

MLTA ACT News – 2019

These news items are in reverse chronological order, with the most recent items at the top.

Journée Internationale des professeurs de français, posted 29 November 2019

On Thursday 28 November 2019, at the Alliance Française de Canberra, on the occasion of the first International Day of Teachers of French ([Journée Internationale des professeurs de français](#)), a day proclaimed for the first time this year, the French Embassy's Cultural Counsellor, Bertrand Pous, presented the prestigious palmes académiques award to Canberra French teacher Myriam Davies for her work as a French teacher at many levels of the education system and in several states.



AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 12 November 2019

See the [November 2019 News in Brief from AFMLTA](#) for:

- Congratulations John Hajek: FIPLV International Award Winner
- Connecting CLIL teachers
- BABEL Volume 54 Issue 1&2 mailed out to members
- NSW Curriculum Review
- SBS National Languages Competition Winners
- Happy anniversary MLTAQ!
- 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages
- AFMLTA Professional Standards
- Professional learning



Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award update, posted 4 November 2019

Reminder and extension of deadline for nominations for the [Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award for 2019](#). Members are able to nominate themselves or nominate another member for the Award. The nominated candidate must demonstrably be:

1. engaging with current theories of education
2. modelling and promoting effective and innovative language teaching practice and
3. contributing to the education and professional development of language teachers.

Please refer to the document at the link above for full details. Nominations should clearly address each of the three criteria and must be submitted by COB Friday 22 November 2019 at [a href=https://forms.gle/qmGGU8CT5t5wARV2A](https://forms.gle/qmGGU8CT5t5wARV2A).

BSSS workshop on implementation of new Languages curriculum, posted 21 October 2019



The Office of the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies has announced professional learning workshops for teachers, to launch the new courses being implemented in 2020. The workshops are to be held at Callam Offices during Term 4. The Languages workshop will be held on Thursday 21 November 2019 (Week 6), from 2 pm to 5 pm. The link to enrol is on the [workshop flyer](#).

Call for articles – Semester 2 2019 edition of Contact newsletter, posted 17 October 2019

It's once again time for me to ask for contributions for CONTACT. I would like to request that all articles for inclusion in the Semester 2 publication be sent to me by the end of Week 7 (Friday November 29). Language Network Leaders, please have your Network's MLTA ACT representative send in any news and happenings that have occurred in Term 3 and 4 ... and anyone else who has a contribution, we would love to hear from you – teaching successes, school languages events, reviews and news are all welcome! Please email articles (and any accompanying photos) to [Sharee Harrild, MLTA ACT Contact editor](mailto:Sharee.Harrild@mltaact.asn.au), contacteditor@mltaact.asn.au.

AC:Languages Achievement Standards



The Modern Language Teachers' Association of the ACT invites you to attend a workshop on: Gathering evidence for reporting on the AC:Languages Achievement Standards. This is a repeat of the workshop we ran on 12 September, as there were many who missed out. If you attended the 12 September workshop, please note that this is a repeat of the same workshop. This workshop is TQI accredited for 2 hours.

It will take place Saturday, 26 October 9:30am to 11:30am in the Campbell High School Library (please note the change of venue).. This workshop will build the capacity of languages teachers to understand the Achievement Standards for the language they teach or are about to teach and how to collect appropriate evidence of learning to be able to confidently report on each of the Achievement Standard sentences in both the Communicating and Understanding paragraphs.

Cost: Free for MLTA ACT members

\$20 for non-MLTA ACT members

Please register via this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/562708>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Annemarie Power, MLTA Secretary](#).

French Network News, posted 23 September 2019

French Network News for September has been sent out to teachers of French by Lena Britton, along with some additional information in a subsequent email. Read the [two sets of information here](#).

