

## News In Brief – November 2017

**The AFMLTA provides vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of languages. In this edition of News In Brief we provide a snapshot of some of the recent work of the association.**



### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The first Ready, Set, Assess! Professional Learning program was held in Perth in late October with great feedback received from teachers involved. The next workshop will be in Alice Springs on 17 November and workshops in other capital cities will be scheduled for early 2018. Dates and locations for 2018 workshops will be advertised through News In Brief and via the [AFMLTA website](http://www.afmlta.asn.au). This is an opportunity for teachers across the country to engage with the suite of Professional Learning resources developed by the AFMLTA to support teachers of Languages in implementing Australian Curriculum: Languages and the relevant state/territory curricula. The focus of Ready, Set, Assess! is on engaging with quality assessment practices and analysing a range of assessment tasks and student work samples. Other Professional Learning resources from the Ready, Set, Go! and Ready, Set, Plan! are available from the [AFMLTA website](http://www.afmlta.asn.au).

### AFMLTA Webinar Series

In response to requests from members, the AFMLTA has initiated a FREE Webinar series to provide Languages teachers with online Professional Learning opportunities each term. The next webinar, will be presented by Anne-Marie Morgan 'Teaching languages in rural and remote contexts' **Tuesday 7 December, 7-7.45pm AEDT**

A recording of the webinar presented by Nathan Harvey 'Making global connections local: A case study from WA' is now available online. For more details on how to participate in the next webinar live online or to access the recordings, go to the [AFMLTA website](http://www.afmlta.asn.au)

### AFS Global Competence Webinars

AFS is offering a number of FREE webinars to celebrate International Education Week (13 - 17 November 2017) with great international presenters and quality resources to support global competence development. Access more details and register online [here](http://www.afmlta.asn.au)

### FIPLV - International Federation of Language Teacher Associations

The FIPLV World Congress will be held in conjunction with the ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA 15-18 November 2018. More details [here](http://www.afmlta.asn.au). AFMLTA is a member of FIPLV which entitles all MLTA members to member rates at FIPLV events.

### #AFMLTA2019 – Save the Date

The 22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference will be held in Hobart, Tasmania - July 2019.

### ADVOCACY

AFMLTA was recently invited to respond to the Australian Government's **Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools**. A copy of our submission is available from the [AFMLTA website](http://www.afmlta.asn.au) under What's New.

### University Languages Portal Australia (ULPA)

A great website which provides useful information to encourage students to include Languages in their tertiary studies. <https://www.ulpa.edu.au/>

### Early Languages Learning Australia (ELLA) 2018 Applications Open

Applications for ELLA 2018 are now open via [www.ella.edu.au](http://www.ella.edu.au) ELLA is a fun, digital, play-based language learning program for children in Australian preschools. In 2018 ELLA will be available in 9 languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish. In 2017 nearly 1850 preschools participated in the ELLA program which is delivered through apps for tablet devices. It is free for preschools to participate and is part of the Australian Government's commitment to supporting language study in Australia. Applications close 5pm on 15 December 2017.

### Download the Family App



### SBS National Languages Competition 2017 Winners

AFMLTA was proud to support the 2017 SBS National Languages Competition which encouraged and celebrated a love of learning languages in Australia. We congratulate the four national winners and encourage you to share their stories with your students. Click [here](http://www.afmlta.asn.au) to find out more about the winners and to watch their entries.



### MEMBERSHIP

To enjoy the benefits of AFMLTA membership, join one of our member MLTAs in your state or territory. See MLTA contacts on the bottom of the AFMLTA [home page](http://www.afmlta.asn.au).

### COMMUNICATION

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