

MLTA ACT News – 2022

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

FIPLV Conference 2024, posted 5 December 2022

The next biennial FIPLV Conference will be held from Saturday 6 July 2024 to Tuesday 9 July 2024.



The Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes is the international association of teachers of languages.

The conference venue will be the spectacular [Owen G Glenn Building](#), Auckland, New Zealand.

For details, please visit [FIPLV website](#).

French network news, posted 5 December 2022

French Network Leader, Lena Britton, has sent out the latest update for teachers of French - see today's broadcast email from Lena. Items include information about Francophonie events next year:

- The main event will be at the Alliance Française on Friday 24 March.
- Primary schools participating will be asked to prepare a presentation of a French-speaking country.
- The presentations produced by the High Schools will focus around the ten words selected by the International Organisation of the Francophonie.
- For college students, there will be joint events with the ANU presenting different point of views from the French-speaking countries.

CONTACT MLTA Newsletter articles invited, due 2 December 2022

Articles due for MLTA CONTACT Newsletter.

If you have news to share, or have had any events or have recommendations for excursions, or photos of classwork or events, please write a quick paragraph and submit to [Myriam Davies](#) who is collating the newsletter. Please refer to the broadcast email from [MLTA ACT](#) for more details, and make sure to mark your contribution CONTACT in the Subject line.



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, October 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for October 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- ANU Language Teaching Forum – YouTube as a language teaching and learning platform.
- Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry Monday 24 October.
- Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) Information Evening Tuesday 25 October.
- Book Launch: Speaking and Being: How Language Binds and Frees Us.
- Tones and Hanzhi: Pedagogy of modern Chinese Language Education.
- Sharing the Joy of Languages competition 2022 results.
- Multilingualism Bill.
- Vale Professor Carol Hayes

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 9 September 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for September 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Canberra is becoming more multilingual .
- Draft ACT Language Education Action Plan 2022-2025 .

- Increased support for ACT Community Language Schools
- Canberra Academy of languages (CAL) Information evening 22 September 2022.
- Poetry on the move 22 – 26 September.
- ANU Language Teaching Forum 26 September: Bridging Indigenous Australia with Hispanic America through the Spanish classroom .
- Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language (COEDL) – End of Centre Event

FIPLV 1988 Scholarship – applications due 23/9 – see Events page for details

Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award 2022, posted 4 August 2022

The 19th of June saw the anniversary of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Fiona Arthur.



The MLTA ACT Inc. is pleased to announce that nominations for the Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award for 2022 are open. Members are able to nominate themselves or nominate another member for the award. Nominations must be supported by a Principal or Senior Executive Teacher. The award recognises the contributions that a member of the MLTA ACT Inc. makes to the teaching and learning of languages in the ACT.

The nominated candidate must demonstrate that they are:

1. Engaging with current theories of education.
2. Modelling and promoting effective and innovative language teaching practice.
3. Contributing to the education and professional development of language teachers.

Nominations should clearly address each of the three criteria. Nominations must be submitted by COB Friday 28 October, 2022 on [this Google Form](#).

A panel comprised of the MLTA ACT Inc. Executive will meet after the nomination due date and assess all nominations against the criteria. The successful recipient of the 2022 award will be announced in Term 1, 2023. The recipient of the MLTA ACT Inc. Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award will receive a perpetual plaque for their school, an Award Certificate and a voucher to the value of \$450 for the purchase of resources from INTEXT. Please see also [the flyer containing the above information](#). If you have any queries, please contact [the MLTA ACT Executive Committee](#).

MLTA workshops for Terms 3 & 4

The MLTA ACT Executive is delighted to announce exciting **professional learning offerings** in Term 3 and 4.



In Term 3, we will be offering some professional learning with none other than... Dr Gianfranco Conti! The full-day workshop will take place Saturday, 17 September. Numbers will be limited and first preference will be to MLTA ACT members. So, if you have any colleagues who aren't yet MLTA ACT members this year but would like to attend a PL with Dr Gianfranco Conti, please encourage them to become MLTA ACT members. MLTA ACT members will also receive a reduced rate for this professional learning. More details to follow.

In Term 4, there will be a full-day workshop with Kelly Harrison from Languages Roadshow on Saturday 22 October. This workshop will have two focus areas: Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) and the new Australian Curriculum: Languages. Again, MLTA ACT members will receive a reduced rate for this professional learning. More details to follow.

Call for CLSA professional learning workshop presenters, posted 25 May 2022

The MLTA ACT has an agreement to deliver professional learning workshops to the Community Language Schools Association (CLSA) of the ACT. One of the workshops will relate to the Australian Curriculum Languages (new version). There are several possibilities for the other workshop. For details, please refer to today's broadcast email to members. If you would like to share your expertise and deliver a two-hour presentation in either Term 3 or Term 4, please fill in [this Google Form link](#).