Dr Gianfranco Conti workshop, posted 11 September 2019

This upcoming PL opportunity is taking place **Saturday 2 November 2019** (please note change of date). We have been lucky to secure internationally renowned educator Dr Gianfranco Conti to present on '[Listening-As-Modelling: Teaching Language Learners how to Listen for Learning](#)'. This PL coincides with the publication of Dr Conti's latest book, which he co-authored with Steve Smith, 'Breaking the sound barrier: teaching learners how to listen'.



- Timing: 8:30am arrival and registration for a 9:00am start and 3:30pm finish
- Location: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling.
- Cost: \$150 MLTA ACT Inc. members; \$250 Non MLTA ACT Inc. members
- Registration: [via Trybooking](#)
- This event has TQI registration of five hours.

- Registrations close COB Monday 28 October 2019.

No late registrations will be accepted so please make sure you register to avoid disappointment. Morning tea and lunch will be provided - please ensure you provide us with your dietary requirements when registering.

French Network News Update, posted 3 September 2019

[A French Network News Update](#) has been sent out to teachers of French by Lena Britton.



Items include details of the professional learning event for French teachers at the Alliance Française on Saturday 7 September. The event comprises four workshops and is TQI-accredited (see details on the [Events page](#)). Registration via [Google form](#).

Workshop receives TQI accreditation, posted 19 August 2019

Veonique Canellas, MLTA President, has received advice that the workshop on Gathering Evidence for Reporting on the Australian Curriculum: Languages Achievement Standards has received TQI accreditation. Congratulations Veronique on another TQI-accredited event. This workshop, scheduled for 12 September, is currently fully subscribed.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 19 August 2019

See the [August 2019 News in Brief from AFMLTA](#) for:

- AFMLTA writes letter of support for a new German immersion program in ACT
- AFMLTA Executive presentation at the 2019 Conference in Hobart
- Effective practice in early years language programs
- Indigenous language teachers win Patji-Dawes Awards
- And more ...



Opportunity to work on resources for the NGA's permanent French Collection, posted 7 August 2019

To continue our partnership with the National Gallery of Australia, the MLTAACT is looking for TWO primary French teachers and TWO secondary French Teachers who are MLTAACT members who would be willing to work on the permanent French Collection, creating resources for high schools and primary schools in line with the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. These four selected teachers will be given one relief day in Term 3 to develop these resources. We are encouraging teachers who have already created resources for their students in regard to NGA excursions to consider this opportunity to get their work recognised. There is also a possibility, if teachers have created resources but are not willing to partake in such a project, to share their resources with the selected teachers. Teachers interested will need to have approval from their principal.



Please send a short EOI to Myriam Davies (myriam.davies@ed.act.edu.au) by COB Friday 23 August, highlighting your teaching background, any other relevant experience and if relevant, types of resources you have already created.

MLTA ACT Mini-Conference 2019, posted 6 August 2019

The MLTA ACT Executive Committee invites you to attend the annual [2019 MLTA Mini Conference](#) which will take place Saturday 17 August 2019. In the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages the theme of this year's Mini Conference is 'Embedding Indigenous Perspectives and Making Connections'. Please see the flyer for further information on the sessions and feel free to share the flyer with any colleagues who may be interested in attending. This Mini Conference will be of interest not only to language teachers but all interested in indigenous perspectives.



Intext Book Co. & Language International Bookshop will have a display at the Mini Conference.

- Timing: 8:30am arrival and registration for a 9:00am start and 2:00pm finish
- Location: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning - Fremantle Drive, Stirling, ACT 2611
- Cost: Free for MLTA ACT Inc. members and MLTA members of other states and territories; \$50 Non-MLTA members
- Registration and payment via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/535199>
- Morning tea and lunch will be provided.
- Registrations close COB Tuesday 13 August.

Gathering evidence for reporting on the AC:Languages Achievement Standards, posted 5 August 2019

The Modern Language Teachers' Association of the ACT invites you to attend a workshop on: Gathering evidence for reporting on the AC:Languages Achievement Standards.



