



AFMLTA News in Brief, July 2018

The AFMLTA provides vision, leadership, representation, advocacy, professional learning and support for quality teaching and learning of languages.

Introducing the 2018-2019 AFMLTA executive

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Refer to the [AFMLTA website](#) for more information and contact details

Members: your opinion COUNTS!

Have your input into the AFMLTA's Strategic Planning by completing the quick online survey [here](#).

ADVOCACY

Advocating for the quality teaching and learning of Languages - an AFMLTA priority

In response to information collected from the 2018 AFMLTA member survey, the Executive has determined to set up a Special Interest Group (SIG) around advocacy. Survey respondents have indicated a need for support in terms of advocacy and we are interested in finding out more about what this exact need is and how it can be supported by the AFMLTA. The SIG will discuss the following focus questions via an online forum:

*What does it mean **to advocate**?*

*What is the current **rationale for advocating** for languages teaching and learning?*

*What is **your own rationale** for teaching languages? Why is teaching languages important to you?*

How do you/might we **demonstrate this rationale** to others? To whom do we need to **advocate**?

What is the **role of languages teachers** as advocates for themselves and their programs?

What is the **role of the AFMLTA** in advocating for languages teaching and learning? How should we do this?

Join the SIG by emailing Nathan Harvey, AFMLTA Vice President & Advocacy SIG convenor: vicepresident@afmlta.asn.au

AFMLTA featured on ABC TV News Breakfast Program

Recently the AFMLTA was contacted by ABC TV News Breakfast to comment on the [Early Learning Languages Australia](#) (ELLA) program including the [federal government announcement](#) of an additional \$11.8 million to support:

- doubling the number of preschools participating to 5000
- extending the program into 300 primary schools as part of a trial in 2019
- developing new apps in German, Korean, Turkish and Vietnamese in addition to the apps currently available in 9 languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Spanish)

[Click here to watch a recording of the interview.](#)



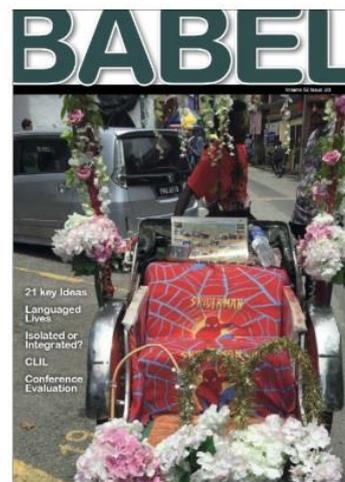
BABEL

A double issue of Babel has recently been mailed to all 2017 MLTA members. Shortly it will also be sent to all NEW 2018 members.

This issue features some of the papers from the 21st AFMLTA International Languages Conference held on the Gold Coast in 2017.

[Click here](#) to read the editorial by Anne-Marie Morgan.

Our recent member survey identified that members value greatly receiving a hard copy of Babel, particularly in the visually appealing format currently being produced. We are investigating possibilities of also making a digital version available to members.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The 22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference will be held **7-9 July, 2019** at the Wrest Point Casino in Hobart, Tasmania.

Conference themes and strands will include:

- * *Leadership in school Languages programs*
- * *Languages in Preschools and the Early Years of schooling*
- * *Alternative models of delivery including CLIL and Bilingual education*
- * *Indigenous language education in schools*
- * *Interculturality in Languages programs*
- * *Assessment and reporting of Languages*
- * *Teacher Education*



The next AFMLTA Ready, Set, Assess! workshop will be held in Darwin on **Saturday 22 September**. A combined Ready, Set, Go & Ready, Set, Plan workshop will also be held in Darwin on **Friday 21 September**. [Click here](#) to register.

Teachers who have participated in the RSA workshops will engage in language-specific webinars in term 3 to provide further opportunities for online collaborative moderation discussions.

Work samples collected will then be made available on the AFMLTA website to support teachers of Languages in implementation of Australian Curriculum: Languages and the relevant state/territory curricula.



AFMLTA executive members will be presenting at all of the following state MLTA and International Conferences. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

19-20 July MLTANSW [more details](#) *Languages moving forward*

20 - 21 July MLTAWA [more details](#) *Making task-based language teaching work in the classroom*

4 Aug MLTASA [more details](#)

11 Aug MLTAT [more details](#)

16- 18 November ACTFL [more details](#) *Where Language educators meet*

National Languages Conferences

French: 27- 30 September FATFA/NAFT Conference, Sydney [more details](#)

Japanese: 2-3 November NSJLE Conference, Sydney [more details](#)

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](#).

COMMUNICATION

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AFMLTA Members: Modern Language Teachers Associations in all Australian states and territories

AFMLTA is a member of these international organisations: