



Professional Teaching  
Council of Western Australia

# PTCWA

## Outstanding Professional Service Awards

# 2018

## Presentation Ceremony

Wednesday 24 October 2018

Tompkins on Swan  
Cnr Dunkley Ave & Canning Hwy  
Alfred Cove



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The PTCWA provides a voice for the teaching profession and a wider context for the work of professional educational associations.

### 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 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 body of the professional education associations in Western Australia. It provides a state voice for WA 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 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.

[www.ptcwa.wa.edu.au](http://www.ptcwa.wa.edu.au)

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Date: Wednesday 24 October 2018

Time: 6.30–9.00 pm

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### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

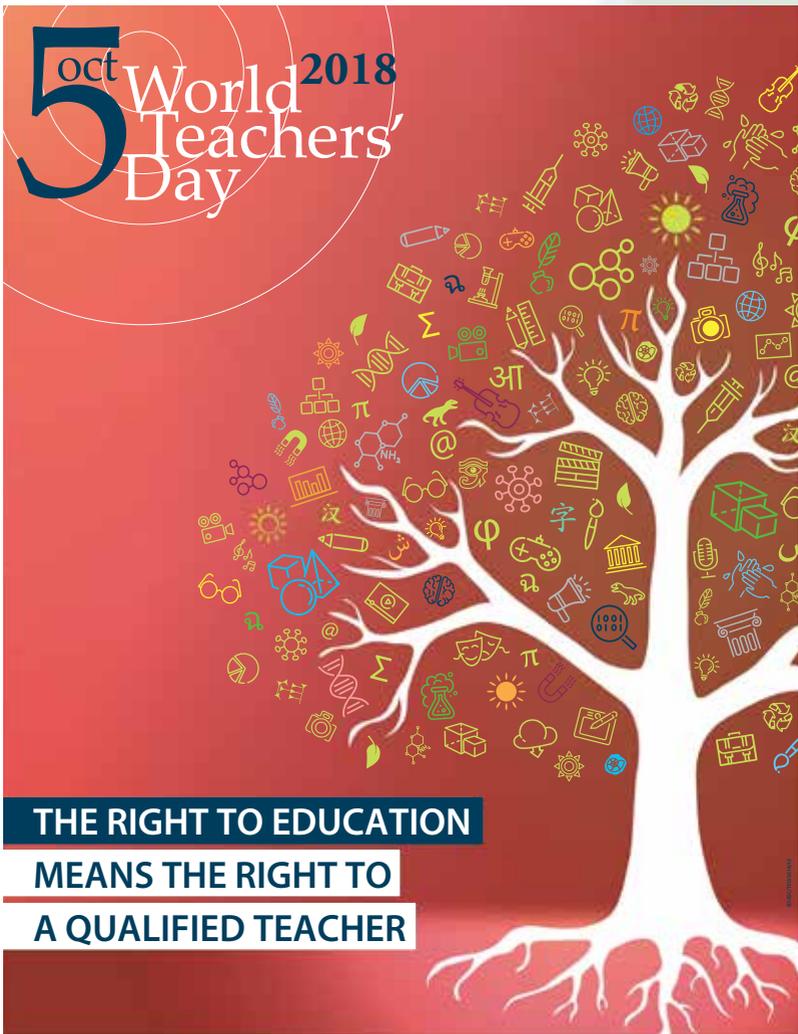
#### *Special guests for the evening*

Hon Ms Sue Ellery, MLC, Minister for Education and Training

Mr Colin Pettit, Commissioner for Children & Young People

1. Registration and drinks
2. Guests to be seated
3. Acknowledgment of Country
4. Val Baird, Master of Ceremonies
5. Dr Barbara Combes, PTCWA President
6. Hon Ms Sue Ellery
7. Mr Colin Pettit
8. PTCWA Sponsors
9. Presentation of Awards by Ms Sue Ellery

Please stay for refreshments at the end of the evening.



#WorldTeachersDay



Internationally, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

World Teachers' Day was inaugurated on 5 October 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO (International Labour Organisation) Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.



# 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.

The individual being nominated for an award should be a current or past member of the nominating association and have made an outstanding contribution to the association's support of teachers and education in WA over an extended period; for example, contributing to the association's publications either at a personal or professional level (e.g. served as journal editor, have developed teaching resources, have written articles etc.); professional development coordinator; award or accreditation coordinator; website/ ICT coordinator; and/or have made an outstanding contribution to the association over an extended period through the management of the association and/or association committees.

# 2018

## Guest speaker

### **Mr Colin Pettit**

#### **Commissioner for Children and Young People**

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Colin Pettit is the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA. He was appointed in November 2015 for a five-year term.

Colin has spent his career working to improve the wellbeing of children and young people, particularly in delivering education services and programs in regional and remote areas of the state.

Colin has worked with children, young people, families and communities all over the state as a teacher and then principal in a number of regional schools, before holding the role of Executive Director Regional and Remote Education at the Western Australian Department of Education for three years.