It will take place Thursday, 12 September 4:30pm to 6:30pm at Macquarie Primary School (46 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie).

This workshop will build the capacity of languages teachers to understand the structure of the Achievement Standards for the language they teach or are about to teach and how to collect appropriate evidence of learning to be able to confidently report on each of the Achievement Standard sentences in both the Communicating and Understanding paragraphs. A light afternoon tea will be provided.

Cost: Free for MLTA ACT members
\$20 for non-MLTA ACT members

Please register via [this TryBooking link](#).

French Network News Update, posted 5 August 2019

[A French Network News Update](#) has been sent out to teachers of French by Lena Britton.

French Network News, posted 25 July 2019

[French Network News for Term 3](#) has been sent out to teachers of French by Lena Britton.

Canberra Region Languages Forum update, posted 25 July 2019

[Canberra Region Language Forum update for July 2019](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott.

FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship 2019, posted 5 August 2019

Applications for the FIPLV 1988 Scholarship for 2019 are now open. Please [refer to the flier](#) for information about this scholarship.



Applications are due 3:00pm Friday 18 October 2019.

You can apply [via Google forms](#).

Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award, posted 26 June 2019

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Language Across Time, posted 12 June 2019

ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language at ANU is coordinating a day on 4 July 2019 (Week 10) called 'Language across time'. This event will be hosted by Daniel Midgley from the Talk the Talk radio show and podcast series about the science of language. Daniel and four linguists will guide students through some of the ways in which historical linguistics can be a window onto the human past. Teachers – visit [ANU's Language Across Time page](#) to register.



French Network news, posted 13 May 2019

See [the Term 2 edition of French Network News](#) from Lena Britton for:

- French Network Meeting
- Groupe de Conversation
- TQI Approved Professional Learning
- Cooking class at Le trÃ©s bon
- The Primary Schools Poetry Competition
- La Semaine de la Francophonie
- Financial Support for French Classes
- Alliance Francaise discount for teachers of French
- Activities at the Alliance
 - Ateliers d'Art pour les enfants (5-8 ans et 9-12 ans) le 18 mai
 - CafÃ© RÃ©gion Alsace le 13 juin
 - FÃ¢te de la musique le 21 juin
- MLTA including TeachMeet Friday 20 May
- An opportunity to present a PL the Community Language Schools Association
- Education Perfect

Community Language Schools professional learning, posted 7 May 2019

The MLTAACT Inc. is seeking Expressions of Interest from current MLTAACT Inc. members to provide professional learning to the Community Language Schools Association (CLSA). The MLTAACT Inc. will deliver four professional learning workshops to teachers of the CLSA in 2019. The first workshop was held in week 5 last term. Successful MLTAACT Inc. members are paid \$250 per professional learning workshop they are asked to deliver. This covers preparation, resources and delivery of PL. The TQI AITSL Standards addressed if participating in this project are 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.5, 4.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.4. The professional learning needs to be applicable for all languages. There are up to 50 CLSA Schools catering to students who are multi-age and have varied language backgrounds and ability. It is also important to note that CLSA teachers are not necessarily qualified teachers, with an education qualification (many are volunteers). See the CLSA website for more information about the association. <https://actclsa.wordpress.com/> Successful MLTAACT Inc. members will be asked to select one of the following dates to deliver their chosen PL:



1. Tuesday 28 May - 5:30 to 7:30pm (Term 2 Week 5)
2. Wednesday 21 August - 5:30 to 7:30pm (Term 3 Week 5)
3. Tuesday 12 November - 5:30 to 7:30pm (Term 4 Week 5)

