Education.

Digby has been a Past President and Vice President of the Art Education Association of WA and State Vice President of the National Art Education Association. He is currently Learning Portfolio Manager of Art at Central TAFE, responsible for the management of the fine art, fashion, jewellery and printing courses in the School of Creative Industries.

Ms Mary Harvey

Australian Literacy Educators Association (WA) (ALEA)

Mary Harvey has been a committee member of the Australian Literacy Educator's Association for fifteen years and is currently President of the Association. During this time she has been a very popular and outstanding leader in the development of the Association's professional learning calendar. Through this strategy Mary has always been pro-active to address the broad challenging needs in improving literacy for all children across the state of Western Australia.

Mary is both the local and national coordinator of 'International Literacy Day' organizing 'Books for Babies', and has been on the organising committee for fourteen State Conferences and two National Conferences, working in particular in the Promotions and Publications area.

She has participated in a Quality Teaching Program (an ALEA project) and is a great supporter of the 'First Steps Literacy' resource and 'Getting it Right' strategy, mentoring teachers to develop skills from these programs in her capacity in the ALEA leadership role. Mary has developed reading playgroups and has presented numerous professional learning sessions for the association.

Ms Judith Haldane

Australian Society for Music Educators (WA) (ASME)

Judith Haldane has been involved in Music Education for many years, as a piano teacher, primary music specialist and an energetic worker in professional music associations. She joined the Primary Music Teachers' Association in 1996, and during her time on the committee coordinated the extensive revision and publication of "Stepping in Time", a resource for primary music teachers.

Representing the PMSA, Judith joined the State Council of the Australian Society for Music Education in 2001 and was the editor of "Opus" the chapter newsletter for some of that time. She was also on the committee with the Drama Specialists' Association to write "Putting Outcomes into Practice," a practical resource to help teachers come to terms with Outcomes Based Education in the Arts.

In 2003, Judith became the Chair of the State Council of ASME, bringing her characteristic energy, enthusiasm and commitment to this position. In 2004, she served on the steering committee, then the Executive of the Conference Organising Committee for the ASME XVI National Conference held in Perth in 2007. Judith is currently the music specialist at Subiaco Primary School.



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Ms Maria Tsoveas

Business Educators of Western Australia (BEWA)

Maria Tsoveas has been and still is an integral member of the West Australian Business Educator community. Over 25 years, she has contributed to the Business Educators of WA (BEWA) in a number of capacities and roles including those of President and Vice President. Maria has been instrumental as an advocate of business teachers on a national level also. She has shown effective leadership as President, Vice President and WA State Representative on the national body, Business Educators Australasia (BEA).

Maria was a founding officer in the development of business related senior secondary courses. She has played a vital and positive role in the area of senior secondary reform. While Maria has been at BEWA, she has worked hard to satisfy the professional needs of business educators through the establishment of PD subcommittees, the publishing of educational journals and the judging of student competitions.

Maria's philosophy in education is one that encompasses the notion of collegial and professional support. She believes it is important for teachers to feel like they have the capacity to accommodate curriculum change in their profession. Maria has contributed greatly in this area and as a result, she earns the utmost respect from her peers and the wider professional community.

Mr Tony Brown

Design and Technology Teachers' Association (Inc) (DATTA)

Tony Brown was an inaugural member and the Treasurer of MATA, the Manual Arts Teachers Association formed in 1988, and has continued his support of it for 30 years.

Tony has continued to serve the Association in assorted capacities since the inception of the Association and continues his participation currently as Vice President.

Tony is the first person to be granted life membership of our teachers' Association, and is a worthy recipient of this award.

Associate Professor Dr C Paul Newhouse

Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (Inc) (ECAWA)

Associate Professor Dr C Paul Newhouse of the School of Education at Edith Cowan University and Director of Centre for Schooling and Learning Technologies (CSaLT) is an exceptional leader in educational computing who, over many years, has continued to give unstintingly of his time, expertise and energy for the benefit of students and teachers and the community.

Paul is recognised internationally, nationally and across Western Australia for his innovative and pioneering work. His driving commitment to making a difference to teaching and learning in schools is reflected in his high visibility to the profession through his direction and influence on ICT in the education environment at school and university level.

