



Professional Teaching Council
of Western Australia

PTCWA
Outstanding Professional Service Awards

2013

Presentation Ceremony

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Tompkins on Swan
Cnr Dunkley Ave & Canning Hwy
Alfred Cove



PTCWA is the Western Australian branch of the Australian Professional Teachers' Association (APTA).

National representation:

Asia Education Foundation (AEF)

National Education Forum (NEF)

PTCWA Objectives

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

The Voice of the Profession

PTCWA is the state council representing peak bodies of the professional education associations in Western Australia. It provides a state voice for Western Australian teachers and educators in all systems and has national representation through the Australian Professional Teachers' Association (APTA).

Our work provides value to the community, ensuring ongoing support for the profession while developing quality teaching and leadership.

PTCWA is an umbrella body of over 50 associations of professional educators in WA.

These voluntary professional education associations represent over 25 000 educators in:

- all systems and sectors
 - Early Childhood
 - Primary
 - Secondary
 - Tertiary (including TAFE)
 - Adult Learning
- all curriculum and specialist areas
- cross-curricular areas (e.g. ESL, teacher librarians)
- leadership and school administration.

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

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

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia has as its objective the promotion of professionalism in teaching through an enhancement of the work of professional education associations. It provides a wider context for the work of professional associations through facilitation of networking and communication between individual associations while providing a forum for the discussion of broad educational thought and current issues. PTCWA, through its membership to the Australian Professional Teachers' Association (APTA), affords Western Australian teachers a voice at the national level.

The individual being nominated for an Award should: be a current or past member of the nominating association; have made an outstanding contribution to the association's support of teachers and education in WA over an extended period of time; for example, contributing to the associations publications either at a personal or professional level (e.g. served as journal editor, has developed teaching resources, has 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.

Guest Speaker

Mr Graham Mabury

Graham Mabury has been the presenter of the 6PR *Nightline* program for the past 32 years. He says, "It's been a great blessing to enjoy such a stay in an environment where you're an optimist if you bring your lunch and no-one buys a weekly bus ticket".



Graham pioneered rehabilitation courses for homeless young people in Perth and received numerous awards for similar humanitarian work. These include the Medal of the Order of Australia, WA Citizen of the Year for community service, the Federation Medal, an Advance Australia Award, a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship and the Rona Oakley Award for Individual Achievement in the 2008 WA Consumer Protection Awards. He is a Fellow of Edith Cowan University.

In 1987 Graham was the inaugural Chairman of the Living Stone Foundation, which became Lifeline WA.

Graham began his career in education as a secondary teacher, becoming head of the music department at a specialist music secondary school. Using his skills as a teacher, Graham made the leap into media at the ABC as an Education Producer.

He has been a member of the pastoral team at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church for 31 years.

He has been married to Merle for 43 years this December, and has twin sons, two beautiful daughters and five wonderful grandchildren.

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Mr Michael Burke

A²E² – Australian Association for Environmental Education WA

WA Chapter Nomination for Environmental Educator of the Year Award in 2013

Michael Burke has been an active member of the Australian Association for Environmental Education WA Chapter for more than 13 years. He has provided support for the Chapter over the years as the Co-Convener and Membership Officer, and consistently supported all major initiatives of the group; in particular, his contribution to the organisation and implementation of the Catchments Corridors Coast program, which has been operating in January over the last 13 years.



Over the years Michael has been recognised for his work in landcare and marine education in WA. Although he began his career as a science teacher in the secondary system, his passion for biodiversity led him to seek leadership roles in education to address critical issues for our environment. His early years on Rottne Island (1997–1998), to managing the TALEC land care school in Tammin, ensured that schoolchildren from metropolitan schools were given an interactive, intensive camp experience to understand the issues of salinity. He has now circled back to be the Manager of Community and Education at the Department of Fisheries. His commitment to Indigenous and western history, integrated marine and terrestrial systems, and the vital role of biodiversity to our quality of life are integrated through all his work with schools and community. This can be seen at the Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre which showcases the unique marine flora and fauna of the Leeuwin Current off the WA coast.

