



President's Report (MLTAWA AGM, 15 November, 2017) Kate Reitzenstein

Strengthening of networks and professional identity through the exchange of ideas, information and expertise among members

- *Languages in the Mainstream* Project including 4 public events throughout the year and Languages Week (7-14 August) See Appendix 1: LITM Acquittal 2017
- *Walk the Talk Project* with the Department of Education of WA, Train the Trainer sessions (20 May & 9 Sept) and package developed for Year 3 & 4 teachers
- 4 grants to Members to attend the *AFMLTA International Languages Conference* at Bond University, Gold Coast (6-8 July)
- President attended the 2-day AFMLTA National Assembly (July) in on the Gold Coast (5-6 July)
- MLTAWA Principal's Award Event at Santa Maria inviting all nominee principals and members (6 Sept)
- Supported the AFMLTA led *Ready Set? Assess!* professional learning event at Willetton SHS (27-28 October) through promotion through membership base. Facilitators: Dr Anne-Marie Morgan and Nathan Harvey
- Collaborated with Curtin University to deliver the *CLIL Conference 2017* (10-11 November). Major contribution was facilitating and hosting of visit by Dr Russell Cross from Melbourne University
- MLTAWA Committee meet every 6 weeks + 2 e-Meetings throughout the year. Affiliated Single Language Association (SLA) representatives are invited to the meetings and SLA reports posted on website.

Improvement in curriculum and assessment provisions of second language teaching by negotiating with and providing expertise to appropriate groups and institutions

- Part of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association (AFMLTA)
- Formally affiliated with ASTWA, CLTWA, JLTAWA, TAGWA, WILTA and WAATI
- Representation on the Ministerial Advisory Group for Community Languages (MAGCL)
- Partnership with the Australian Institute of Management (AIMWA) through recruitment of MLTAWA members as evaluators for the Community Language Pathways to Improvement Program (PIP)
- Partnership with the Department of Education of WA (DoE WA)
- Partnership with the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI)
- Languages in the Mainstream (LitM) Steering Committee includes a broad range of representation from the WA Languages sector
- Member of Professional Teaching Council of WA (PCTWA)
- Attendance at WA Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (WATESOL) Coffee Club and mutual promotion professional learning events

Political representation for the languages teaching profession

- AFMLTA letter to SCSA raising concerns about lack of 7-10 sequence and pathways for Chinese of the WA Curriculum for Languages received a response from the SCSA (16 November, 2017)
- ECU Languages Forum (30 March)
- Invited input from both sides of government at the Languages Week events

Promote the learning and teaching of languages

- ABC 720 Radio Interview with Peter Bell
- Newspaper articles: Collie Mail, Community Newspapers, ABC Goldfields
- Annual MLTAWA Hilde Dixon Award
- Annual MLTAWA Principal's Award
- Professional Teaching Council of WA Outstanding Service Awards

Publish and circulate to members information on professional matters

- President's updates to all members twice a term (email)
- MLTAWA Website is our newsletter and has open and 'members only' access. Sections include News, Events, Professional Learning, Reading and Resources. Jobs forum allows members to view and post job advertisements. Members automatically notified via email of new content on the website
- *Babel*, the only Languages education academic journal in Australia, is distributed to all MLTAWA members via the AFMLTA
- *MLTAWA Secret Facebook group* offers a platform for professional discussion about languages and MLTAWA events. You have to be a current financial member. Email membership@mltawa.asn.au to receive a request to join (120 members)
- *Languages in the Mainstream Facebook group* is public and anyone is allowed to join and post news about events related to Languages and language learning (250 members)
- *@MLTAWA* Twitter account is also public (383 followers)

Engage in other activities, which may seem appropriate to further the aims and objectives of the Association

- Ongoing involvement in the Community Languages Program through OMI
- Ongoing involvement in the German Round Table convened by Hon Consul of Germany
- Invitation to speak at SLA activities (eg CLTAWA Speech Competition, DAS Awards, ASTWA Sundowner, WILTA Breakfast)
- Attendance at school and community events (Piara Waters PS, Baldivis PS, AUSIT Awards Ceremony)

Additional

- Areas of focus in 2018: further and ongoing professional learning for members, streamlining of Languages Week competitions submissions process, continuing advocacy for Languages at a state and national level
- Languages Week 2018 (6-13 August)
- MLTAWA Biennial State Conference 2018 (September)
- Sincere thank you to members of the 2017 MLTAWA Committee for their commitment and hard work. Appreciation to SLA Presidents and Committees for their dedication towards Languages education in WA.