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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Ready, Set, Assess! Workshops will be held in many Australian states and territories in 2018. 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.

Following the workshops, language-specific webinars will be held in term 2 to provide further opportunities for collaborative moderation discussions.

Ready, Set, Assess! Workshops have already been held in Perth and Alice Springs. See what teachers are saying about this PL...

- "I learned more about the Australian Curriculum and how to better organise my work and facilitate my students' learning needs."
- "I feel much more confident about assessment having spent a day immersed in the materials and resources provided!"
- "I have a deeper understanding of the process of assessing and how to be more efficient in creating more meaningful and relevant assessment opportunities."

2018 Workshop Dates:

Melbourne Saturday 17 March *Ready, Set, Assess!*

Canberra Friday 23 March *Ready, Set, Go! & Ready, Set, Plan!*

Canberra Saturday 24 March *Ready, Set, Assess!*

Additional dates for 2018 workshops in Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin and Hobart will be advertised through News In Brief and via the [AFMLTA website](http://www.afmlta.asn.au).

Online registrations will open in early 2018.

1 day workshop + webinar \$185 MLTA member/ \$225 non-member

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BABEL JOURNAL

Issue 52.1 of the AFMLTA journal, Babel is currently being distributed to all 2017 MLTA members.

Issue 52.2 and 52.3 will be a combined publication including papers from the 2017 AFMLTA Conference.

Teachers and academics engaged in research in the field of languages education are invited to contact the [editor](#) about possible publication of a paper in Babel.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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.

Tuesday 7 December 2017, 7-7.45pm AEDT

Focus: *Teaching languages in rural and remote contexts*

Presented by: Anne-Marie Morgan (AFMLTA President)

Tuesday 6 March 2018, 7-7.45pm AEDT

Focus: *An introduction to Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)*

Presented by: Kylie Farmer (AFMLTA Executive Member)

For more details on how to participate in the webinars live online or to access the recordings, go to the [AFMLTA website](http://www.afmlta.asn.au).

If you would like to suggest other focus topics for future webinars please email info@afmlta.asn.au

AFMLTA2019 – Save the Date

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

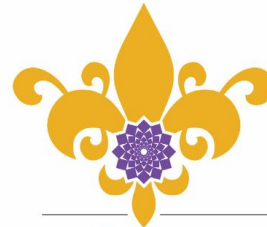


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2017 - 30th Anniversary of the National Policy on Languages
 The [National Policy on Languages](#) (NPL), written by Joseph Lo Bianco and passed by parliament in 1987, was the first comprehensive national language policy in an English speaking country. It was adopted by the Australian government as an inclusive national plan to cover Australia's language needs and interests including: English and English literacy, deafness and sign language, indigenous languages rights, community and Asian languages, cross-cultural and intercultural training in professions, extensions to translating and interpreting services, multilingual resources in public libraries, media, support for adult literacy and English as an Additional Language (EAL). The NPL resulted in significant investment at national and state level and the development of new policies on language and literacy.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



ACTFL 2018
NEW ORLEANS
NOVEMBER 16-18

Where Language Educators Meet

The 2018 ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo will be held November 16-18 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The FIPLV World Congress will also be part of the convention. ACTFL invites language educators at all levels and of all languages to [submit a proposal](#). The submission deadline is **Friday, January 12, 2018 at 11:59pm Eastern Time**. Visit the ACTFL website for more information and to [submit](#) your workshop proposal.



Learn an indigenous Australian Language

The AFMLTA website has information about opportunities to learn indigenous Australian languages through the Australian National University and Charles Darwin University. This includes a 2 week Summer School in Sydney 8-19 January 2018 as well as other study options in 2018.



Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) 2018 Applications Open

Applications for ELLA 2018 are now open via 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**.

Australian Alliance of Associations in Education (AAAE)

AFMLTA is a member of the Australian Alliance of Associations in Education. We would like to congratulate Sherryl Saunders, executive member of the AFMLTA on her recent appointment as President of AAAE. To find out more about the work of the AAAE visit their website: <http://aaae.edu.au/>

THANK YOU

As the year draws to a close, the AFMLTA executive would like to thank all MLTA members for their ongoing commitment to the quality teaching and learning of languages. We hope you have a restful break and we look forward to continuing to work together in 2018!



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](#).

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