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PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES

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Celebration of Excellence

Friday 27 October 2023 is World Teachers Day and the Professional Teachers' Council New South Wales (PTC NSW) joins the media in the recognition and celebration of our teachers across all sectors and systems in NSW and the teaching profession.

World Teachers' Day acknowledges the professionalism and dedication of teachers and their invaluable contribution to the future of our society through their professional teaching associations.

*"World Teachers' Day is an important occasion to recognise and honour the work of all teachers. Teachers tirelessly and selflessly give so much of themselves and their time to students and the community. Many even find more time to volunteer to support their teaching associations," said Karen Yager, President of PTC NSW.*

*"When we consider the looming teacher shortage and the recent Monash University report on why teachers are leaving the profession, it is imperative that we acknowledge, support and respect the key role they play and their significant contribution to society," Karen said.*

In recognition of the outstanding work teachers undertake through their professional teaching associations the Professional Teachers' Council NSW awards the prestigious Outstanding Professional Service Awards (OPSA) as an acknowledgment of excellence in the profession.

The Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award (OBTA) recognises the outstanding professional contribution by an individual committee member (of a Professional Teachers' Association) with five or less years teaching experience in education in NSW.

These awards acknowledge the outstanding professional contribution to education made by teachers through Professional Teaching Associations across all sectors and systems of NSW.

The Professional Teachers' Council NSW is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 awards.

**2023 - OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARDS**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation NSW	James Muir
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation NSW	Sheree Clarke
Australian Society for Music Education	Gerard Plummer
Careers Advisers Association of NSW & ACT Inc	Glen Bowman
Chinese Language Teachers Association NSW	Carol Patterson
Classical Languages Teachers Association	Heather Powell
Dance Educators Professional Association NSW	Lauren Cullimore
Economics and Business Educators NSW	Nicholas Ward
Economics and Business Educators NSW	Roset Khair
English Teachers Association	Sarah Warby
English Teachers Association	Heather Burke
Geography Teachers Association NSW & ACT	Michael Da Roza
Gifted and Talented Secondary Teachers Association	Janine Timillero
Gifted and Talented Secondary Teachers Association	Jennifer Edwards
History Teachers Association NSW	Francisca Castro
History Teachers Association NSW	Lara Summersford
ICT Educators NSW	Timothy Milkins
Kodaly Music Education Institute of Australia NSW Branch	Simone Butler
Legal Studies Association of NSW	Nicholas Fernandez
Marine Teachers Association NSW	Claire Barber
Modern Language Teachers Association NSW	Mary-Anne Bianchin
ORFF Schulwerk Association of NSW	Julia Rennick
Philosophy in Schools Association of NSW	Kate Kennedy White
Science Teachers Association NSW	Robin Gordon
Science Teachers Association NSW	Jacqueline McCarthy
Society and Culture Association of NSW	Emily Aitken
Society and Culture Association of NSW	Kendra Bruseker
Visual Arts and Design Educators Association of NSW	Nicole DeLosa
Visual Arts and Design Educators Association of NSW	Sally Leaney

**2023 - OUTSTANDING BEGINNING TEACHER AWARD**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
Geography Teachers Association NSW & ACT	Rebecca Sutcliffe