He is universally well-known for his comprehensive research and ground-breaking practices in the use of portable computers, online learning and assessment and digital forms of assessment, which are linked to his broader areas of expertise in curriculum design, teaching methods, learning processes, evaluation of courses and professional development strategies.

As a member of the Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (Inc) for over 25 years, Paul has continually contributed to the work of the association and actively participated in ECAWA's professional communities. In the many and varied positions he has held and the tasks he has undertaken for ECAWA, Paul has had key organizational and contributory roles to play, and he continues to support and inspire teachers through this association.

Mr Greg Parry

Economics Teachers' Association of Western Australia (Inc) (ETAWA (Econs))

Greg Parry was a secondary teacher of Economics at Balga, Manjimup and Craigie Senior High Schools from 1975-84. He was Head of Department – Social Studies at Penrhos College from 1984-1993. In 1994 he was appointed Accreditation and Moderation Officer at the Curriculum Council of WA where he worked until 1998.

He then became a Lecturer in Economics at Edith Cowan University in 1998. Together with Steven Kemp, Greg is the author of the most widely used high school economics textbook in Western Australia. Greg has had a long involvement with the Economics Teachers' Association of Western Australia having been a member since the early 1980's. Greg has served as its President and as a committee member for much of that time.

Greg has made regular contributions in writing support materials for teachers and students, and presented at teacher conferences and worked on conference committees.



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Ms Leonie Day

Early Years in Education Society (EYES)

Leonie Day is a dedicated Early Childhood teacher. Leonie studied as a mature age student when her children had grown up and has been teaching for 15 years. She is currently teaching a Pre-Primary class at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School where she has taught for the last 7 years.

Leonie Day has been a member of EYES for a long time and on the Committee for 8 years. During Leonie's time as a committee member for EYES she has arranged a number of successful professional development sessions for EYES members including one at The Fremantle Children's Literacy Centre and an ICT workshop focusing on Smartboards and Photo Story. She has also been on the sub committee which organises our Annual Spring Conference which draws approximately 400 delegates per year. Leonie took on the role of Treasurer in 2004. This has been a big task to undertake, however, Leonie took it on willingly and has done an amazing job. Her patience and gentle nature ensures she gets things done.

Leonie is a very kind and caring person. She always takes time to listen and help you if needed. Her calming influence is always appreciated at busy and stressful times. She has an easy going nature and is always happy to contribute. Leonie is truly passionate about Early Childhood teaching and is dedicated to the children she teaches. We have been very fortunate to have Leonie on the EYES Committee and as the Treasurer.

Ms Emilia (Emmy) Terry

Geographical Association of Western Australia (Inc) (GAWA)

Emmy Terry was elected to the GAWA Council in November 1996 and immediately took on the position of Treasurer and served for one year before being elected to Vice-President in 1997. In 1998, Emmy was elected to take on both positions of Vice-President and Treasurer. The following year Emmy was elected President of GAWA, a position she held for three consecutive years, followed by three years as Immediate Past President and the Editor of the GAWA Bulletin for the years 2003-2004 as well as Editor of The Western Geographer. For the years 2004 to 2006, Emmy held the position of President of our national body, the Australian Geography Teachers' Association (AGTA), representing and promoting geographical education.

Emmy's period of service as President of GAWA was during a particularly difficult time of curriculum change in Western Australia with respect to the planning for the introduction of outcomes-based course in Years 11 and 12. Emmy was required to argue and defend GAWA's position on a number of fronts and occasions. She was required to attend many meetings at the Curriculum Council and author many letters, proposals and responses to reflect GAWA's position and reaction/ rejection of Draft Courses. Emmy was an excellent communicator and a staunch defender of Geography and GAWA's stance to curriculum change.

We believe Emmy Terry to be an excellent nominee for a PTCWA Annual Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Ms Marilyn Yates

Home Economics Institute of Australia (WA) Inc (HEIWA)

Marilyn Yates has been a tireless supporter of the Home Economics profession through both her career with the Department of Education and Training and her huge voluntary contribution through the professional association.