Each session runs from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The location is the West wing meeting room on level 2 of the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, 180 London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601 The CLSA will provide the room and facilities including access to a projector and laptop computer that connects to a large TV. They can also provide a white board (complete with markers) if required. The CLSA secretary will coordinate the registration for the PLs including sign-on sheets, feedback forms and certificates of attendance. If you are interested and are a current MLTAACT Inc. member, please submit an EOI via (<https://forms.gle/FGBL1FEsy68gmcYMA>). Please state the intended learning outcome and how your

topic/workshop will support and enhance the teaching practice of CLSA teachers. Successful applicants will be responsible for preparation of PL, including resources, and delivery of PL to CLSA teachers. There may be up to 25 attendees, the exact number will be confirmed nearer the time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Annemarie Power

TeachMeet Term 2, posted 7 May 2019

The MLTA ACT Inc. would like to invite you to take part in our upcoming event for Term 2. We are holding an ACT Language Teachers' TeachMeet on differentiation in the languages classroom at the Dickson Tradies **Friday the 10th of May**. Arrivals are from 5pm with a 5:30pm start time and a 6:30pm finish for the presentations.



You are welcome to stay around after the presentations to have an informal drink and/or dinner to continue networking. **We would love for anyone with a differentiation technique to share to come along and do a 5 minute presentation.** What is something you have done to provide differentiation in your classroom, including for diverse needs? If you would like to present, please indicate your interest when you register with the link below. To entice you a little further, all presenters will be shouted a beverage! **Please RSVP by COB Wednesday 8 May using: [this Google Form](#).** Please note – we encourage you to bring along colleagues who aren't currently MLTA ACT Inc. members. This is a free event! Dinner and drinks are at the cost of participants.

CONTACT Newsletter - articles due 31 May! Posted 7 May 2019

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Term 1 break and are ready for Term 2! My name is Sharee Harrild and I am the new Publications Officer for the MLTA ACT Inc. I would firstly like to thank Joanne Chilver for her amazing work in being the Publication Officer for 2018. I am excited about taking on this role and hearing from our members about all the amazing languages work that is being done across the ACT.



Every semester, MLTA ACT publishes the CONTACT Newsletter, containing articles written by our members. CONTACT is emailed to members twice a year, at the end of each semester, as well as being available on the MLTA ACT website.

I would like to invite members to contribute an article, book review, teaching idea or share some news from where you teach (or even some exciting news from you personally!). This could be an article that you may have included already in a school newsletter or a piece written by students (please ensure that you have gained media permission for any writing/photos/work included to be published by the MLTA ACT).

Many of our members have been involved in exciting professional development and experiences within Australia and around the world – we would love to hear all about it. If you have some photos to accompany what you write about, all the better.

This year also marks the International Year of Indigenous Languages. If there is something in particular you would like to share that you are involved in, it would be fantastic to include to promote across the language teaching sector.

If you wish to provide something for inclusion in the Semester 1, 2019 CONTACT edition, please email it to me at [Contact Editor](#). The deadline for articles for Semester 1 is Friday 31 May (Week 5, Term 2).

Sharee Harrild, Contact Newsletter Editor
Japanese Specialist Teacher
Latham Primary School

Exhibition at the National Museum on Chinese Art, posted 18 April 2019

An [Exhibition at the National Museum on Chinese Art](#) runs from 5 April to 28 July 2019 in the Temporary Gallery. This Australian-first exhibition explores the breadth and tradition of Chinese calligraphy and painting through artworks from the National Museum of China's



collection. The exhibition features calligraphy and painting from the National Museum of China. Admission is free.

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Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia, posted 18 April 2019

Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia, 21 June - 27 October

Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia presents an exciting opportunity for Indonesian Language and Visual Arts students to experience the best of contemporary Indonesian art. Students will learn about Indonesian culture, history and politics through the eyes of artists and encounter works that span curriculum areas, including sustainability, civics and citizenship and Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia.



Featuring 20 emerging and established artists Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia showcases the vibrant and complex art of Australia's neighbour, bringing together practitioners from Bali and Java's key artistic centres of Yogyakarta, Jakarta and Bandung. Presenting new acquisitions and commissions from artists such as Melati Suryodarmo, FX Harsono and Eko Nugroho, this is an exhibition not to be missed.