Between 2010 and 2015, Colin was the Secretary of Education for the Tasmanian Department of Education. He is a former President of the Primary Principal's Association of WA and Deputy President of the Australian Primary Principal's Association.



# 2018

## Recognition of Outstanding Achievement

### Ms Anne Tumak



Anne Tumak has been a teacher for 32 years. Her teaching career began at Morley Senior High School, teaching Geography and History. Very early on, Anne's passion for supporting and helping other teachers showed. After only a few years in the classroom she was appointed as a School Development Officer for Secondary Schools and ICT Support at the Dianella District Office.

From here, Anne's advocacy and support of educators grew. Her involvement with professional associations has been a significant thread in her career. She has held many senior positions with professional associations within WA and nationally. Anne held the positions of: President of the Social Science Association of Western Australia, Vice-President of the Geography Association of Western Australia, Executive Member of the Council of Secondary Tourism Teachers (Western Australian Chapter) and Board Member of the Asia Education Foundation.

Anne has had a long history of commitment to what is now known as the Professional Teaching Council of WA (PTCWA). Anne was one of the first convenors of what PTCWA was then known as, APEA (Affiliation of Professional Education Associations Inc.), from 2000. She has been president of APEA and then continued in that role with the PTCWA until March of 2018 when the new president was elected.

Anne not only represented educators in Western Australia, by lobbying government for support, promoting the valuable professional development that education associations could offer their colleagues, and garnering ongoing respect for the work educators do, she also did so nationally.

At the national level, Anne was an inaugural member of the Australian Joint Council of Professional Teacher Associations (AJCPTA) and soon became its president. The AJCPTA is a federated organisation of every Australian state and territory joint council of professional teaching associations, each representative of a number of professional teaching associations within their jurisdiction. The AJCPTA was renamed the Australian Professional Teaching Association (APTA), and Anne is its immediate past president. Anne served as a Board Director on APTA representing the PTCWA.

Her long and distinguished career in education has numerous notable highlights:

- Executive member; Vice President; Editor-Geographical Association of WA (GAWA) (1988–2013)
- Representing professional associations and teachers on the AGQTP cross sectorial committee and Curriculum Corporation's Values Education Advisory Committee
- Interim Board Member of the National Institute for Quality Teaching and School Leadership (NIQTSL) (2004)
- Deputy Chair of the Board – Western Australian College of Teaching (Jan 2003 – Dec 2007)
- Board Member – Asia Education Foundation (Jan 2004 – Dec 2009)
- Director of Teaching Australia (Feb 2005 – Dec 2009)
- Executive on the State School Teachers' Union of WA (SSTUWA) (from 2016)

Anne's dedication and commitment in the classroom has also been recognised with these awards:

- Education Department Access Asia Scholarship
- Australian Education Foundation Teacher-in-Country Fellowship (China)
- Outstanding Teacher Award – Secondary Category – Western Australian Industry Education Forum.

The PTCWA is proud to recognise and acknowledge such a dedicated colleague and we thank Anne for being an integral part of the success of our much-valued professional teaching organisations.

# 2018

## Outstanding Professional Service Awards

### Ms Gun Dolva

**AAEE – Australian Association for Environmental  
Education WA**



Ms Gun Dolva has been an active member of the Western Australian Chapter of AAEE for 16 years and during this time has consistently applied herself to supporting and facilitating the education of sustainability for the WA Chapter projects and through her work in the TAFE system. Gun's work with Industry groups is inspirational and is achieving significant changes. She has worked both in Australia and Thailand on developing, delivering and empowering environmental initiatives. Gun is a passionate educator, trainer, creative contributor and a hardworking member of AAEE and we are proud to have her as part of the WA Chapter.

Gun makes significant contributions to Environmental Education at personal, local, state, national and international levels. The scope of her work within EE and EfS is centred on her passion to share, engage and guide others and her students. Her work as a lone voice, upholding the investment of resources in the TAFE system, is a real credit to her.

The projects and initiatives to which she has contributed range from grass roots community action, multi-stakeholder environmental projects, through to significant EE and EfS research. Gun is a highly respected professional and valued friend to many environmental educators in WA and has a natural warmth and enthusiasm while working effectively with all those involved.

## Mr Chris Callus

**AARE – Australian Association for Religious Education Inc.**



Chris Callus first joined the AARE in 1994 after attending the National AARE Conference in Perth in the same year. He served as State Vice President from 1996 to 1998 then as President from 1999 to 2000 (he relinquished the role while serving as Principal at Christian Brothers Agricultural School) and again from 2002 until the present time.

During his time in the AARE, Chris has convened, chaired and presented at a variety of seminars and state conferences. He was the Convenor and Chair of the highly successful national conference, 'Wine, whales and wildflowers' held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, in 2006. A significant achievement was the introduction of State Awards for chaplains and teachers of religious education, values, spirituality, ethics and philosophy that are presented at the annual State Awards Dinner.