Marilyn was a foundation member of the Home Economics Association of Australia (HEAA) formed in 1965 and a driving force behind the formation of The Home Economics Institute of Australia Incorporated (HEIA) in 1993. Some of her roles have included: State President, National President, Council Delegate, Convenor of the National Professional Development Standing Committee, and HEIA Representative on the Technology Education Federation of Australia.

Marilyn has always been at the forefront of promoting the value of a professional body and has worked determinedly to encourage and support Home Economists, particularly teachers. Although she has been a valued member of the National Executive her heart lies with her peers in Western Australia playing an integral role in the success of many state projects including the Value Adding Quest and Annual Technology and Enterprise State Conference.

In 2001 Marilyn was awarded a HEIA divisional leadership award and also the National's highest and most prestigious award – Fellowship of Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc. which is awarded to members who have made an outstanding contribution. Marilyn has indeed made and continues to make an outstanding contribution to the Home Economics profession.

Mr Jack Bana

Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA)

Jack Bana has been a member of the Mathematical Association of Western Australia in excess of 40 years, almost the entire length of the Association's existence. He has been a continuous Committee Member for over 30 years and held almost all positions on the Committee including the Presidency of the Association.

During this time, Jack has focused on two key aspects of our work: planning and delivering professional learning for teachers; and planning and conducting student activities that engage children in the joy of learning and doing Mathematics. Jack has also ensured a focus on primary and lower secondary students and teachers, reflecting the belief that it is in these crucial years that the engagement in learning really commences. His recent focus has been on student activities and it is his outstanding commitment, dedication and passion for the area that has seen this area become a cornerstone of MAWA's operation.

The value of the work Jack has undertaken for MAWA during these years can be easily measured with the current status of our main student activity, Have Sum Fun, which was devised by Jack; and the Mathematics Activity Day (MAD) that is conducted each year at Edith Cowan University. For many students this has been an important step into further work in Mathematics and a life time of study in the discipline.

MAWA and Western Australia is far richer for the countless hours Jack has given to the activities of the Association and it is with our tremendous gratitude that we commend him for this award.



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Ms Eril-Jane Reid

Political and Legal Educators' Association (WA) (PLEAWA)

Eril-Jane Reid has played a tremendous role in the development and delivery of professional development for West Australian teachers of Political and Legal Studies. An active member of the Political and Legal Educators Association of WA (PLEAWA) since the mid-1990s, Eril-Jane has served in many capacities on the executive committee, including the role of president.

Eril-Jane brings to the Association an extensive subject knowledge, exam marking expertise and syllabus development experience. She has served as Chief Exam Marker for most years since 1997, was chairperson of the former Syllabus Committee and now chairs the ARM Panel. She was also a member of the Phase 3 Reference Group for the creation of the new course and is a current member of the working party for the creation of the new external exam. With this level of knowledge and experience it is little wonder that Eril-Jane is regularly called upon by PLEAWA to present seminars and workshops, particularly on past TEE exams, to write answer guides and to create exam papers.

Eril-Jane's contribution to the professional development of Political and Legal Studies teachers in Western Australia is outstanding.

Mr Mark Merritt

Primary Teachers' Association of Western Australia (PTAWA)

Mark Merritt is a dedicated Primary Teacher of 24 years. He saw a place for primary teachers to be recognised and valued for the important role they play in providing quality learning experiences to their students.

Mark worked tirelessly with advice from the Professional Teaching Council of WA for over four years to form the Primary Teachers' Association of WA Inc. The association was officially registered in November 2007. Mark has contributed significantly in the webpage design, marketing and promotion of the association. He has personally contributed to the organisation of a state conference and supported a national conference for primary teachers to be held in 2009.

Mark has made an outstanding contribution to the formation of the Primary Teachers' Association of Western Australia and has provided significant ongoing support to Primary Teachers in their educational commitment to children.

Ms Jeanette Hutchison

Regional Association for Student Centered Learning (RASCL)

Jeanette Hutchison is currently a Level 3 Classroom Teacher at Donnybrook District High School, working as a Year 7 teacher in a Middle School environment. Jeanette has been teaching since 1982 in a variety of country schools throughout Western Australia.