NGA encourages teachers to start planning for your term 3 special exhibition tour of Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia and [book in for a free education program at NGA](#). Learning will be further supported by an education resource for Indonesian Language and Visual Arts students, being developed in collaboration with the Modern Language Teachers Association of the ACT.

The program associated with this exhibition includes Artist talks and performances on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June. This can be used as teacher identified Professional Learning.

This is a free exhibition. Bookings are essential for school groups. Please book 4 weeks prior to your visit.

Register your interest with education@nga.gov.au to receive a link to the education resource and schedule of artist talks and performances when available.

Alliance Française News, posted 18 April 2019

See the [April bulletin from the Alliance Française](#) for news on Term 2 courses, DELF preparation and exams, coming events and special offers.

French Network update, posted 22 March 2019

Bonjour tout le monde, Encore des nouvelles de la French Network. Please come to the Alliance Française this afternoon to enjoy a taste of La Francophonie and Prize-giving for the Francophonie competition. The Open Day at the Alliance Française in Turner starts at 3 pm, with the Prize giving ceremony at 4:30 pm. Many different Embassy members of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie will be offering a taste of their countries cuisines and culture. There will be a free concert by Marc Aymon at the Alliance Française at 7:00 pm, sponsored by the Embassy of Switzerland.

Groupe de conversation: On Thursday 28 March, we will meet at the Alliance Française at 5 pm. If you have signed up, but cannot come, please let me know.

Professional Learning with Education Perfect: Thursday 4 April 3:30 to 5:30 HBCTL, Stirling. Please RSVP to Education Perfect to help them organise catering.

Bilingual Performances by Carrousel Theatre: Theatre will be touring in A.C.T. from 21 to 25 October 2019 with a choice of performances: [Beauty and the Beast](#), available in French, Italian, German or Spanish OR [The Jungle Book](#), available in [Indonesian](#), French, Italian, German or Spanish. The shows are based on renowned tales that Carrousel Theatre has adapted for puppetry. Traditional characters and stories give the students an opportunity to enjoy and understand the diversity of culture and tradition around the world. There are preparation resources for each show that you can download [from the Carrousel website](#). For enquiries, telephone: (03) 9376 5527 or 0430 53 98 88 or Email: info@carrousel.com.au. Anne-Marie Peiffer, Carrousel Theatre

Lena Britton, French Network Leader

Canberra Region Languages Forum update, posted 22 March 2019

Quite a lot happening in the language space! See below for an overview of upcoming events plus other language related news.



- Public forum: The benefits of bilingualism and how to maintain your heritage language, Saturday 23 March, Woden
- Languages of Sydney: the people and the passion, Saturday 30 March, NSW State Library, Sydney
- Languages afternoon tea: free networking event for lovers of languages and language learning, Sunday 7 April, Red Hill.
- How languages are taught – free workshop on second language pedagogy, Thursday 11 April and Friday 12 April, ANU
- Chinese language and culture
- Mother tongue multilingual poetry, open mic, Mon 13 May, Smith's Alternative, Canberra City
- Language education initiatives at the ANU

- Support for language learning included in the ACT Multicultural Framework second action plan 2019-20
- Proceedings of conference: Language keepers: preserving the indigenous languages of the Pacific' now available online
- Interested in establishing a German language immersion program in Canberra?

Copies of previous Forum Updates are available at <https://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/p/forum-updates.html>.

Dr Mandy Scott, Canberra Region Languages Forum Convenor.

Education Perfect Languages Cluster Event, posted 19 March 2019

At the [Education Perfect Languages Cluster Event](#) on Thursday 4 April 2019 at HBCTL, explore how to transform your languages classroom using Education Perfect Languages.