After serving as National Vice-President from 2006, Chris was elevated to National President of the Australian Association for Religious Education in 2017.

His role continues the support of chaplains, pastoral care workers, religious educators and extends to leaders and teachers of philosophy, values and ethics serving in primary, secondary and tertiary campuses. Chris has published resources, written exams and submissions such as AARE (WA) submissions to the Post-Compulsory Education Review in 1997/1998 and to the Federal Government on Religious Freedom legislation in 2018. He has also helped to advance best practice among our members through his provision of professional development and collegial events. His sensitivity and proactive approach has been appreciated by the diverse traditions and cultures of our members and by the community. Attention has been given to those serving in our field who had no knowledge of our association—until they were in need. Chris could truly be regarded as chaplain to the chaplains.

## Mr Geoffrey Kay

**ACE – Australian College of Educators**



Geoff Kay has been a member of ACE (WA) since 1998, and a member of the Committee and its sub-committees since 2009.

He has held the positions of Secretary and President, as well as representing WA as a member of the ACE National Council.

Over his teaching career Geoff has held several roles in government and non-government schools across several states and territories, with key contributions at local, national and international levels to the education of boys and the middle years of schooling. This experience has proven invaluable organisation that represents the interests of a wide range of membership. Currently he is enjoying teaching geography at Santa Maria College.

## **Mrs Julie Fitzpatrick**

**ALEA – Australian Literacy Educators’ Association**



Julie Fitzpatrick is a treasured and valued member of the Australian Literacy Educators’ Association. Through her involvement with ALEA for the past six years, she has continued to dedicate her time and effort in pursuit of quality literacy education.

Julie joined the local Perth council for ALEA in 2012 and since then has undertaken many roles on the committee. Most recently she served as the committee’s treasurer from 2014 to 2018. In her time as Treasurer, Julie led the committee through changes in online banking, which has positively influenced how the committee now operates. Also in this role, Julie actively sought initiatives that would allow for the organisation to manage its finances more efficiently. Her commitment to the role has had an instrumental influence on the ALEA Perth Local Council.

Julie’s passion for education and literacy is evident in the way in which she continues to devote her energy towards the ALEA mission. Julie Fitzpatrick is a truly deserving recipient of this award.

## **Mrs Leith Elliott**

**ArtEdWA – Art Education Association of Western Australia**



Leith has worked as Vice President and now President of our association with amazing amounts of enthusiasm and energy.

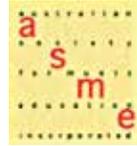
Under her guidance, the association has changed from a purely supportive organisation for art educators in WA to that of a really professional association with Australia-wide links, a comprehensive Professional Development schedule, and educative forums via an online presence. Her leadership has seen the organisation grow in numbers and become a real option for professional support to art Educators around the state.

We have no hesitation in nominating Leith for this award. Her commitment is beyond expectations and her contribution and leadership have made a real difference to the organisation.

## Mrs Jane Nicholas

### ASME – Australian Society for Music Education WA

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Jane Nicholas has taught classroom music to Western Australian primary and secondary schools for many years. Jane holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia, as well as a Graduate Diploma of Education from Edith Cowan University. She has held the positions of Vice President and Editor for Western Australian Orff Schulwerk Association (WAOSA). She currently serves as a committee member of WAOSA as well as the Western Australian chapter of Australian Society for Music Education (ASME). She teaches classroom music full-time at Willandra Primary School in south-eastern Perth.

Jane has run numerous workshops, presented at conferences and has had many music education articles published in her home state of Western Australia, nationally and internationally in Glasgow, Baku and Prague. She is the mother of two daughters and is particularly interested in creativity in education and the inclusion of Australian Aboriginal music in education.

Jane has worked tirelessly to respectfully embed Aboriginal cultures into music teaching programs across Australia. She has developed strong community links through Aboriginal musicians and Elders in her schools and the wider Australian community. Through conversations with musicians, authors and artists, Jane has developed many lesson ideas acknowledging and honouring language groups and the artists. These lessons, her knowledge of cultural protocols and Indigenous music repertoire has been used to develop a nationally recognised Indigenous Resource page for WA ASME which is now being used as a model for establishing national web-based resources. Jane runs an Indigenous choir at her school which is strongly supported by the Aboriginal and local school community as well as the children. She has found the children are proud to learn about and represent their culture.

## Ms Josie Detata

### BEWA – Business Educators of Western Australia

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Josie Detata has been a member of the BEWA Committee for six years. During this time she has contributed to benefit the organisation in so many areas: curriculum leadership, website advice, conference organisation and financial management, as well as a multitude of other tasks.

Josie has provided substantial curriculum leadership, lending her expertise to the development and checking of BEWA examinations which are widely used by Business Education teachers in WA. In addition, she has supported BEWA members regarding curriculum issues where she has provided advice and resources to both new and experienced teachers.