Michael has set a high standard in environmental education and promotion. Well known to all in the industry since 1997, he has shown a willingness to add value to diverse programs involved in EfS. He has consolidated his passion for marine education into a noteworthy career and influences education in this area for a wide range of participants. His work leading teams of experts and educators to meet the educational needs of those in schools, community and government sectors is highly commendable. His capacity to work with a range of diverse people to achieve real outcomes has endeared him to the WA Chapter; he can be relied upon under all circumstances.

Ms Vicky Hartill

A²E² – Australian Association for Environmental Education WA

WA Chapter Nomination for Environmental Educator of the Year Award in 2013

Vicky has contributed to environmental education and education for sustainability in her professional roles in local government as well as through her volunteer work with local environment and conservation groups.

Since 2008 she has worked as the Environment and Waste Education Officer for the City of Cockburn.

Vicky has been instrumental in delivering EE and EfS to schools, families and the wider community through workshops, conferences, presentations and school holiday programs. Her prior role at the City of Wanneroo coordinated the Bushcare Groups Network Group and delivered the Adopt-a-Bushland program.

Vicky, through her role at the City of Cockburn and as a volunteer with the AAEE WA Chapter, is a strong supporter of the Turtle Watch project. This project, which is supported by AAEE, develops partnerships among the community, research organisations, educational institutions and industry in relation to the conservation of oblong turtles. She is a member of the Turtle Watch project team, a member of the Oblong Turtle Collaborative Research Group and delivers Turtle Watch workshops. Vicky elected to coordinate a schools program for Turtle Watch, a newly-developed program where schools will participate in a number of activities to become accredited Turtle Watch schools.

As a member of the AAEE WA Chapter, Vicky has been involved as an integral member of the organising committee for the annual Catchments, Corridors and Coasts (CCC) Conference presented by AAEE-WA.

This three-day event provides participants with a snapshot of over 25 EE and EfS programs in Western Australia.

Vicky, as part of the AAEE WA Chapter waste special interest group, successfully applied for a Keep Australia Beautiful grant partnered with Two Rivers Catchment Group and the Canning River Eco Education Centre. The \$9000 grant developed resources to support the development of waste wise practices. These resources, including the 'Sam the Can' costume developed for the project, aim to educate and engage the community in order for them to become increasingly waste wise.

Vicky's engagement with AAEE members and work within the association is characterised by her positive attitude and enthusiasm, collaborative approach, and generosity with her time.



Vicky dressed as Sam the Can. This costume was commissioned as part of the education resources designed to engage the community to become more Waste Wise.



Dr Mark Bivens

AASE – Australian Association of Special Education

Mark Bivens has been a member of the Australian Association of Special Education for a number of years, acting as the WA National Councillor for two years. For over 10 years he has served as the Treasurer of the WA Chapter. In this unpopular and demanding role, Mark has worked to ensure that the Association remains financial and that it contributes through his rigorously well-kept bookkeeping to the national accounts of AASE.

As the Treasurer, Mark has maintained all documentation in relation to professional learning events, publications, registrations, bursaries, awards, banking, compliance, governance etc. In particular, he has held the Treasurer's role through several AASE State and National Conferences held in WA, budgeting, planning and accounting for all monies that were part of these events, which registered hundreds of participants.

Mark's bookkeeping, invoicing and receipting of the multiple amounts of money that are involved in PD events ensure the AASE WA Committee is always aware of its financial situation, and that members and PD participants are never inconvenienced or delayed in being provided with necessary documentation.

As a contributing Treasurer to a multi-chapter, national organisation, Mark's punctual bookkeeping and clear methodology have also contributed to the accurate maintenance of the national account of AASE.

Mark has attended national briefings and contributed to the creation of national proformas to facilitate national accounting.

His professional perspective and informed overview of special education matters as a senior psychologist with the WA Department of Education have informed the local committee on numerous occasions. Mark is a friendly and calm presence and contributor to the smooth running of our quarterly professional developments events and monthly committee meetings. He liaises in a professional and supportive manner with attendees and their employers.

Mark has made a valuable and significant contribution to the ongoing viability and stability of the WA Chapter of the Australian Association of Special Education.

