

MLTA ACT News - 2024

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

Transformational languages pedagogy PD program for early career language teachers, posted 20 December 2024



- Applications are invited from new educators in secondary languages for a supportive 12-month collaborative professional development program, offering 20 hours of TQI accreditation in 2025. The Community of Practice for Transformational Language Education aims to bridge the gap between current theory and classroom practice.
- A collaboration between the University of Canberra and Growth Intentions for the Canberra Region, as outlined in [the program flyer](#).

MLTA Contact Newsletter December 2024 edition published, posted 18 December 2024

MLTA ACT has published the [2024 Semester 2 edition](#) of MLTA Contact Newsletter. Our thanks go to Myriam Davies, Contact Editor, for bringing together this edition to complete the MLTA story for 2024.



News items in this edition of MLTA ACT Contact Newsletter include:

- Message from the President – Prudence Roveta
- Message from the Vice-President – Joanne Chilver
- Message from the French Section – Myriam Davies
- Merici tour of Italy – Tina Rodriguez
- French Network – Laurence Barthelemy, Naomi Lamb
- Japanese news – Tony Kennedy
- Melrose High School Singapore and Malaysia trip – Rebecca Battaglini
- Language games in an L2 classroom – Frances Szeremet
- Paris and Olympic games at North Ainslie Primary School – Chrystel Wille
- Update from the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) – Mandy Scott
- Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry – Mandy Scott
- Celebrations at Aranda Primary School – Myriam Davies
- Celebrating Multilingualism – My journey with Canberra Sanscrit School – Ravi Krishnamurthy
- FATFA Conference – Prudence Roveta
- St Clare's Italy Study Tour – Sonia Conte
- Brainbreaks for the Language Classroom – Myriam Davies
- Indonesian at St Clare of Assisi – Margo Smith
- Celebrating the first year of senior secondary languages at CIT Solutions – Orion Lethbridge

AFMLTA News in Brief, December 2024

The [December 2024](#) edition of AFMLTA News in Brief has been published. News items in this edition include:

- Towards a National Plan and Strategy for Languages Education



- 25th International AFMLTA Conference

AFMLTA Towards a National Plan and Strategy for Languages Education in Australia, posted 7 December 2024

- AFMLTA released [a national plan and strategy for languages education in Australia](#) at the LCNAU conference in Sydney in November. The project commenced in early 2020 and was funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the National Languages Plan and Strategy Project. The overarching objective of the project is to support the Australian Government effort to increase the uptake of languages learning in schools.
- The national plan and strategy document, which is the third in a suite of three documents, including two research reports prepared through the NLPS Project, is copyright AFMLTA 2024. For more information, see the NLPS website at <https://nlps.afmlta.asn.au/>.



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, November 2024

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for November 2024](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Contribute to an Investigation on the state of EAL/D education in Australian schools and EAL/D teaching courses at Australian universities.
- Protest the proposed closure of Languages at the University of Wollongong.
- Make use of the National Languages Campaign.
- Report from Modern Language Teachers' Association of the ACT (MLTA ACT).
- Report on Year 11 and 12 courses at CIT Solutions' Centre for Modern Languages (CML).
- Report from ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA).
- Feedback and contribution to future updates welcome.
- Details of previous Forum Updates are available at [Canberra Region Languages Forum website](#).

AFMLTA News in Brief, November 2024

The [November 2024](#) edition of AFMLTA News in Brief has been published. News items in this edition include:



- Planning for the 25th AFMLTA Conference (Adelaide, 11-13 July 2025; call for submissions closes 14 February 2025)
- Professional Learning modules for teachers of Languages available on Scootle

Call for nominations for the Fiona Arthur Award, posted 14 November 2024



- The 19th of June saw the anniversary of the passing away 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 2024 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:
 - Engaging with current theories of education.
 - Modelling and promoting effective and innovative language teaching practice.
 - 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 29 November, 2024 in [this Google form](#).