Josie was instrumental in the establishment of the BEWA website, consulting with the website developer regarding the organisation's needs and liaising with the BEWA Committee.

Josie has acted as Treasurer for BEWA for the past two years, during which time she has streamlined the organisation's systems and services. This has been a mammoth task requiring the establishment of a database and developing systems and procedures to service members.

Josie has also contributed at a national level to the organisation's activities, playing a major role in the organisation of the national Business Educators Australasia Conference when it was hosted by BEWA in Perth.

BEWA would be lost without the services provided by Josie.

## Dr Xuanli Ma

CLTAWA – Chinese Language Teachers' Association of WA Inc.



Dr Xuanli Ma has been working as a committee member in the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia since 2010. Her roles include community school coordinator and media coordinator. In her eight years of service, Xuanli has made significant contributions to the CLTAWA in raising the profile of the Association to the Chinese community, local community and school community by assisting in organising Association's activities, supporting professional development, and especially managing media publications.

As the media coordinator of the Association, Xuanli is very proactive and productive. She has published numerous news reports about CLTAWA's cultural and language activities in local newspapers and also via social media. She writes articles about Chinese language education in the Chung Wah Magazine and in community school newsletters. She has been interviewed by radio broadcasters about CLTAWA organised activities, Chinese culture, Chinese language teaching and community school development. The recorded interviews have been broadcasted on Perth Chinese Radio 104.9 FM in 2015 and 2018, and Mandarin Beats 6eba World Radio 95.3fm in 2017.

Xuanli has also made outstanding contributions to the Association over an extended period of time as a committee member of the CLTAWA, assisting in all activities organised by the Association. In her many years serving the CLTAWA, she has been working tirelessly coordinating the annual CLTAWA State Chinese Background Students Story Telling Competition and also working as a judge for the CLTAWA State Chinese Writing and Speaking Competitions. Xuanli is greatly involved in organising other CLTAWA organised events, such as annual Teachers and Principals Cocktail Functions and Chinese New Year Members' Celebration functions. She is also a CLTAWA representative in the organising committee of the 2018 Chinese Language Reading Recital Competition—Australian division and the committee member of WA Chinese Background Students Recitation Contest in Year 2015 and 2016. In 2011 Xuanli also assisted in the planning and running of the National Chinese Language Teachers' Conference in Perth.

The CLTAWA strongly recommend Xuanli Ma for the 2018 PTCWA Professional Services Award.

## Ms Christine Adams

DramaWest Inc.



Christine Adams has been a consistent and insightful advocate for the Arts for many decades. She has served on the professional association (DramaWest's) committee, volunteering in many roles including President, presiding over two national conferences in Perth.

Christine represented WA as a writer for the Australian Curriculum for the Arts (Drama) and provided a critical role in the review of the senior school Drama courses as a curriculum specialist. She has also written detailed curriculum guides for Pre-primary to Year 10 students in the Arts. Christine has served the needs of students as an actor, director, designer, teacher and mentor including in the Gifted and Talented Drama Program at John Curtin College of the Arts in Fremantle.

She has fought with compassion and determination for the status of the arts in schools arguing at a policy level of the need for authentic arts education in every school in WA.

## Mr Mike Fazio

**GAWA – Geographical Association of Western Australia Inc.**



Mike Fazio was elected to the Management Council of the Geographical Association of Western Australia (GAWA) in August 2002. In his second year on Council Mike volunteered his professional service and time to the GAWA Conference and the Gentilli Scholarship sub-committees. His talents were soon recognised and in August 2005 he was elected to the position of GAWA President. After serving as President for the maximum of three years, Mike continued to serve on the Council for the following three years as Immediate Past President and then as an active Council member for a further six years until his retirement from a long teaching career and over fifteen years of continuous service to GAWA.

During the time of Mike's service as GAWA President and Past President, curriculum change was taking place and significant changes in the Geography Syllabus were being developed. This was the time of the introduction of the 'Outcomes-based Courses of Study' curriculum model for the upper secondary years. These changes presented particular philosophical and practical problems for the geography discipline and our records show that Mike was instrumental in strongly presenting and representing GAWA's philosophy and position.

Mike also served as a GAWA representative and chair on the Geography Syllabus Committee at this crucial time of curriculum, pedagogic and assessment change. Mike was an enthusiastic promoter of curriculum development and geographical education, using his considerable geographical knowledge and geography teaching experience to serve as a staunch defender of GAWA's stance and contribution to curriculum change.

For a number of years, Mike coordinated and presented at GAWA's annual Year 12 student revision seminars held in both Perth and regional centres. This was a further demonstration of Mike's commitment to geographical education in WA.

Mike's contributions in furthering the development of good geography and the promotion of our discipline have been multi-dimensional. We believe these contributions aptly justify him as a worthy nominee for a PTCWA Annual Outstanding Professional Service Award.