Ms Lynn Lockett

ALEA – Australian Literacy Educators' Association



Lynn Lockett has been a member of the Perth Local Council of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association for almost 20 years. During that time Lynn has been a very active committee member and a vice-president. She has contributed a great deal of time and expertise to ensure the council upholds the ethos of ALEA and is a highly valued member of our team. Lynn has always been one of the first members to offer to take on an organisational task.

She has been an integral part of the organising committee for many state and two national conferences, working with the committee from the Australian Association for Teachers of English. She has managed the IT areas for most of these events while also coordinating the feedback information and many of the myriad managerial tasks associated with events of this size.

Lynn has organised a number of seminars and 'Coffee Chats' at various venues in Perth with a great response by members, resulting in very successful events.

Lynn has always been a wonderful advocate for our association and this has been evident throughout her work as a manager for "STEPS" PD, promoting ALEA at all her sessions where applicable.

The Perth Local Council would like to sincerely thank Lynn, and also her husband Dave who has helped us out on many occasions with IT, for her longevity of service to ALEA and for her dedication, hard work and enthusiasm in promoting literacy not only in WA but throughout the whole of Australia.

Congratulations, Lynn, you are a very worthy recipient of this award.

Mrs Alison Freeman

APIS – Association for Philosophy in Schools



Mrs Alison Freeman, associate principal at Geographe Primary School and former deputy principal at Pemberton District High School, is a member of The Australian Association for Philosophy in Schools and has made a large contribution to the Association and promoting philosophy in primary and secondary schools. Alison completed her Level one Certificate in Philosophy in Schools with APIS in 2003. She joined as a financial member of the Association in 2004, the same year that she went on to complete her Level two Certificate in Philosophy in Schools.

Since this time she has provided support for teachers by running PD for the Association and has managed this despite the fact that she lives outside the metropolitan area. She introduced an all-school approach to philosophy in schools at Pemberton and now teaches philosophy at Geographe Primary and High Schools. As a Level two-trained philosophy in schools facilitator, Alison helped us at APIS to run the Level one philosophy in schools courses to enable other teachers to gain their level one certificate. These workshops comprise a two-day program for teachers wishing to learn how to teach philosophy for children.

Alison runs these programs which give teachers the skills to teach children to think critically and independently with Dr Felicity Haynes, who won a PTCWA Award a few years ago. This program is also useful for teachers teaching the “Philosophy and Ethics” WACE Course that is a part of the non-compulsory WA curriculum.

Through her work, Alison has empirically witnessed that some of the consequences of teaching children to be reasonable and think critically and compassionately are that bullying stops in schools where it is practised, and the place becomes more ethical and friendly. There are academic benefits too, with students finding that philosophical thinking skills assist them in all of their studies and assessments, as well as in their everyday lives.

We at APIS Inc. WA, believe Alison is a worthy member of our Association and deserves to be nominated for the efforts she puts into P4C (Philosophy for Children), particularly as she lives in Busselton and is isolated from the Perth APIS Executive.



Ms Yvonne Wiese

ArtED – Art Education Association of Western Australia

Yvonne Wiese has been an outstanding contributor to the Art Education Association of Western Australia.

Her technological skills were put to good use in her early years with the Association, with her producing the ArtEdWA Journals and eventually volunteering to be convenor for publications. Yvonne's skills were not just contained within the technological areas as she was then nominated to become an Executive on the Committee.

Her dedication and tireless efforts to promote visual art were duly recognised and we have been delighted to have her as President of the Association since 2010.

Her duties have been vast and have seen Yvonne coordinate professional development workshops, be on the judging panel for the Year 12 Perspectives Exhibition and coordinate the First Love Exhibition for WA visual art teachers.

Yvonne has been aware of the need to keep teachers informed of the Australian curriculum and other curriculum changes since her time as President.

On behalf of the Art Education Association of Western Australia, it is with great pleasure we recognise the outstanding contribution Yvonne has made to the Association and we thank her for her tireless efforts towards visual art education.



Ms Yung Tsing Mew

CLTAWA – Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia

Ms Yung Tsing Mew has held the secretary position of the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia since 2011. Throughout this period, Yung Tsing not only excelled in fulfilling her enormous role as the association secretary with efficiency and dedication, she has also taken on numerous other major tasks for CLTAWA.