- Using EP Languages as more than just a vocabulary tool
- ACT Senior syllabus alignment guides
- Newly released speaking activities, focusing on pronunciation and communication
- EP Peer Review functionality
- Creating your own content and assessments
- Competition manager and teacher certification updates

RSVP by 2nd April to [Kelly Hollis](#).

ACT BSSS Modern Languages Framework draft for consultation, posted 19 March 2019

Over recent weeks a number of draft BSSS courses developed during 2018, including those written under the Modern Languages Framework, have been available for public consultation. You are invited to examine these courses and provide feedback. The consultation period has been extended until 22 March. All feedback during the consultation period will be collected and analysed by the OBSSS and course developers to guide the revision of the draft courses before they are accredited for delivery in 2020. The draft modern languages courses are [available for viewing on the BSSS website](#). For each course there is an online questionnaire. Feedback, including ratings and detailed comments on key elements of the paper, can be provided directly via the online questionnaire.



Call for nominations to AFMLTA Executive positions, posted 16 March 2019

A message from Sherryl Saunders, AFMLTA Secretary, in relation to Nominations for positions on the AFMLTA Executive.

In 2019, AFMLTA is [calling for nominations \(pdf version\)](#) / [\(Word version\)](#) to the roles of President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Promotions Officer.



- Nominations can come from any financial member of any MLTA/LTA affiliated with AFMLTA.
- All nominations must be duly signed by a nominator and a seconder.
- Both nominators must be financial members of an MLTA.
- The nominators and nominees do not have to be from the same MLTA.
- Completed nominations must be sent to secretary@afmlta.asn.au.
- Nominations do not need to be returned via the executive of the nominee's MLTA.
- However, if doubt exists over the financial status of a nominee or either nominator, a check can be conducted.
- Nominations are due by Friday 31 May 2019.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Sherryl Saunders](#).

New Educators and potential Coaches, posted 26 February 2019

The MLTA ACT runs a program pairing New Educators with experienced Language teachers who act in the role of their Coach.



If you are a New Educator (in your first three years teaching Languages, including teachers who taught in another learning area and now are new to language teaching) and you would like to be paired to work with an experienced language teacher please contact me (annemarie.power@ed.act.edu.au) for further information. Weâ€™d love to have you working with a Coach before the end of the term.

If you are interested in acting as a Coach to a New Educator, please contact me as soon as possible. We have a Professional Learning opportunity on Tuesday 19 March 4pm to 630pm for all interested in becoming a Coach for the MLTA ACT New Educator Program. We will be running a session lead by Amanda Mackenzie, an experienced educator and coach on the process of coaching. She is a fantastic presenter and this is a great opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact [Annemarie Power](#).

French Network News, posted 19 February 2019

Items in the [French Network News for February 2019](#):

- French Network Meeting, Thursday 21 February 2019 at Alliance FranÃ§aise from 3:30 for 4 pm to 5 pm
- Alliance FranÃ§aise French Film Festival
- La Semaine de la Francophonie
- TQI event – Teacher Share Space, Wednesday 20 February 2019, 4-6 pm at HBCTL
- AIM training in Sydney in March for French and Mandarin
- Professional learning with Education/Language Perfect on Thursday 4 April 2019 at HBCTL
- MLTA – our professional organisation
- Contact list – please encourage French teachers to join the network

Patji-Dawes Language Teaching Award 2019, posted 19 February 2019

Professor Jane Simpson from the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language at the Australian National University has announced that nominations are open for the [Patji-Dawes Language Teaching Award 2019](#), which honours outstanding achievement in teaching languages other than English by an accomplished practitioner in Australia. The teaching may take place in any setting – school, university, private language school, government department or Indigenous community. What matters is that the learner is led, by the teacherâ€™s inspiration, to a high level of mastery in the chosen language. Achieving proficiency in other languages is one of lifeâ€™s great learning experiences. The Centre would like to publicly recognise the efforts of those who make this possible, so this invitation goes out to those who want to honour their teacher. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Martin Blaszczyk, our Communications and Outreach Manager, on 02 6125 6122 or Martin.Blaszczyk@anu.edu.au. **Nominations close 19 March 2019.**