## Ms Denise Cullen

HEIA – Home Economics Institute of Australia WA



In the 18 years Denise Cullen has been a member, she has made a significant voluntary contribution to the WA Division of the Home Economics Institute of Australia (HEIA). During that time, Denise served six years as a member of the Committee of Management and for five years she was the journal editor.

HEIA(WA) has greatly benefited from Denise's ITC skills. She was the web master for several years and currently manages a very active Home Economics Network WA Facebook group. Syllabus changes, brought about by the introduction of the Australian and WA Curriculum for Technologies, has increased the need for the upskilling of teachers of Home Economics in the use of digital technologies. Through TeachMeet, Denise has presented relevant professional development sessions on bringing technology into the classroom.

Denise is a committed teacher and throughout her career has been actively involved with the myriad of curriculum changes. She has participated in the development and trialling of teaching, learning and assessment programs, for both upper and lower school courses. Denise has willingly shared her experiences with her colleagues by running professional learning sessions. She is a strong advocate for Home Economics' participation as a member of STEM and recently coordinated an *e-Textiles: getting girls into STEM* workshop.

The HEIA Committee in WA appreciates the significant contribution that Denise, through her commitment, hard work and enthusiasm, has made to Home Economics education in this state. Thus, the Committee has much pleasure in recognising her contribution through the PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award in 2018.

## Ms Lynne Rockliff

MLTAWA – Modern Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia Inc.



Lynne Rockliff has been a dedicated member of the MLTAWA Committee since 2012. In this time, she has served in the roles of Professional Learning Coordinator from 2014–2016 and Membership Secretary from 2017–2018.

As Professional Learning Coordinator, Lynne enthusiastically facilitated and presented at a range of PL events. In 2016, she had a pivotal logistical role in the MLTAWA Biennial State Conference which attracted over 150 delegates.

As Membership Secretary, Lynne maintains the membership database for the MLTAWA, which is a parent organisation to six affiliated Single Language Associations (SLA) and sits under the umbrella of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association (AFMLTA). Hence the role involves ongoing liaising and provision of membership data to the AFMLTA and SLAs and instigating capitation payment through liaison with the treasurer. Lynne communicates regularly with more than 420 members to renew membership and provides a point of communication for membership issues.

Lynne's commitment to her role on the MLTAWA Committee is reflected in her regular participation in committee meetings and events, even while teaching and living in regional areas.

## Mrs Alison Harris

PLEAWA – Political and Legal Educators of Western Australia

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Ali Harris has been an active member of the Political and Legal Educators of Western Australia (PLEAWA) Committee since 2005. She served as President from 2010–2012 and as Vice-President from 2016–2018. In addition she has volunteered as Substantive Editor for three student-textbook publications for Politics and Law students as well as ran professional development for staff in order to support teaching and learning and facilitate the goals of PLEAWA. Further, Ali has served on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority Course Advisory Committee for many years and has been an active leader, mentor, teacher and advocate for the support of teaching and learning in Politics and Law, Civics and Citizenship, and Humanities and Social Sciences in the education sector. This nomination duly recognises her outstanding professionalism and exemplary contribution in promoting understanding, engagement and active citizenship for both students and staff.

## Dr Christine Howitt

STAWA – Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia Inc.

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Christine Howitt has been an active member of the Primary Science Committee as a part of the Science Teachers' Association (STA) since 2003. She has been Primary Science Committee Chair and elected Council member since 2012. As Primary Science Committee Chair, Christine has made substantial contributions to STAWA that has impacted Primary Science education in WA. She has participated as an organiser and presenter at the STAWA 'SKIDS' Day and convened the annual Primary Science Conference. Christine also delivered workshops during this time. Additionally, Christine supported and encouraged others to support the merging of the primary and secondary science conferences to a single conference, CONSTAWA. Christine has written and supported others in the writing of the STAWA PriSci Pinups publication. She also wrote, as an extension of a Pinup, *COLOUR Ideas to Engage Kindergarten Children*, now published through the STAWA Shop. Her contribution as leader of the primary science committee has been outstanding and is exemplified by her cooperative and productive Primary Science team. Christine is a positive role model, leader, generous volunteer and a worthy recipient of an Outstanding Professional Service Award.

## Mrs Amra Munir

### **TAGWA – Teachers Association of German Western Australia**



Amra Munir has been a Language teacher and a member of the Teachers' Association of German Western Australia (TAGWA) since 2011. Amra joined the TAGWA committee in 2012 and in 2013 took on the role of Treasurer. She now holds the position of general committee member.

As a coordinator, Amra helped with the smooth running of the DAS German Language Competition for High Schools in 2017 and again in 2018, which were very successful.

Amra also contributes to the TAGWA association in her willingness to share her expertise and experiences.

