



## August 2024

### From the President

#### News

In this edition of the *News in Brief* we are very happy to share with you news of AFMLTA awards recognising significant contributions in the field of Languages Education, and also to announce the recipient of the inaugural Nathan Harvey Legacy Scholarship in 2024.

#### Awards

##### **AFMLTA Medal for Outstanding Service to Language Teaching**

This award is made in recognition of exceptional and outstanding contributions to language teaching in Australia over an extended period.

We are very happy to announce the following recipients of the AFMLTA Medal in 2024:

##### **Sherryl Saunders**

Sherryl has provided exceptional leadership to the Languages teaching profession in Queensland for over 25 years. She has recently retired from the AFMLTA Executive after 16 years, having served as Promotions Officer, President, Secretary and Treasurer. During this time she has taken a leading role in a number of AFMLTA projects of national importance.

Sherryl Saunders has made an exceptional contribution to the profession, and therefore is rightly deserving of the highest AFMLTA honour, the

AFMLTA medal.

We congratulate Sherryl on this prestigious award. She will be invited to be presented with her Medal at the 25th AFMLTA International Languages Conference to be held in Adelaide on 11-13 July 2025.

**Nathan Harvey** (Awarded posthumously)

Nathan was a highly regarded languages educator and advocate who made outstanding contributions to the field of Languages Education in his home state of Western Australia and nationally. He was elected to the national executive of AFMLTA in 2017 and served as Promotions Officer, Vice President and then President in 2020-2022.

Nathan Harvey made exceptional contributions to the Languages Education profession, meeting the criteria for the highest honour of the AFMLTA, the AFMLTA medal and is highly deserving of this posthumous award.

The AFMLTA Medal was presented in honour of Nathan and was accepted by his brother, Ryan Harvey, at the MLTAWA Conference on 2 August 2024. Nathan's family, his parents Craig and Colleen, and sisters Brooke and Megan were also present at the awards ceremony and were very appreciative of this recognition of Nathan.



## AFMLTA Certificate of Merit

This award is made in recognition of dedicated and effective contribution to the work of Languages Education over an extended period.

We warmly congratulate the recipient of the AFMLTA Certificate of Merit in 2024, **Emeritus Professor Dr John Kinder**

Dr John Kinder has long been a passionate supporter of languages in Western Australia and a great supporter of the MLTAWA. John has had a long and distinguished professional career and has represented and has been a strong advocate for languages education in Western Australia for many decades.

John's charismatic nature, his gift for speaking, his vast knowledge and understanding of language and linguistics, and his generosity with his time and talents have been of great benefit to the MLTAWA and to languages education in Western Australia and beyond our borders.

John was also presented with his AFMLTA Certificate of Merit at the MLTAWA conference in Perth.



## Nathan Harvey Legacy Scholarship

In honour of Nathan Harvey's memory and to recognise his legacy, the AFMLTA invited applications for the inaugural Nathan Harvey Legacy

Scholarship in 2024 to support teachers with professional learning. We are very pleased to announce that the applicant selected by our expert panel to receive this award is **Grace Hopton** who is a member of the Language Teachers Association of the Northern Territory (LTANT).

We congratulate Grace and wish her well as she uses the scholarship to undertake professional learning to enhance her teaching of Languages. We look forward to hearing about Grace's professional learning and its benefits to herself, her students, teacher colleagues and school communities when she reports back at the completion of her programme.

We thank all who applied for the scholarship in this round. The quality of the applications was high and the selection panel had difficulty in determining the successful recipient of the 2024 award.

It is hoped that this scholarship will be offered biennially. We strongly encourage the 2024 applicants and others to consider applying for the scholarship when it becomes available at a later date.





## 25th International AFMLTA Conference

The AFMLTA hosts a biennial international conference for teachers of languages.

This event regularly sees international, national and local speakers present on topics relevant to teachers of languages at all levels.

Save the date!

25th AFMLTA International Languages Conference 2025

**Date: 11 - 13 July 2025**

**Venue: Adelaide**

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