



## **2024 AFMLTA MEDAL CITATION - Nathan Harvey**

Nathan Harvey was a highly regarded languages educator and advocate who made outstanding contributions to the field of Languages Education in Australia and in his home state of Western Australia.

Nathan studied Japanese at school and at Curtin University from where he graduated with honours in Arts-Asian Studies. Nathan went on exchange to Japan in 1997 and visited Japan regularly, strengthening his language skills and sharing his love of the country, its language and culture with student groups, fellow teachers, and his family.

Nathan began his teaching career in 2003, having completed a Diploma and then a Master of Education. He was appointed Head of Languages at Willetton Senior High School in 2009 and held this position for the next fourteen years. He dedicated himself to raising the profile of the Languages Learning Area, promoting the study of languages to students, and providing leadership and guidance to his staff. Nathan served as manager of the Western Australian Teacher Development School for Languages providing practical support for whole school planning, teaching, learning and assessment in Languages. In 2021 Nathan chaired an External Committee for Review of Preservice Education Program at the Edith Cowan University in Western Australia.

Nathan had a long and active involvement with the Modern Language Teachers Association of Western Australia (MLTAWA) and the Japanese Language Teachers Association of Western Australia (JLTAWA). Nathan received significant recognition for his work including JLTAWA Teacher of the Year and the Hilde Dixon Award, which recognised his efforts to elevate the field of Language Education.

Nathan was elected to the national executive of AFMLTA in 2017 and served as Promotions Officer, Vice President and then President in 2020-2022. He made significant contributions to strengthening the relationships between AFMLTA and state and territory associations and fostered international partnerships with the New Zealand Association of Language Teachers (NZALT) and the Association for Language Learning (ALL) in the UK. As Immediate Past President, Nathan was convenor of the 24th AFMLTA International Languages Conference and his organisation of many aspects of the conference was central to its success.

In summary, Nathan Harvey made exceptional contributions to the Languages Education profession, meeting the criteria for the highest honour of the AFMLTA, the



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AFMLTA medal. We believe him to be a highly deserving recipient of this posthumous award.