Amra has successfully applied for Rossmoyne Senior High School to become a PASCH Schule and is working closely with the Goethe Institute to make German available for a wider community.

PASCH schools are financially supported by German government funds and offer scholarships for students to travel to Germany. Initiatives to network within the school net and access to a variety of online resources help to make the teaching and learning of German even more engaging and relevant. Rossmoyne SHS is only the fourth high school in Australia that has been awarded PASCH status.

Amra is a highly valued member of the committee who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution in professional service in support of the teaching and learning of German. She is very deserving of this award.

## Mrs Brigitte Blunsdon

### **TOFWA – Teachers of French Association Western Australia**



Brigitte Blunsdon has taught classes from Primary French right up to Year 12. She consistently adheres to SCSA standards and processes for the ATAR courses. Throughout her many years of teaching, she has been required to create resources to suit the various delivery methods of her workplaces including teleconferencing, videoconferencing, web-based lesson delivery, creating live TV shows, one-on-one teaching, interactive activities and whole-class delivery.

This year's nominee has been involved in TOFA:

- as both a member and a committee member, for well over 10 years
- as a committee member and a tour teacher on the exchange for the Réunion Island Exchange Program
- as an Oral Marker for the SCSA exams
- as an audio voice actor for the Alliance Française exams (her voice has been heard by many young Australian French learners over the years)
- as a part of many PD sessions presented at SIDE.

Throughout her many years of teaching, Brigitte has served our French teaching community in such a selfless way.

Additionally, when the new French WACE Curriculum was introduced, Brigitte embarked on an adventure with a colleague to create Première Classe: papers that many French teachers in WA use for their Year 11 and 12 exams. It takes daring, expertise and determination to make something like that work. Brigitte Blunsdon definitely has all of these.

## Mrs Kerrie Wann

**WAATA – West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants Inc.**

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It gives us great pleasure to nominate Kerrie Wann as a very worthy recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Kerrie Wann has been an Education Assistant for 28 years in both pre-primary and junior primary, as well as the ICT support at her local school in Geraldton.

Kerrie has been a Member of the West Australian Association of Teacher Assistants Inc. (WAATA) since 1994 and a committee member for four years.

In 2017, Kerrie took on the role of the newsletter editor. Kerrie was one of the driving forces behind bringing WAATA up to the 21st century by digitalising everything and sending all correspondence out through MailChimp. Her crafty designs using Canva meant that the 2018 conference program and adjoining forms were all sent out electronically, the first time in 25 years WAATA members did not receive a paper copy in the mail.

Kerrie is the longest serving WAATA member on the committee. She lives in Geraldton so she usually attends our meetings through Skype or by making the trek from Geraldton.

Kerrie's continued commitment to WAATA ensured a successful future for the Association by moving ahead with the times. Additionally, her regional location means WAATA keeps up to date with regional issues and needs.

The 2018–2019 WAATA Committee encourages the consideration of Kerrie Wann for the 2018 Outstanding Professional Service Award.

## Mrs Paula O'Donnell

WAATI – Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian Inc.



Paula O'Donnell joined the Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian as a graduate teacher in the early 2000s. Since then, Paula has been a continuously active member of the association. Paula joined the committee in 2006, starting out in the busy role of secretary. She served in this capacity for five years, keeping the minutes up to date, sending out regular information to all members and dealing with incoming and outgoing mail in an efficient manner in the days before email was the common method of communication to the membership. Paula was also active with the committee, assisting with the organisation of professional learning events, student activities and state conferences. Her calm and methodical approach made her a great asset to the committee.

As a committee member, Paula was also heavily involved with organising and presenting sessions at Professional Learning Events and State Conferences. Paula is always happy to share her experience, expertise and ideas with other members in a friendly and cooperative manner.

Paula stepped down from the committee at the beginning of 2011 to spend time with her family but remained an active, committed member of the association, always willing to help and to offer advice.

Paula has always supported the WAATI Student Exchange Program. She has her school and students host Italian students during winter each year and then sends students to Italy for eight weeks over summer. As an involved teacher, Paula always willingly offers her time and assistance at the various briefings and events held throughout the year involving exchange programs. As meetings are mainly hosted at Paula's school, this means she has an extra work load in this important program of our association. She is present at all meetings and is always there to open and close afterwards.

Paula is a strong advocate for Languages Education and is a hardworking, passionate teacher of Italian. As such, another area where she has contributed heavily to WAATI has been in Professional Learning and also to the development of students. Since rejoining the state committee, again as our most-efficient secretary, Paula has worked hard to reinstate Year 12 Orals Practice Days that greatly benefit Year 12 ATAR students just before they have their Oral Exams. Paula organises a band of teachers to provide a huge number of students with intensive small group practice for their oral exams. The day is appreciated by students and teachers alike and is run with her usual efficiency.