Jeanette joined RASCL in 1997 when she became a committee member, and has been the Convenor since 2002. Jeanette has been a strong advocate for student centered learning having been mentored by Dr Donna Brandes (founder of RASCL). Jeanette has considered working with Donna as a highlight and turning point of her career. As Convenor she has inspired fellow committee members and has organized an annual conference. This means finding professionals to present their expertise to highlight the need for student centered learning in classrooms.

Jeanette has represented the association in a variety of settings including school workshops, conference such as the Beginning Teachers' Conference and the Brain Conference in Caloundra, Queensland. She has also established a relationship with a Student Centred School in South Australia which she researched for the Department of Education.

Jeanette is totally committed to the promotion of Student Centred Learning in Western Australian schools, supporting students and teachers in developing rigorous, nurturing and appropriate curriculum. She has been passionate about improving the way we work with children and has found Student Centred Learning a great way of making education enjoyable and rewarding for all involved.

Mr Greg Moran

Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia (STAWA)

Greg Moran has been an active member of STAWA since 1990. From the very start of his membership Greg has been involved in the support and leadership of STAWA run activities. He has served on the STAWA Council as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chair of Student Activities.

Over the past two years as President, Greg has been a driving force behind STAWA's renewal as an Association ready to take advantage of future opportunities. Under his leadership STAWA Council's accomplishments include a major Constitutional review, organisational re-structuring, renewal of the STAWA corporate identity, considerable investment in infrastructure, introduction of new resources and revenue streams, as well as overseeing the smooth operation of STAWA's activities and secretariat in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer.

Greg has also had an active leadership role in the major organisational and Constitutional changes undertaken by ASTA (the Australian Science Teachers Association) this year. Peter Russo, the CEO of ASTA, wrote "The staff at ASTA and I would like to thank you most sincerely for the work that you have put into both ASTA and STAWA over the past few years. Your insightful appreciation of the bigger national picture as well as what needed to be done to keep (ASTA) viable is to be acknowledged and applauded".

Greg's efforts make him an ideal recipient of an Outstanding Professional Service Award.



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Ms Pamela Millar

Teachers' Association for German (TAGWA)

Pamela Millar is a foundation member of TAGWA, serving on the committee for many years in various roles including president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and has served as NATG coordinator for WA for several years. After joining the committee of the Modern Language Teachers' Association of WA, Pamela served as President in 1981 and 1982. She led the organization of the first national languages conference held in WA. She has been involved in GI conferences since their inception in 1981. Pamela has attended and presented at many State Conferences, and in November this year, will travel to Victoria to present a workshop at the Victorian AGTV National Conference.

In 1980, Pamela joined the staff of Rossmoyne Senior High School and was instrumental in developing the German Language Program in line with their aim to become a specialist language school. Between 1988 and 2001 she was the teacher in charge of languages at Safety Bay Senior High School, developing and building their German Language program.

In 1984, Pamela worked in Central Office of the Education Department, writing curriculum materials for the graded objectives syllabus in German, and was a member of the German Joint Syllabus Committee until 1996. She has been a member of the German TEE examining panel for eight years, and has spent many more years as a marker of TEE examination papers.

In 1991, Pamela founded the MLTAWA German Cultural Visits Program along with Joachim Groch and Judy Jackson. They accompanied four student groups on exchange to Germany and organised many programs for the German students in Perth. She has been awarded several scholarships abroad to share her knowledge, and in 1995 participated in a teacher exchange program teaching German and English in Switzerland.

Ms Rosemary Hamersley

The West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants (WAATA)

Rosemary Hamersley is a founding member of the West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants Inc. As an inaugural member, Rosemary has continued to work tirelessly to promote the professionalism and expertise of Education Assistants in Western Australia.

Rosemary has worked in all facets of the association for the past 16 years - as workshop coordinator for four years, conference convenor for six years and now as the association's chairperson. Rosemary endeavours to promote the role of Teacher Assistants by her professionalism and dedication to the better education of the children in her care.

