



Newsletter

August 2022

Join ATESOL ACT

- ◆ Enjoy membership benefits and discounts for 2022 atesolact.org.au/join

Forthcoming events: see below for details

- ◆ **Three for One – ACTA Conference Tasters**
Wed. 31 August 2022, 5-7 pm,
Jamison Southern Cross Club; free
- ◆ From our sister association TasTESOL **English Language Learners & Trauma Informed Learning**. Monday 5th Sept., 5pm-6pm, on-line, free for ATESOL ACT members
- ◆ **Exploring employment options in EAL/D teaching**, Sat 22 Oct (T4, W2), 2-4 pm, Sacred Heart PS, Cnr Beasley St and Hodgson Cres, Pearce; free for ATESOL ACT members.
- ◆ **New AMEP resources aligned to the EAL Frameworks**, presented in collaboration with Lynda Wyse Associates; 3-4pm Wed 26th Oct, on-line, free. More details soon.
- ◆ **ACTA Conference 26-28 SEPTEMBER 2022, BRISBANE | ACTA 2022**

From the President

Your Committee has been working hard in this incredibly hard year to keep ATESOL ACT on the road, especially since we have shrunk due to various unavoidable moves and increased responsibilities, not to mention the on-going effect of COVID.

This newsletter is to alert you to:

- **advances in ACTA advocacy** since the new Commonwealth Government was elected
- an Open Letter to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on **funding for TAFE Institutes**, which I invite you to sign
- **a really important research project**, in which you're warmly invited to participate
- **upcoming events**.

We'd love see you soon at one of our events!

And if you would like to step up as a Committee member, we'd welcome you with open arms!!

With best wishes,

Helen

ACTA News

The **Australian Council of TESOL Associations (ACTA)** is our peak Council, bringing together ATESOL associations around Australia. Representation on the Council is determined by the number of members in local associations. The current ACTA President is Dr Anne Keary, whose special expertise is in Early Childhood Education. ATESOL ACT Councillors are Bronwyn Singh and Patrick Kelly.

ACTA has been working extremely hard on 4 fronts:

- **The ACTA Early Childhood Education EAL/D Manifesto** – a final draft will be launched shortly.
- **The ACTA National Roadmap for EAL/D in Schools.** ACTA representatives have met with various politicians and organisations, the NSW, Victorian, and Queensland Councils of Deans of Education, and our fellow professional associations. At a meeting with a school's advisor to Minister Jason Clare, the advisor confirmed that the *Roadmap's* proposals were in line with the directions that his Government seeks to take in regard to English as an additional language/dialect (EAL/D) provision in school. This meeting has been followed up with a meeting with Dr Ros Baxter, Deputy Secretary, Schools, Australian Government Department of Education. Click here to read about the *Roadmap: Advocacy – Australian Council of TESOL Associations*. A lovely infographic promoting the *Roadmap* is below. A version you can download will be on the ACTA website soon and also on our website: [ATESOL ACT – Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in the Australian Capital Territory](#)
- **The ACTA Indigenous EAL/D Consultancy Group** – working on a resource for advocacy re Curriculum & Pedagogy, Assessment and Teacher Development.
- **The ACTA Adult ESOL Consultancy Group AMEP Action Plan** – **click here to read the Action Plan: Advocacy – Australian Council of TESOL Associations** ACTA representatives met recently with Immigration Minister Giles, who assured us he was listening and was committed to improving the AMEP, and on-going dialogue with ACTA.

Our journal *TESOL in Context*, which is free on-line: [Publications – Australian Council of TESOL Associations](#).

For news and information on Professional Learning around Australia (at members' rates and often free), sign up at the bottom of the page, go to: [News – Australian Council of TESOL Associations](#)

12 actions for the Australian education sector



From the Australia Council of TESOL Associations National Roadmap for English as an Additional Language or Dialect education in schools

 <p>Restore adequate needs-based funding for migrant, refugee and Indigenous English language learners</p>	 <p>Upgrade EAL/D teaching and learning resources in the Australian Curriculum</p>
 <p>Leverage quality bi-lingual, bi-literacy education to improve Indigenous students' achievement in remote school communities</p>	 <p>Guarantee education, training and employment pathways for educationally vulnerable Indigenous, migrant and refugee youth</p>
 <p>Equip all pre-service teachers to cater for EAL/D learners in their classrooms</p>	 <p>Revive specialist EAL/D teacher education programs</p>
 <p>Rebuild EAL/D professional learning, leadership and school development</p>	 <p>Institute systematic, national, evidence-based teacher workforce planning that includes EAL/D specialist teachers</p>
 <p>Fast track post-pandemic EAL/D pedagogies of recovery</p>	 <p>Implement a nationally agreed measure and method of reporting English language proficiency</p>
 <p>Ensure transparency and accountability in the allocation and use of the English language proficiency loading</p>	 <p>Review reporting, accountability and implementation of international student programs in Australian schools</p>

Download the full report here: <https://bit.ly/ACTARoadmap>

Dear Prime Minister,

Commit to a minimum 70% of total government VET funding to TAFE in your October Federal budget.



Sign our open letter here:
[rebuildwithtafe.org.au/NationalTAFEday](https://www.rebuildwithtafe.org.au/NationalTAFEday)

Please consider adding your name to the open letter to the Prime Minister on National TAFE Day (6th September).

As part of **National TAFE Day on Tuesday 6th September**, the Australian Education Union will send an open letter to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. The open letter calls on the new Federal Government to implement, in the October Federal Budget, 70% of total Government VET funding to TAFE. This action will be one part of a range of lobbying and other actions organised in Canberra for National TAFE Day.