- The MLTA ACT Inc. committee will meet after the nomination due date and assess all nominations against the criteria. The successful recipient of the 2023 award will be announced in Term 1, 2025.
- 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 [this flyer](#) containing the above information. If you have any queries, contact the MLTA ACT Executive Committee at mlta.act.inc@gmail.com

Abonnement à TV5Monde, posted 24 October 2024



- Profitez d'un abonnement gratuit d'un an à TV5MONDE pour la journée internationale des professeurs de français. À l'occasion de la journée internationale des professeurs de français, TV5MONDE Asie-Pacifique vous offre un an d'abonnement gratuit à la plateforme apac.tv5monde.com. Remplissez [notre formulaire](#) avant le 28 novembre 2024.

Call for contributions for MLTA Contact Newsletter, posted 17 October 2024

We would like to receive your contributions for the Semester 2, 2024 CONTACT publication. For details, see the broadcast Myriam's email of 17 October from the MLTA ACT mailbox. Please send your articles to myriam.davies@ed.act.edu.au and include "CONTACT" in your email subject by COB Friday 6 December.



Newsletter from Stuart Blair, posted 16 October 2024

Here is the latest [newsletter from Stuart Blair](#) – Languages educator. He was going to present for teachers of various languages. However, he will be providing a PL through the ACT Education Directorate's French Network in November. Just for French teachers though.



Call for applications for the MLTA ACT Scholarship October 2024, posted 8 October 2024

The MLTA ACT Scholarship, originally known as the FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship, was established after the success of the 1988 FIPLV World Congress on language learning hosted by the MLTA ACT Inc.



- See the broadcast email sent to members on 8 October. This scholarship, originally known as the FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship, was established after the success of the 1988 FIPLV World Congress on language learning hosted by the MLTA ACT Inc.
- Applications are due COB 31 October 2024. For details, please refer to [the MLTA ACT Scholarship 2024 flier](#)
- Please submit applications via [this Google form](#).

MLTA 2024 TeachMeet, 8 November 2024

- As announced in the broadcast email of 17 September, we are happy to announce that the MLTA ACT end of year TeachMeet will be held at Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie, on Friday 8 November.
- We invite you to give 5-minute presentations on a topic of your choice. It could be language specific, hints and tips, resources, feedback on PL you have attended, wellbeing or cultural events. We will also be announcing PL and event plans for 2025. IT will be available if you need it. For more details, see the [flier here](#).
- The TeachMeet is free for our members but please register so that we have the appropriate sized room. Also, please indicate if you would like to stay on after the TeachMeet for dinner at the club.
- Please register via Trybooking: [Trybooking link for TeachMeet](#).



AFMLTA News in Brief, August 2024

The [August 2024](#) edition of AFMLTA News in Brief included these news items:

- AFMLTA Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching.
- 25th International AFMLTA Conference.



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, August 2024

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for August 2024](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Raising Children in more than one language.
- Online information session: Studying Year 11 and 12 languages with CIT Solutions in 2025.
- Radio interview with 2 linguists about Multilingual families in Canberra.
- Mother Tongue – Multilingual Poetry .
- Language education in ACT public schools Language.
- Languages in Review of Australia’s multicultural Framework.

Feedback and contribution to future updates welcome.

Details of previous Forum Updates are available at [Canberra Region Languages Forum website](#).

Language Education Action Plan, posted 1 August 2024

- The Education Directorate's Language Education Action Plan has been published on the ED website. Please refer to the directorate's [Language Education page](#) for linked MS Word and PDF versions of the plan.

AFMLTA News in Brief, June-July 2024

The [July 2024](#) edition of AFMLTA News in Brief included these news items:

- National Assembly.
- NZALT/FIPLV Conference.
- FIPLV International Award.
- 25th International AFMLTA Conference



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, July 2024

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for July 2024](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- July school holiday language camps for ACT students.
- Mother Tongue - Multilingual poetry.
- Free language conversation meet-ups for adults.
- Links to other opportunities to learn, develop and practice languages.
- Language progressions project.
- We are multilingual.