Rosemary's mentoring; mediating, diplomacy and organising skills come to the fore when dealing with all issues and situations. Whether she is helping a colleague, promoting the association, chairing a meeting or coordinating a state conference, Rosemary's dedication and integrity are always of the highest standard. WAATA highly recommend Rosemary as a recipient of a PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Ms Gigi Thiele

French Teachers' Association of Western Australia (TOFA)

Gigi Thiele is a reflective practitioner and is always seeking to enhance her teaching and learning programs. She regularly attends Curriculum Council, AISWA and cross-sectorial meetings and workshops to keep abreast and involved in current developments in French teaching and languages teaching.

Last year Gigi applied for a grant through AISWA to develop listening and viewing materials for her students using realia she had acquired on a recent trip to France. She also employed native speakers to record dialogues. In her evaluation of the project she was keen to share the resources she had created. She is continuously in the forefront of educational change. Gigi has demonstrated a willingness to be involved in trialing the new Year 11 and 12 courses so that the Western Australian French teaching fraternity could benefit from her trials. Her experiences have influenced the new courses. In 2007 she applied to be involved in the ILTLP Professional Learning Program.

She puts 100% into her French teaching. Her recent work using ICT in the classroom will be shared at the 2009 Stage a la plage. She has visited France or a francophone country at least once a year, except for 2001, the year she had her son Stephen. This is as tour leader for students and as a tour leader of French teachers on the DEST funded Endeavour Programme, as well as holidays to France. She is committed to being the best French teacher she can be, both in improving her own language ability but also her ability to deliver best practice in the classroom.

Ms Angela Signorile

The West Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI)

Angela Signorile has been an active member of WAATI for over 20 years. During this time she has held many key positions including two terms as President. She has also served as Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Primary Liaison Officer, Catering Coordinator and general member of the association over the years that she was not a committee member.

Angela has always given of her time and energies to support any initiative which WAATI conducts especially presenting at many workshops for our PD days and Conferences. She supports all our endeavours and is often the first to volunteer her services whenever we need her assistance and in particular we acknowledge her competence in technology. She is always prepared to not only demonstrate her IT skills but also help members to improve theirs, having recently conducted an afternoon workshop on creating power point displays for the LOTE classroom. In addition, Angela is always supportive of the Association's Student Exchange Program and always comes to our Orientation meetings to help prepare the students.

Her enthusiasm, true love for the subject she teaches and her selfless contribution to the betterment of the Association, make Angela an ideal candidate for this award.



Dr Lina Pelliccione

Western Australian Institute for Educational Research (WAIER)

Dr Lina Pelliccione has been a member of the Executive Committee in the position as Treasurer for the Western Australian Institute of Educational Research (WAIER) for the past six years.

During this time, she has helped transform the Association's accounting system, moving them seamlessly into the 21st Century from the previous paper based ledger. She has been responsible for processing registration payments for the yearly Forum and has provided members with a number of alternative payment options in a very cost effective manner to the Association. Her comprehensive reports to the Committee over this period have provided the group with clear and detailed financial information for their perusal.

Lina's dedication and hardworking approach to the tasks the Committee has requested of her has been exemplary over the last 6 years.

Ms Jenny Dickman

Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA)

Jenny Dickman has made an outstanding contribution to both WASLA (Western Australian School Library Association) and ASLA (Australian School Library Association) in support of teacher librarians and other staff associated with school libraries in government, independent and systemic schools.

Jenny is a Councilor on ASLA Council and is currently President of WASLA. She has been an active committee member for the past 14 years including undertaking the roles of Vice President and Executive Officer. She is a regular contributor to the publications of both associations.

Jenny's commitment to the profession is seen through her initiation, organization and delivery of a range of professional development. She is currently Convenor of the 2009 ASLA XXI National Conference which traditionally attracts more than 350 delegates.

A passionate advocate for school libraries, through her leadership of WASLA, Jenny has been proactive in contacting Ministers and Principals regarding the vital contribution of professionally managed and run school libraries in enhancing the educational outcomes of students.

Ms Aileen Hawkes

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

Aileen Hawkes was an active committee member with WATESOL from soon after its inception until retiring in 2007. Over the years she has held a number of roles on the committee including president and ACTA vice president. Always politically savvy, despite retiring from the committee she continues to keep us informed about issues of importance and concern.