In 2012, Yung Tsing was one of the main personnel involved in the planning, organisation and running of the Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia's National Conference, attended by over 160 Chinese language teachers from WA, interstate and overseas. The success and smooth running of this two-day national conference were largely due to the countless hours of diligent, meticulous to the finest detail work contributed by Yung Tsing.

She has also been the CLTAWA primary school coordinator responsible for organising ongoing professional development for CLTAWA members who are primary school teachers, as well as sharing her high level ICT skills in providing PD sessions on the use of interactive whiteboards. In addition, Yung Tsing has been the coordinator of the annual CLTAWA Chinese Speaking Competition for the past two years. This year's competition involved over 60 competitors from 20 different government, independent and Catholic primary and secondary schools.

As one of the CLTAWA Executive Committee members, Ms Yung Tsing Mew is highly regarded by other Committee members. Her dedication to the work of the CLTAWA is greatly appreciated and valued by all.



Early Years in Education Society

Ms Jodie McQueen

EYES – Early Years in Education Society

Jodie McQueen has been a member of the EYES community for about 10 years and a committee member for 7 years.

During her time as a committee member her enthusiasm and contributions have been invaluable. She has been involved in organising professional development for early childhood teachers. She has also been on the EYES Annual Conference team where she has suggested several wonderful speakers and ideas to make our conference a fantastic event.

Jodie's primary role in EYES is that of Membership Secretary. She does a wonderful job in looking after our memberships and database. Jodie also ensures that all our members receive information regarding EYES events via our mail out.

Jodie is a passionate early childhood teacher and always on the look out for ways to reach her potential. She is a valued member for the Early Years in Education Society who is willing to put her hand up to help where necessary.

Thank you PTCWA for giving us the means to honour our committed volunteers in such a lovely way.



Mr Michael (Mike) Hanrahan

GAWA – Geographical Association of Western Australia

Michael Hanrahan was first elected to the GAWA Council in November 1990. His talents were soon recognised and he was elected to the position of Vice-President in 1993 and served in this position for three years before being elected as GAWA President in November 1996. After serving as President for the maximum of three years, Mike served for the following three years as Immediate Past-President until November 2002 and then for a further year again as a GAWA Councillor. During this thirteen-year period Mike also served as a GAWA representative and a board member of our parent body, the Australian Geography Teachers' Association (AGTA).

During Mike's period of service as President and Vice-President of GAWA, he also served both as a GAWA representative and Chairperson of the Geography Syllabus Committee, the precursor to the Geography Course Advisory Committee, which he continues to serve on. During this period, Mike was instrumental in guiding the discipline and our Association through a number of important syllabus and curriculum changes, notably the consolidation of the transition from TAE to TEE and the D and E code Year 11 and 12 courses.

Mike immersed himself in many aspects of our Association's activities. Of particular note was his contribution in organising and convening a number of our GAWA Annual State Conferences, as well as a very successful AGTA Biennial National Conference in Perth in 1996 on behalf of AGTA. This was the first AGTA national conference to be held in Perth.

In 2010, Mike offered to serve on the GAWA Council again and was duly elected and gave another two and half years' service, both as a GAWA Councillor and as a wise counsellor to the management, curriculum and professional learning activities of GAWA, before finally retiring in late 2012. Once again, he was a key member of the GAWA subcommittee that coordinated the second AGTA Biennial Conference held in Perth, in January 2013. Mike contributed directly as a leader of two days of fieldwork activities and assisted in the coordination of a number of the social events.

Michael Hanrahan's contributions in furthering the development of good geography and the promotion of our discipline both at the state and national levels have been multi-dimensional and we believe aptly justify him as an excellent nominee for a PTCWA Annual Outstanding Professional Service Award.



Ms Nadia Civa

MLTAWA – Modern Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia

Nadia Civa has been an active member of the Modern Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia since she joined the association in the early 90s and has served on the committee from 2008 as a committee member, membership secretary and for the last two years as Vice President.

We believe Nadia to be a most worthy recipient of this award. Nadia has had to step into many shoes, particularly over the past few years as positions have become vacant through the school year or through a committee member's illness. She has from time to time taken on the roles of president, treasurer and webmaster as the need has arisen.