Mother Language Walk, posted 19 February 2019

The [Mother Language Walk 2019](#) will take place on Sunday 24 February 2019. The walk will start at 10:30 am, at the International Flag Display near Questacon carpark and will finish at Kings Park, near the Police Memorial. Free entry. There will be fun family activities; Smoking Ceremony; Free T-shirt and free sausage sizzle or bring a picnic



AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 16 February 2019

See the [February 2019 News in Brief from AFMLTA](#) for:



1. Welcome to 2019
2. 2019 | International Year of Indigenous Languages
3. Professional Learning: 22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference, Hobart, Tasmania, 7-9 July 2019
4. Call for papers extended to 1 March for 22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference
5. Registrations now open: 22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference
6. Ready, Set, Assess!
7. Awards: nominations now open, closing 3 May 2019
8. Babel: Volume 53 Issue 2 of Babel for 2018 to be mailed to members
9. Advocacy for quality teaching and learning of Languages - an AFMLTA priority
10. Opportunities for languages educators: ELLA Foundation to Year 2 trial in schools
11. More professional learning: International Languages Conferences; MLTAV Conference
12. AFMLTA: The National Voice for Teachers of Languages
13. Membership
14. Communication

Indonesian project with NGA, posted 16 February 2019

To continue our partnership with the National Gallery of Australia, the MLTAACT is looking for two secondary Indonesian teachers who would be willing to work on an upcoming Indonesian exhibition, creating resources for high schools in line with the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. These two selected teachers will be given two relief days in Term 1 to develop these resources. They will need to have approval from their Principal. Please send a short expression of interest to Myriam Davies myriam.davies@ed.act.edu.au by COB Friday 1 March, highlighting your teaching background and any other relevant experience.



Language Keepers' Conference, posted 9 February 2019

This event, [Language Keepers: Preserving the Indigenous Languages of the Pacific](#) is taking place at the National Library on the weekend of 9-10 February 2019 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Experts from Australia and the Pacific reveal how European travellers recorded the languages of the Pacific, and how the revitalisation of Indigenous languages is supporting cultural practice and healing.

Share Space event on 20 February, posted 9 February 2019

We have received information about a professional learning opportunity with the Highly Accomplished and Leader Teacher Network: [Teacher Share Space](#) @ Wednesday 20 February 2019, 4-6pm at HBCTL.

- RSVP to tqi@act.gov.au with your name and school by Monday 18 February 2019
- One of the presentations is Jacqui Krek and Beth McArthur on using data in teaching Japanese – An insight into how we use different tools to gather data on our teaching and learning and use this data in a meaningful way to reflect on and improve our teaching practices and learning outcomes in Languages at Amaroo..
- There are also lots of other presentations on topics including:
 - Inquiry learning
 - Student engagement and wellbeing
 - Response to Intervention
 - Trauma Informed Practice

Canberra Region Languages Forum update, posted 19 January 2019

If learning or improving a language was one of your new year resolutions, now is the time to enrol for a course. Exciting language related activities also coming up this month and in February, especially at the Multicultural Festival (NMF). See below for an overview of items and the attached for more details. You will see that the Forum has a new logo! Many thanks to Taiwanese artist, Wen-Ying Shiao, for this. [The Update can be accessed electronically here.](#)



- Language programs in Canberra enrolling now
- Opportunities to learn or teach languages at ANU
- Mother tongue multilingual poetry
- Languages highlighted at the NMF Friday to Sunday 15-17 February
- Year of indigenous languages
- Conference at National Library of Australia Saturday 9 February and Sunday 10 February Language keepers: preserving the indigenous languages of the Pacific
- Nominate an outstanding teacher for the Patji-Dawes language teaching award
- Canberra walk for International Mother Language Day, Sunday 24 February 2019

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