In her roles she balanced professionalism with a sense of humour, sharing stories and contributing her thorough knowledge to issues tackled by the committee. In recent years she was our representative on the national TESOL council, ACTA, where she worked tirelessly advocating for the educational rights of migrant, refugee and Aboriginal students.

An example of her commitment to her role was the thoughtful succession plan that she put into place as she drew near to stepping down from active committee work. Aileen mentored her replacement for a year prior to retiring, explaining issues and procedures and accompanying her in teleconferences and national meetings. Her warm and friendly manner has been a wonderful example to the rest of us.

Ms Moya McLauchlan

Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (WILTA)

Moya McLauchlan has been actively involved with the Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (WILTA) and with Indonesian teaching in Western Australia for more than 30 years. She was a founding member of WILTA and has served many years on Indonesian language syllabus committees and examining panels as well as fulfilling the role of LOTE Officer at the Department of Education. Moya was the editor of WILTA's newsletter, *Warta WILTA*, for many years, providing our members with information and ideas about the teaching of Indonesian. She has been especially active in the encouragement and nurturing of new teachers and tireless in her enthusiasm for the teaching of Indonesian.

Moya continues to support WILTA by holding practical and inspiring workshops and providing information and advice. She was awarded Life Membership of WILTA in 2007 because of her outstanding service to the Indonesian teaching profession and to our association. We therefore feel she is a most deserving recipient of the PTCWA 2008 Outstanding Professional Service Award.



PTCWA Commemorative Award

Presented to *Ms Pauline Tremlett*

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline Tremlett for her work with the Association, and recognise the wealth of knowledge which she has provided over the years from a variety of sources, her commitment to professional associations and her dedication to helping organisations work together.

Pauline has been involved with professional associations for most of her working life, the first being as President of ALIA School Libraries in the early 1970's. Her amazing ability to network can not be ignored, and it has been this that has provided PTCWA with that value adding which can only be appreciated by the diligence and continuous effort to support our cause, and work for the Association.

Pauline was appointed to the position of Executive Officer for PTCWA in 1998, when as the Affiliation of Professional Education Associations, government funding was provided to support the valuable work the Association carries out on behalf of professional teaching associations, and indeed the teachers. At that point PTCWA had approximately forty affiliates, and this, over time has grown to in excess of sixty associations.

Although the funding was cut, Pauline continued her work as our Executive Officer on a casual basis, and has continued to provide the Association with support at all levels, as required. Pauline has maintained a networking focus and been a 'constant' reliable source of information, moral support and encouragement to the executives of our associations, including questions regarding insurance, constitutions, GST practical management and the establishment of associations.

Master of Ceremonies

The PTCWA Committee appreciates the ongoing support for the association by Dr Philip Paioff, and extends its thanks to him for acting as Master of Ceremonies for this evening's event.



PTCWA Associations :

- AAEE**
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)
- ACHPER**
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- ArtED**
Art Education Association of Western Australia
- AEAWA**
Agricultural Educators 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
- BEWA**
Business Educators of Western Australia (Inc)
- CEAWA**
Career Education Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- CLTAWA**
Chinese Language Teachers' of Western Australia (Inc)
- DATTA**
Design and Technology Teachers Association
- DRAMAWEST**
DramaWest (Inc)
- ECAWA**
Educational Computing Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- ECTA**
Early Childhood Teachers Association
- ETAWA (Economics)**
Economics Teachers' Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- ETAWA (English)**
English Teachers' Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- EYES**
Early Years in Education Society
- GATCA**
Gifted and Talented Children's Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- GAWA**
Geographical Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- HEIA (WA)**
Home Economics Institute of Aust (WA) Inc
- HTAWA**
History Teachers' Association of Western Australia
- ISCA**
Independent Schools' Counsellors Association
- LC**
Learning Conversations
- 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)
- MYCF**
Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation
- OWC**
One World Centre
- PLEA (WA)**
Political and Legal Educators Association (WA)
- ProAPT**
Professional Association of PEAC Teachers
- PTA (WA)**
Primary Teachers' Association of Western Australia
- RASCL**
Regional Association for Student Centred Learning
- SEAWA**
Society and Environment Association of Western Australia
- 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
- WASSA**
Western Australian Social Studies Association
- WASSEA**
Western Australian Secondary School Executives' Association
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