She is someone who has both tenacity and willingness in equal measure. She makes sure our association functions at all times and has stepped up to ensure that. We have appreciated her willingness to try new ventures and be uncomfortable. She has put our association ahead of her own needs and we are very grateful.

We commend Nadia to you to be a recipient worthy of the 2013 Outstanding Professional Service Award.

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA) has elected to put forward two nominations for 2013 – there was no awardee for 2012



Ms Diane Henderson

PTCWA – Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia

Diane has been a valued member of PTCWA since 2009, always willing to lend a hand in whatever capacity is required of her, especially with respect to award nights and gaining valuable sponsorships for the association.

In July, Diane received an award for outstanding contributions to the profession from the Australian Professional Teaching Association at the AITSL national learning collective. She has also been actively involved with the Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) since 1988, seeking out and negotiating sponsorships, organising and overseeing trade displays at conferences, and organising professional learning in literacy. She was presented with an Outstanding Professional Service Award by PTCWA in 2010 in recognition of her work with ALEA.

Previously, Diane was directly involved in writing WA's English syllabus and support documents. She was also part of a two-year National Literacy and Numeracy Cross-sectoral Program, where she presented professional development programs to teaching staff, working with them in their classrooms to assist them to better cater for their students' diverse needs. Diane also has a strong interest in teaching English as a foreign language and has a CELTA qualification. She has been a classroom teacher, an advisory teacher and a literacy consultant, as well as running Education Department district reading clinics. Diane has written and had published more than 20 titles in the area of literacy. She currently writes for sponsors R.I.C. Publications.

Diane is a very important and respected member of our PTCWA team and a worthy recipient of this award.



Ms Janice Nicholson

PTCWA – Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia

The Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia (PTCWA) recognises the valuable contribution made to our Association by Jan. Jan, as a representative of RASCL, has been an active committee member for the last ten years. Very much the quiet achiever, being both softly spoken and quietly being available and willing to help with any tasks at the point of need, Jan has value added to our projects and endeavours in many ways.

Jan continuously attended and assisted with a variety of projects that PTCWA has been involved with over the past few years, and has always been there to hand out documents, assist with catering, and add her sage comments to the topic at hand. Jan brings with her a wealth of knowledge regarding education within the context of primary school education support classroom and unit. More importantly, she can always be relied on, even though attending meetings is a mammoth task given her work location and the venue for our meetings.

The Committee thanks Jan for her dedication and support, and hopes that we will continue to have our valued member on our team.



Ms Jodi Joyce

RASCL – Regional Association for Student Centred Learning

Jodi Joyce has been working as a primary school teacher since 1992, specialising in upper grades. Currently teaching at Spearwood Alternative School, Jodi has been an active advocate for Student Centred Learning.

She has been committed to using student centred methods and the philosophy since beginning teaching, having first experienced it during teacher training at Edith Cowan University with founder Dr Donna Brandes.

Jodi has been a passionate advocate within RASCL, as an inaugural member as well as taking on numerous roles over the years such as Convenor, Newsletter Coordinator and presenter at conferences to promote Student Centred Learning.

Jodi has been proactive in making a difference in children's lives and the committee are unanimous in selecting Jodi Joyce as our 2013 PTCWA award recipient.



Ms Emilia Terry

SPERA – Society for the Provision of Education for Rural Australia

Emilia Terry is a committed, passionate and humble advocate for the advancement of education at state, national and international levels. Emilia is task-based and outcomes-focused in her endeavour to have an impact on educational policy decision makers. No task is too big or small for Emilia – she is capable of performing exceptionally in both management and operational roles. She is particularly active in addressing the needs of schools and communities in rural and remote locations and is well respected in this field.

Emilia Terry is currently the Principal Executive Officer for the Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council – a council appointed by the Minister for Education WA with membership comprising key stakeholders (consumers) and providers (education sectors). She has worked in a variety of contexts in rural, regional and metropolitan schools and at the School of Isolated and Distance Education. She has been involved in education planning for the development of new schools, amalgamation of schools and school closures.

For the last 10 years, Emilia has been directly involved with the Society for the Provision of Education for Rural Australia (SPERA) and the Rural Education Forum of Australia (REFA) to advance the education and training opportunities for all people in regional and rural Australia. Emilia was elected president of SPERA in 2008 and continued until 2012. She is currently the Immediate Past President and also the Executive Officer of SPERA, managing portfolios such as membership; conference planning, publication of the journal (*Australian and International Journal of Rural Education*), and assisting with the SPERA newsletters.