You can sign the letter at: <https://www.rebuildwithtafe.org.au/statement>

Invitation for teachers of EAL/D in Australian schools to contribute to survey study

You are invited to participate in a survey on **privatisation practices (business-like activities) and commercial activities (buying/selling education goods) in the delivery of EAL/D in schools across Australia**. This research project is being run by Dr Sue Creagh and has ethical approval from the University of Queensland (2022/HE001040). You can reach the survey through the link or the QR code below. Before you can complete the questions in the survey, you will be provided more detailed information about the project and will need to give your consent for the use of your data. Your participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. If you know of any other teachers who may be working with EAL/D learners but may not be a member of a TESOL association, please forward this information to them. The questions should take you about 15 minutes in total.

Here is the link and QR Code for the survey:

https://uniofqueensland.sydney1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaEVGwYsFsr6iDI



If you have any questions at all, please contact Sue Creagh on screagh@uq.edu.au

Three for One - ACTA Conference Tasters

Can't make it to the ACTA conference?

Then come along to our Term 3 Professional Networking event
and hear our talented ATESOL ACT presenters

Wednesday 31 August 2022, 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Jamison Southern Cross Club, Catchpoles Room

Cnr Catchpole & Bowman Street, Macquarie

[Jamison | Canberra Southern Cross Club \(csccl.com.au\)](http://csccl.com.au)

Presenters

LESLEY CIOCCARELLI

"Just Like Sitting with the Teacher": Personalising Feedback to Students Using Screencasting Video

UGYEN TSHERING

Overcoming ESL Reading Teachers' Dilemmas: A Case Study of Bhutanese Classrooms

MALI WIJESUNDARA

Identifying and Supporting Gifted and Talented EAL/D Learners

6:30 pm onwards: Happy Hour – join us to chat with colleagues over a drink on the house! You're also warmly invited to stay afterwards for a friendly meal with us (unfortunately *not* on the house). *Free for ATESOL ACT 2022 members and their colleagues.*

Although the event is free, it would greatly assist us if you'd book by **Monday 29 August 2022** to help us estimate the venue space. For more details and to book, go to:
www.atesolact.org.au/events



FREE FOR ATESOL ACT MEMBERS!!!

TAS TESOL Term 3 Forum – *English Language Learners & Trauma Informed Learning*

TasTESOL is excited to announce that Victoria Wilson, who will shortly complete a PhD at University of Queensland in trauma-informed English language teaching to adults, will be presenting at our next online forum.

Victoria has been teaching ESL and EFL since 2004, starting her career in Japan. In 2011 she was living in coastal Fukushima at the time of the Great East Japan earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster, which killed 18,000 people and left many more displaced. Victoria continued teaching in the disaster zone for several months afterward and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after returning to Australia. In 2014 she began teaching ELICOS at University of Southern Queensland and found that many of her students – both former refugees and international students – had experienced significant trauma. A lack of specialised research in how best to support their learning led her to start her PhD.



In this presentation, Victoria will discuss some of the effects of PTSD on learning and engagement and explore evidence-based strategies for minimising (post-traumatic) stress and maximising learning.

Date – Monday 5th September

Time – 5pm – 6pm

Cost:

- Other TESOL association members – no cost
- non-members - \$15
- students - \$10

Bank Details - BSB: 067-002 Account number: 2800 6086

- Please use full name as reference
- Payments due by 4th September

RSVP by Sunday 4th September to contact.tastesol@gmail.com. **Please include a statement that you are an ATESOL ACT member.** Forum Zoom link will be sent prior to the date.



The full program is now available!

The Australian Council of TESOL Associations International Conference 2022 is hosted by QATESOL in the sunny city of Brisbane and will be held on **26-28 September 2022** at the **Hilton Brisbane, Queensland**.

The conference program is jammed packed with 3 days of keynote presentations, concurrent sessions, trade, and social functions.

We encourage you to **register now for the three day conference to secure the Early Bird discount**

Full Conference Registration – ATESOL ACT Member

Early Bird: \$800

Full Rate: \$900

Full Conference Registration - Non Member

Early Bird: \$890

Full Rate: \$990

Conference Keynote Speakers

Pushing the Boundaries of EIL Pronunciation Research & Practice: Insights From the Outer and Expanding Circle Varieties. Professor Ee Ling Low | National Institute of Education (NIE), Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Pushing the Pedagogical Boundaries: New Tools to Forge New Approaches to TESOL. Associate Professor Russell Cross | Melbourne Graduate School of Education, Australia

Creating EAL/D Student and Teacher Flourishing in a Time of Constraint: Pushing the Boundaries of Possibility. Associate Professor Margaret Kettle | Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia

If you have questions, please contact the appointed Conference Organisers, Iceberg Events:

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Now is the perfect time to join ATESOL ACT or renew your membership. Please consider an institutional membership for your school, which gives any 2 teachers members' rates at professional learning events. We offer discounted membership for part time or unwaged TESOL professionals. *Student membership is free!*

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Membership categories

	Regular	Earlybird
Institutional	\$80	\$72.00
Full Member	\$55	\$49.50
Part time or unwaged	\$35	\$31.50
Student (no voting)	\$0	\$0.00

Benefits include

Discounted member's rate at events
Voting at meetings and AGM

Are you a passionate EAL/D teacher?

Do you teach in a school or to adults or international students?

Do you enjoy exchanging ideas with colleagues from other educational settings?

Do you have ideas for stimulating Professional Learning events?

Would you like to learn more about what is happening nationally in EAL/D education and policy?

Are you committed to improving our profession?

Then the ATESOL ACT Committee is the place for you!

Currently we are short of a Secretary, newsletter editor, website manager, secondary & senior secondary teachers, adult ESOL teachers, ELICOS teachers & people to help with events.

***The more people participating in your Committee,
the more we can give back to everyone!!!***

TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE OR FIND OUT MORE, WRITE TO president@atesolact.org.au