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 22 May 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for May 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Multilingual Networking Morning, Sunday 29 May 10am—12 noon, Latin American Cultural Centre, 28 Astrolabe Street, Red Hill. More details: [ACTBEA website](#).
- Sharing the Joy of Languages, free competition for students in Canberra and local region. All entries must be received by the extended due date, 1 September 2022. More details: [ACTBEA website](#).
- Multilingual Poetry evening, Monday 27 June 2022, 7-9 pm, Smith's Alternative, 76 Alinga Street, Canberra. More details: [Events portal on Facebook](#)
- Community Language Schools, 2021 independent review and matters arising.
- Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) budget submission as part of the 2022-23 budget consultation process. See the item under "Term 2 update" on [CAL News page](#) for more details.
- ANU Language Teaching Forum. To join the ANU LTF mailing list, or if you are interested presenting in second semester — there are still some spots available – please email [Wesley Lim](mailto:Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au), Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 22 May 2022

The [May 2022 edition of AFMLTA News in Brief](#) has been published. News items include:



- Video clip about the strategic directions that underpin the work of the volunteer Executive Committee
- 2022 AFMLTA Executive Nominations
- AFMLTA Awards
- 75th anniversary of MLTAV
- Upcoming international and state conferences: MLTAQ; NZALT; MLTANSW; MLTAWA; MLTAT
- The next AFMLTA International Languages Conference is scheduled to be held in Perth on 7-9 July 2023.

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance Languages Competition, posted 11 April 2022, updated 29 July 2022

Sharing the joy of languages competition – Free and open to students in the ACT and neighbouring NSW from Preschool to Year 12.



To enter:

- Make a fun video (up to 2 minutes) featuring a language other than English
- Make up a story or show us a game or sport that you enjoy
- Speak as much as you can in the other language
- Involve, if you can, a friend or family member who speaks or is learning the same language
- Add subtitles in English (preferred) – or send a written translation

For details, please see [the competition flier](#). **The extended due date for entries is now 1 September 2022.**

MLTA ACT Annual General Meeting

A reminder from Annemarie's email of 22 March that you are invited to attend the MLTA ACT Inc.'s Annual General Meeting.



The MLTA ACT AGM will be held online on Google Meet, this Thursday 24th March 2022 at 4:15pm – You can join the AGM using [THIS LINK](#). Please join the meeting to learn more about the behind the scenes work and consider joining the Executive Committee to support our vibrant association! Please fill in an [RSVP at this link](#) so we know you may be coming.

If you are unable to attend, please see attached the following documents: a nomination form, a [proxy vote form and](#) the agenda for the meeting. Nomination forms which have signed nominee consent can be sent to me via email or through the RSVP link above. I will ensure the nominee and nominated and seconded by sections are completed, you just need to make sure to sign the nominee consent section.

I love being part of the MLTA ACT Executive Committee – I encourage you to come and join us to help our association run smoothly. All positions are open!

A reminder that current 2022 financial members are able to hold positions on the Executive Committee. 2021 Memberships expired 28th of February. If you would like to check if you have renewed your membership for 2022, send an email to the MLTA ACT Gmail address and a member of the committee will get back to you (mlta.act.inc@gmail.com). If you would like to renew your membership you can do so [through this link](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [the MLTA Executive](#).

Annemarie Power, MLTA ACT Executive Secretary.

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 11 March 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for March 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Celebrating Multilingual Canberra on Canberra Day, Monday 14 March
 - Multilingual story walk, near Stage 88
 - Mother Tongue – Multilingual Poetry (Stage 2, 11:50 am tbc and 1:45 pm)
 - Multilingual Canberra: Information Stall (Stall number 4 from 10 am)
- Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) Information Evening
- ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences Showcase
- Poetry and Story Share afternoon with Be:longing
- Free English Conversation Groups at Libraries ACT
- Supporting Community Language Schools
- ANU Language Teaching Forum

MLTA ACT Meet and Greet

Members are cordially invited to attend the [MLTA ACT Meet and Greet](#) on Thursday 24 February 2022.



Arrivals will be from 4:30pm for a 5 pm start, outdoors, at Lennox Gardens, Flynn Drive, Yarralumla.

Sly Fox Coffee van will be on site providing coffees and afternoon tea Please RSVP for the Meet and Greet [using this link](#) by Friday 18th February by COB Friday 18 February.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 16 February 2022

The [February 2022 edition of AFMLTA News in Brief](#) has been published. News items include:



- New year message from AFMLTA President
- AFMLTA Strategic Plan
- AFMLTA Professional Standards
- Presidents' Meeting
- 21 February - International Mother Language Day
- Professional Learning
- Articles of Interest

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 16 February 2022

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