Each year Emilia donates two large handmade quilts for the SPERA raffle – they are considered a prized item not only for the quality of the product but the fact that they represent a piece of Emilia's passion for the cause of rural and remote education.

Within this national forum and at a state level, Emilia continually demonstrates her ability to collaborate and cooperate with all state representatives to promote rural education and to initiate, evaluate and implement changes that focus on enhancing student outcomes in rural, regional and remote Australia.

Over the last seven years she has lead the coordination of six national and one international conferences for rural education. Emilia has also represented SPERA on the National Education Forum (now Australian Alliance of Associations in Education) – an entity which is representative of the voice of national teaching associations. She has acted as co-project manager of an ALTC (now Office of Learning and Teaching) project that focused on developing strategies at the pre-service teacher level to address critical teacher attraction and retention issues in Australian rural, regional and remote schools.

Emilia continues to actively support and promote rural education at a state and national level, along with being a strong advocate for students in rural, regional and remote locations.

Ms Natalie Birrell

STAWA – Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia



Natalie Birrell is a dedicated and enthusiastic early childhood science educator who has made a significant and sustained contribution to the Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia (STAWA). Natalie has been a member of STAWA since 2000 and has served continuously on the Primary Science Committee. During that time she has assisted with the annual Primary Science Conference, participated in the Science for Kids Day, and taken on the role of chair of the Primary Science Committee from 2010 to 2012.

As a member of the Primary Science Committee, Natalie has assisted in organising the annual conference, which attracts approximately 100 primary and early childhood teachers each year. On many occasions she has also presented at this conference in order to share her science ideas and innovations. Natalie has assisted in the development of the Primary Science PinUps: a four-page summary of science topics that is received by all STAWA member schools. She's had a significant involvement in the development and implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Science, being on working parties to provide feedback on the document and also providing many professional development sessions to early childhood and primary teachers of science.

Natalie was dedicated to the Science for Kids Day (SKIDS) that ran for seven years from 2005 to 2011. She was not only part of the original organising committee, but remained on the committee for the life of the program. For each of the seven years of SKIDS Natalie developed and presented highly engaging science activities to young children to highlight the wonder and everyday nature of science.

Natalie's excellence in early childhood science education was recognised by her being awarded the Premier's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching (Early Childhood) in 2005. Her services to the science community were also recognised by STAWA in 2009 when she was awarded the De Laeter Medal.

Natalie has been an essential component of, and inspiration to, the Primary Science Committee. Her passion and love of science, and commitment to sharing her ideas and enthusiasm, are to be commended.

It is with great pleasure that we recommend Natalie Birrell for this award.



Ms Karen Patroni

WAATA – The Western Australian Association of Teacher Assistants

Karen has been an active member of WAATA for over 20 years and has served on the Management Committee for over six years.

Karen's first role on the Management Committee was as newsletter editor. It was here that Karen's computer skills were demonstrated and our quarterly newsletters become an important vehicle for WAATA members to keep up-to-date. In 2010, Karen took a position on the conference committee and in 2011 became conference secretary. Through her determination to have our conferences run more efficiently, Karen took on a job the association had previously paid for. With her quiet and relaxed approach, Karen took over the task of allocating conference sessions to delegates. The savings we have been able to make and the improvements to session allocations have meant a much quicker turnaround in notifying delegates of their conference sessions.

Karen has taken on this extra work with grace and skill, and without making a big deal of her accomplishment. It is this attention to detail and the effortless grace, under pressure, that benefits all members of WAATA. Karen has also been responsible for obtaining organisations willing to become sponsors of our conference, providing WAATA with much-needed funds.

The WAATA Committee is delighted to take this opportunity to recognise Karen's significant contribution to our Association. The Western Australian Association of Teacher Assistants thanks Karen for twenty years of dedication.



