

'If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow.'
John Dewey



PTCWA Inc – A voice for professional educators in WA

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Getting your message out there

Representatives from PTCWA managed a table at the Open Day for preservice teachers at ECU on the 6th August 2019. As part of the preparation for this Open Day PTCWA produced an information booklet about the Association that also included information about member associations.

The purpose of the booklet is to be a reference guide. It contains contact information and a brief description of each member association. Information in the booklet was taken from member association websites or supplied directly by the associations. It has been found in the past that students prefer a single print reference they can take away with them to refer to at a later date. So while an online version of the booklet will go on the PTCWA website, print copies will also be made available by contacting barb.waata@bigpond.com. As new associations join PTCWA, their information will be added to the booklet.

The booklet was well received by students; Julie Boston the ECU Academic Coordinator of Industry and Engagement and Professor Stephen Winn, the Executive Dean of the School of Education. More than 60 students took booklets on the day, with one student explaining that his friends had told him it was a *must have* item. For many students the information contained in the booklet was new for them.

The Open Day was a successful venture for PTCWA and teaching associations across WA. PTCWA will use the booklet for advertising and to lobby other groups that are part of the education community in WA, including the universities, industry providers and preservice teachers.

PTCWA Outstanding Professional Services Awards

The PTCWA Awards night will be held at Tompkins on Swan on the 23rd October, 2019. Please save the date and email your nominee to the Executive Officer as soon as possible (Barb Lippiatt at barb.waata@bigpond.com)

The PTCWA Awards recognise individual member's outstanding professional contribution to education in Western Australia. These awards are cross sectoral and recognise the work done by exemplary educators by their peers. The awards provide the opportunity for each financial member association of PTCWA to consider the work of their members and nominate a worthy recipient.

Nominations for the Awards Night closes on the 13th September 2019, so please get these in ASAP.

PTCWA website – www.ptcwa.wa.edu.au

PTCWA's new website contains information about PTCWA and its member associations, as well as dates for upcoming professional learning opportunities, and information about and a gallery of Award winners and. Please send information about your association's upcoming events to Barb Lippiatt, Executive Officer at barb.waata@bigpond.com

The website analytics is currently showing a huge amount of traffic, indicating perhaps that Government agencies are also using the site to access information about the member associations. The Committee will continue to monitor these visits and try to obtain a refined breakdown of how the site is being used.

Professional Learning

Since everyone who works in education, including the PTCWA Committee are very busy, the Committee has decided to include a range of resources on the website designed to support member associations. Resources will include exemplars and templates, PPTs, videos and information to assist member associations to provide resources, perform effective governance and streamline processes for their respective associations. This will be an ongoing commitment by the PTCWA Committee.

PTCWA Committee