Paula is a reliable member of our association who, over the years, has consistently contributed greatly to further the aims of our association. We congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

## Mrs Fiona Yeats

### WADHSAA – Western Australian District High School Administrators Association

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Fiona Yeats has been an integral member of the Western Australian District High School Administrators Association (WADHSAA) for 24 years. During this period, Fiona has been elected as an Executive member for 15 years, fulfilling the roles of Secretary and now Treasurer.

As an Executive member, Fiona brings a solid and successful leadership career in rural schools. As Principal of Bruce Rock District High School, she has led this school to an exemplary review in 2012 as well as being a finalist on two occasions for the Primary School of the Year. Fiona has also been nominated for Primary Principal of the Year.

As an executive member, Fiona has been entrusted to undertake consultation with the Department of Education on numerous policies, strategies and initiatives. Most recently, Fiona played a key role in the consultation of the Student Centred Funding Model and Principal Performance Improvement Tool. During all of these processes, Fiona brought a rural perspective, which was crucial to supporting schools throughout regional and remote Western Australia.

Highly effective principals see themselves as members of a wider educational community. Fiona's commitment to WADHSAA and genuine desire to work with and support her colleagues has had a positive impact on education that deserves special recognition. Fiona is an extremely influential educator, who is driven by a moral purpose to strengthen rural and remote schooling. It is with great pleasure that we nominate her for a Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia Service Award.

## Mrs Linda Lane

**WAESPAA – Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators’ Association Inc.**



It is our pleasure to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Linda Lane to the West Australian Education Support Sector and to the Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators Association (WAESPAA).

Throughout the area of Special Education, state-wide and nationally, Linda is held in high regard and is deeply respected by all who know and have had the distinct pleasure to work with her. Linda is kind, thoughtful and passionate about ensuring that students with disabilities have equal opportunity to achieve and excel so that they leave school well-placed for a great life ahead of them.

Linda recognised very early on that teacher quality and the impact of leadership were critical to the outcomes of students. Linda’s career has been built upon continual improvement of herself and others. Linda demonstrates collaborative leadership and is sought out as a mentor, advisor and coach to many.

Linda has been a Principal of both Level 3 and Level 5 schools and ultimately held the Presidency of WAESPAA. Linda has been a member of WAESPAA since 2005, becoming a member of the executive committee in 2006. Linda accepted the nomination as the Treasurer in 2009, holding this important support position for three years before becoming the WAESPAA President in 2012. Over the next four years as President, Linda led a strategic planning reform through a Change2 process to identify current key priority areas relevant for school leaders. Through this reform, WAESPAA aligned a focus toward professional learning for leaders of education for children with disability whilst providing a strong voice for the school settings represented by WAESPAA. Linda forged connections with colleague associations and the Department of Education to ensure WAESPAA was increasingly invited to the table to review and inform relevant policy and procedure development. Linda promoted a progressive WAESPAA and, in her final year as President, oversaw the change of the Constitution and By-Laws to include membership for Aspirants and broader inclusion of those leading education for children with disability in a diverse range of school settings.

Linda has made a positive contribution towards enhancing educational outcomes for students with special needs and in supporting the members of the Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators Association. With great respect and pride we acknowledge Linda as a valued colleague and a vital contributor to our Association members, our students and to our sector.

## Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

**WAIER – Western Australian Institute for Educational Research**



Since joining the Executive Committee in 2010, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis has been a consistent contributor to WAIER. Angela was a co-coordinator of the occasional Research Seminars, organising a number of successful seminars across Perth in 2011 and 2012. During 2014, Angela took over the important role of Secretary which she still holds in 2018. As well as meticulously documenting the discussions and outcomes of committee meetings, Angela has enthusiastically supported all aspects of WAIER. Her contributions such as becoming an Associate Editor for the Journal Issues in Educational Research and assisting with updating the WAIER Constitution and Objectives, indicate her versatile set of skills, attention to detail and willingness to support all aims of the WAIER. Angela is a valued committee member and deserving recipient of this award.

## Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

**WAMGLTA – Western Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers Association**



Since the inception of The West Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers' Association Inc. (WAMGLTA) in 2016, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, as Chair of the Association, has worked tirelessly to achieve a number of goals. As the driving force of the Association, Angela has achieved the following in 2018:

- manages all the responsibilities of the Association as its Chair whilst also carrying out the full duties of Secretary up to the August meeting when a Secretary was finally installed
- oversaw the updating of the WAMGLTA Rules, which were approved by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Consumer Protection on 9 April 2018
- holds regular meetings at the various Greek Education Providers to ensure inclusion of all Greek Language Teachers
- instigated and brought to finalisation a logo for the Association
- promoted the idea of WAMGLTA's inaugural professional learning opportunity and bringing it to fruition on 25 August
- created the agenda, promotional flyer and certificate of participation for the PL
- prepared the post-PL article and disseminated it widely
- brought together Greek Language Teachers from all of WA's Greek Education Providers in a supportive and productive environment
- prepared for subsequent PL opportunities to be offered by WAMGLTA.