Ms Bianca Petale

WAATI – Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian

Bianca is a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher of the Italian language and culture. She has been a WAATI and hence MLTAWA member since the 1990s and in 2006 she joined the committee, holding the position of Catering Officer – responsible for catering all PL events, conferences and committee meetings. She revamped this important role and started keeping records, which had never been done before, making it much easier for subsequent Catering Officers. She pitched in with everything and anything, always completing her task with the utmost professionalism.

In 2008 she was elected President and during her four-year tenure demonstrated excellent leadership and professionalism, and passionate drive. In 2011 she collaborated with another committee member to initiate a new program, which involved a university in Milan sending its new graduates, who were keen to do a 'Stage' in Australia, to Perth. This program, the 'Assistenti Linguistici', has proved to be an incredible success and continues to grow each year, providing Italian teachers with a native speaker in their classrooms at no cost.

During her time as President, Bianca also chaired the then Curriculum Councils (now SCSA) Italian CAC committee with efficiency and determination.

Bianca also reinvigorated the WAATI exchange program when she transferred to Willetton SHS, where the program had declined in previous years. It now is well established due to her efforts and several students have been offered the opportunity to study in Italy for two months.

Although no longer on our committee, Bianca continues to lend her support and advice whenever called upon. She works tirelessly for her students and is a selfless colleague who is always ready to share her resources and knowledge with others. She is a dynamic mentor and excellent role model for new teachers.

I highly recommend this honour be bestowed on Bianca, a truly deserving language educator.

Ms Eve Lucas - Life Member

WAESPAA – Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators' Association

Eve Lucas is an inspirational leader who has been a longstanding active member of WAESPAA since the early nineties. Eve was made a Life Member of the Association for her commitment to both the Association's goals and her work within the sector.

Eve has been principal of Gladys Newton School and, in later years, Sir David Brand School. She was involved in the original Guidance and Special Education Branch of the Department of Education in the early days under Bob Tompkins, John Simpson and Kim Walker Beaumont.

Eve retired from the department but quickly returned to work in central office in the area of disability. Throughout her time away from the classroom, Eve continued to contribute to WAESPAA through mentoring, providing advice and participation in Association activities. She eventually found herself drawn back to those students with whom she felt great affinity. A colleague said, "She kept coming out of retirement to help us more and more". Eve came out of retirement most recently to become the principal of Sir David Brand School, a role she has cherished and enjoyed for the past six years.

As a principal in the education support arena, Eve has mentored both her staff and other individuals aspiring to leadership roles. She is supportive, inclusive, dedicated and inspirational. Eve has an unwavering commitment to the needs of students with disabilities; she has seen this as her life's work and passion. Eve has been highly school-focused throughout her career; her work in schools included the role of advocate for the rights of students with disabilities. She is admired by her colleagues as one who is an expert in matters relating to curriculum, teaching and learning for students with disabilities. In reference groups and as a member of WAESPAA, she has represented a balanced perspective in a calm and compelling way. This skill has enabled Eve to secure much-needed resources and support for schools.

She has worked tirelessly in education for approximately 40 years as a teacher, principal and advocate for students with special educational needs. Eve is considered by WAESPAA executive members to be a historian of the collective memories relating to special education schools in Western Australia. She is a vital member of the education support community in WA, and her knowledge has been a welcome asset to her colleagues.

Eve's personable and professional approach is highly regarded among her colleagues and peers – she is never afraid to advocate on behalf of the education support sector. A fellow principal and longtime colleague describes Eve this way:

- Totally supportive of the decisions made by those to whom she has delegated responsibilities
- Firm but fair
- Open to new ideas
- Consistent
- Professional
- Sense of humour
- A true leader, very well-liked and respected by all staff

Eve Lucas has always been a truly committed professional dedicated to providing educational opportunities for students with special needs. Her application to providing the best for students is well considered and impeccably implemented. Her knowledge and understanding of individual students and their needs is, and has been, extraordinary. All would agree that Eve Lucas is an exceptional person for exceptional students.

Dr Caroline Mansfield

WAIER – Western Australian Institute for Educational Research



Dr Caroline Mansfield has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to WAIER—the Western Australian Institute for Educational Research.

The WAIER Committee and members have appreciated her reliability and positive outlook. Caroline joined WAIER in 2002 and after a few years of presenting at Annual Research Forums she joined the Executive Committee. A regular participant in committee meetings, Caroline contributed to the range of activities conducted by WAIER to support educational research in WA.