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Call for applications for the MLTA ACT Scholarship 2024, posted 20 June 2024

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- See the broadcast email sent to members on 20 June. This scholarship, originally known as the FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship, was established after the success of the 1988 FIPLV World Congress on language learning hosted by the MLTA ACT Inc.
- Applications are due COB 26 July 2024. For details, please refer to [the MLTA ACT Scholarship 2024 flier](#)
- Please submit applications via [this Google form](#).

Call for contributions for MLTA Contact Newsletter, posted 5 June 2024, updated 13 June & 20 June 2024

We would like to receive your contributions for the Semester 1, 2024 CONTACT publication. For details, see the broadcast email of 5 June from Myriam Davies, Contact Editor, via the MLTA ACT mailbox. Please send your articles to myriam.davies@ed.act.edu.au and include "CONTACT" in your email subject by COB Friday 28 June (extended deadline).



MLTA PL for Term 2, posted 20 May 2024

With Guest Speaker Dr. Liam Printer, Educational Consultant, Author, Researcher, publisher of [The Motivated Classroom](#).



MLTA event

Half-day workshop to include an online presentation on comprehensible input by Dr Liam Printer (Lausanne, Switzerland). Other sessions in the mini conference will include reports from members who have attended professional learning events.



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For details, see [the flier here](#). Additional information is [in the email](#) sent to members on 19 May.



- **This event is TQI accredited.**
- **Venue:** Snow Centre, CGS, 40 Monaro Crescent, Red Hill.
- **Time and date:** Saturday 1 June 2024, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. 8:00 am arrival and registration.
- **Fee:** \$60 members, \$120 non-members. Light refreshments included.
- **To register and pay:** [Trybooking link](#) by COB Tuesday 28 May.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 6 May 2024

The [May 2024](#) edition of AFMLTA News in Brief has been published. News items in this edition include:



- Nathan Harvey Legacy Scholarship
- AFMLTA Executive Nominations
- AFMLTA Awards: 2024 Nominations open

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, April 2024

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for April 2024](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry evening Monday 29 April 2024 from 7 pm.
- Teacher of Italian required, ANU Centre for Learning and Teaching.
- ACT National Community Language Schools Day, Albert Hall, Saturday 11 May 11am - 1pm.
- New Caledonia immersion trip for ACT teens with Alliance Française in Canberra, 5 - 13 October. Enrol before 30 April.

- Learn more about the University of Sydney Institute for Community Languages (SICLE).
- A chance to be part of international research on the transmission of home languages in bilingual/multilingual families.

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MLTA ACT AGM 2024

MLTA ACT AGM was held at Campbell High School on Thursday 21 March 2024. Congratulations to the new committee members on their election. The new committee is listed on the [MLTA ACT website home page](#).



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, February 2024

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for February 2024](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Languages at National Multicultural Festival (NMF) 17-18 February.
- International Mother Language Day 21 February and Mother Language Walk 25 February.
- A new year, a new language – or build on the skills you already have.

Feedback and contribution to future updates welcome.

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MLTA ACT Meet and Greet 2024

- MLTA ACT Meet and Greet will be held on Thursday 22 February from 4:30 pm to 6 pm at No. 10 Restaurant and Bar at Abode Belconnen, 3 Graziers Lane, Belconnen. Free parking is available. Canapés will be provided and attendees may purchase drinks at their own cost. We will be presenting the Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award during our get together. Please register using [this RSVP link](#) by COB Friday 16 February For more details, see the broadcast email from MLTA ACT.



Teach Senior Secondary Spanish or German with CIT Solutions

CIT Solutions Centre for Modern Languages is seeking dynamic, qualified senior secondary teachers in Spanish and German to conduct evening classes during school terms commencing 2024. For details, see [the Jobs page](#).



- Update as of 1 February 2024 – the Spanish position has now been filled. Congratulations to Rodrigo Martin.

Senior secondary languages with composite classes, online workshop on 23 January, posted 7 January 2024, updated 9 January 2024

CAL will conduct an online professional learning session about senior secondary languages with composite classes on 23 January 2023. Registration, \$60 + GST, is [via Trybooking](#). For details, see [the News page on CAL website](#).