Further to these efforts for the Association, Angela is in her 14th year as the Director of the Centre for the Greek Language, which offers annual examinations to WA candidates. Angela organises the registration of the candidates, the payment of fees, the invigilation of the examinations, the return of the examination papers to Greece and the dissemination of results and certificates to the candidates.

Angela is also a consultant for the teaching and learning of Modern Greek for a number of Greek Education Providers in WA.

## Mrs Sarah Betteridge

**WASLA – Western Australian School Library Association Inc.**



Sarah Betteridge became a member of the WASLA Committee in 2014. Sarah works tirelessly as the librarian at Ocean Reef Senior High School where she is a highly respected member of staff. She has made an outstanding contribution to the Association as the Social Media Coordinator where she leads a sub-committee who manages, monitors and contributes to the WASLA Facebook group page and the WASLA Twitter account. Sarah is responsible for sourcing articles, photographs and news stories that will appeal to and accommodate the needs of a wide range of personnel working in school libraries including teachers, library officers, library technicians, teacher librarians and volunteers. The social media utilities managed by Sarah are an ongoing commitment and provide a means for WASLA to provide services for library personnel across the state.

Sarah is also an active participant in all aspects of the WASLA Committee and regularly acts as a proofreader for the ic3 journal, assists on the Awards sub-committee and is a willing participant on conference and Professional Development sub-committees. She has also been an active sharer of her knowledge and expertise, regularly presenting at professional development days.

Sarah has made, and continues to make, an outstanding contribution to school libraries on many levels and is a vital member of the education community in Western Australia. She has proven to be an outstanding committee member and has contributed tirelessly to WASLA and its goal to advance the profession through support, networking and research.

## Mr Jeremy Snyder

**WILTA – Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association**



Jeremy joined WILTA in 2014 and since then he has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (WILTA) support of teachers and education in WA first as the Vice-President and then as President.

Of particular note is Jeremy's role in the WILTA Kompetisi Klip-Klip competition for students which has seen a great level of participation from schools across Western Australia in an interschool language competition. Jeremy was the inventor and driving force behind this competition which has now grown to become one of the best Indonesian language competitions for students in the country.

Additionally Jeremy invented the Berita Jumat, which has proven to be a very effective means of communication with the member by giving weekly updates to members on all things relating to the teaching of Indonesian in Western Australian Schools.

Jeremy has been an exceptional leader for WILTA, going above and beyond to develop new initiatives, strengthen WILTA's relationships with the community and represent WILTA at numerous functions and events. WILTA acknowledges and thanks Jeremy for his ongoing service and enthusiasm.

# PTCWA ASSOCIATIONS

## AAEE

Australian Association for Environmental Education (WA)

## AARE

Australian Association of Religious Education Inc. (WA)

## AASE (WA)

Australian Association of Special Education Inc.

## ABODA

Australian Band and Orchestra Directors Association (WA)

## ACE

Australian College of Educators (WA)

## AISWA

Association of Independent Schools WA Libraries section

## ALEA

Australian Literacy Educators' Association

## APIS

Association for Philosophy in Schools (WA)

## ArtEdWA

Art Education Association of Western Australia

## ASME

Australian Society for Music Education (WA)

## BEWA

Business Educators of Western Australia Inc.

## CEAWA

Career Education Association of Western Australia Inc.

## CLTAWA

Chinese Language Teachers Association of WA Inc.

## DATTA

Design and Technology Teachers Association

## DRAMAWEST

The Association of Drama Educators Inc. (WA)

## ETAWA (English)

English Teachers Association of Western Australia Inc.

## EYES

Early Years in Education Society

## GAWA

Geographical Association of Western Australia Inc.

## HEIA

Home Economics Institute Australia (WA)

## JLTAWA

Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia

## L3CTA

Level 3 Classroom Teachers Association of WA

## MLTAWA

Modern Language Teachers Association of Western Australia Inc.

## Montessori Teachers Association WA

Montessori Teachers Association Western Australia

## PLEWA

Political and Legal Educators of Western Australia

## PTCWA

Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia

## STAWA

Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia Inc.

## TAGWA

Teachers of German Western Australia

## TOFAWA

Teachers of French Association Western Australia

## WAATA

The West Australian Association of Teachers Assistants Inc.

## WAATI

Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian Inc.

## WADHSAA

Western Australian District High School Administrators' Association

## WAESPAA

Western Australian Education Support Principals and Administrators' Association Inc.

## WAIER

The Western Australian Institute of Educational Research

## WAMGLTA

The Western Australian Modern Greek Language Teachers Association

## WASLA

Western Australian School Library Association Inc.

## WATESOL

Westralian Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Inc.

## WILTA

Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association

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Master of Ceremonies

The PTCWA Committee appreciates the support of Ms Val Baird and extends its thanks to her for acting as Master of Ceremonies for this evening's event.

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