In 2010 Caroline became Secretary. Now in her second term in this position, Caroline's role includes organising meetings, agendas and minutes, and all correspondence, while also supporting the activities connected with WAIER Research Seminars and the WAIER Annual Research Forum.

From 2010-2011, Caroline also took on the role of copy editor for the WAIER-related journal: *Issues in Educational Research*.

Always organised and quietly efficient, Caroline has been a pleasure to work with and we are delighted to recognise her contribution to WAIER through her nomination for the 2013 PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Awards.



Mr Jeff Herd

WASLA – Western Australian School Library Association

Jeff has been a committed and active committee member of the Western Australian School Library Association (WASLA) since he began his career in teacher librarianship in 1997.

He currently holds the position of Vice President, is a past President of WASLA, and has been a state representative and councillor for the Australian School Library Association (ASLA).

Jeff has also been the convener of several state School Library Conferences and been the principal organiser of several state conferences for library officers.

He has been an active participant in the planning and presentation of professional development sessions at school library conferences and numerous other professional development sessions held by WASLA, in addition to contributing professional articles to both state and local professional journals.

Jeff also acted as a strand moderator for the first national online conference organised by ASLA.

Jeff has made an outstanding contribution to school libraries at many levels and is a vital member of the education community in Western Australia. He has been recognised by his peers and is a previous winner of the Western Australian Teacher Librarian of the Year award.

Jeff is an outstanding committee member and has contributed tirelessly to WASLA and its goal to advance the profession through support, networking and research.

Ms Khalin Driver

WATESOL – Westralian Association for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

Never shy of a challenge, Khalin joined the WATESOL committee in 2006, leaping into a role as the committee's representative on the association's national council. In that position she cut her teeth as a passionate and effective advocate for the students and teachers of English as an additional language or dialect.

In 2010 she became president of WATESOL. Since then, thanks to her calm and motivating leadership, Khalin has encouraged the association to accept and embrace many necessary but challenging changes. She has balanced delegation of responsibility with the giving of support, always encouraging committee members to strive to be better.

She is admired by her colleagues for her efficiency, her devotion to her field, her passion for EAL/D learners, and her concern for and interest in the wellbeing of her colleagues. She has an incessant appetite to learn new things and to share these with her colleagues. Furthermore, her written responses and communications are always thoughtful and articulate.

As a leader, she is both honest and diligent. She is always ready to discuss, consult and advise, and creates an environment in which people are encouraged to seek answers to questions, no matter how small they seem.

Khalin is stepping down from the role of President this year; WATESOL is pleased to recognise her contributions through this award.



Ms Penny Coutas

WILTA – Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association

Penny joined Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (WILTA) in 2004 while she was still studying to become a teacher. She gave her first presentation about SAC packs to members at a WILTA PD day in 2004. Since then, Penny has been a regular presenter at WILTA workshops, sharing her expertise on how to incorporate IT in the language classroom.

In 2006, Penny joined the WILTA committee as a general member.

Penny has given many presentations at WILTA workshops between 2006 and 2012; in some years making several presentations. These are always engaging and have provided members with ideas to use in the classroom.

From 2006 to 2012, Penny has been a general member, editor of the *Warta WILTA (WW)*, membership secretary, webmaster and vice-president. Penny was editor of *WW* magazine from Term 4 2006 until 2008. During this time, Penny compiled a directory of Indonesian businesses, community organisations, student organisations etc. to help teachers when trying to access support from the Indonesian community.

As editor she produced 9 editions of *WW*.

Penny also worked on the WILTA display at the Royal Show in 2007, when Indonesia was the focus country. Penny was membership secretary for three years from 2007 until 2010 and webmaster for two years from 2009 to 2010. In 2007 and in 2009 Penny represented WILTA at the Australian Society of Indonesian Language Educators (ASILE) conference.

In 2011 and again in 2012 Penny was Vice-President of WILTA and also was WILTA's MLTAWA representative.

Thank you

Master of Ceremonies

The PTCWA Committee appreciates the support of Mr Graham Mabury OAM CitWA FECU and extends its thanks to him for acting as Master of Ceremonies for this evening's event.

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