

FROM THE PRESIDENT



James Sturgiss, PTC NSW
Board member 2013–2020

Vale James Sturgiss

It is with great sadness that PTC NSW reports the passing of its Honorary Secretary James Sturgiss.

James Sturgiss has represented the Science Teachers Association of NSW (STANSW) on the PTC NSW Board since 2013. James supported science teachers and science education in NSW through STANSW as a committee member from 2009–2015, as Secretary 2012–2014, and as Treasurer in 2015. Jim was a passionate educator with a deep and broad skill set in areas of literacy, assessment and ICT. He pioneered online on-demand delivery of BOSTES (now NESA) accredited courses.

Jim expertly chaired PTCNSW's Professional Learning Accreditation Committee dealing with the myriad of course proposals from member associations as provider of the largest number of accredited PL courses in NSW.

James Sturgiss will be sadly missed in PTC NSW, and elsewhere, for his sense of humour, his expertise, his experience and his enthusiasm for, and commitment to, Education.

Deja Vu

Last term you received an email from PTC NSW headed *Deja Vu* – well to ensure we remain safe and well, lockdown is back and as a result online teaching is back! We are very conscious that for many of you juggling your respective roles in your PTA and school commitments has become even more complex! Our message is simple – look after yourself, be aware of your own needs and manage the stresses you are under. Should your PTA require assistance long or short term do not hesitate to reach out to PTC member services. Currently, our office at Auburn is closed, however emails and phone messages are being handled as normally as possible. This [link](#) will connect you to the range of member services available.

Stay well, stay safe!

PTC NSW recently interviewed Peter Bliss on the importance of wellness during these difficult times. Here is a [link](#) to that interview, which we hope you find helpful. Peter has also created for PTC members, a series on *Leadership* which is available from the PTC *OpenLearning* platform along with other wonderful courses from a growing number of PTC member associations. Information on utilising *OpenLearning* for your association is available from PTC member services and the [PTC website](#).

Come chat!

Keep an eye out for a *Come Chat* Zoom link for members to come together to chat about your associations ideas, plans, needs and generally connect as we move forward in Term 3. We are looking at an evening in week 5 or 6 of Term 3.

PTC NSW 2021 Awards



It is almost that time of the year to celebrate the work of all Professional Teacher Associations! Nomination forms for 2021 will be available shortly from the *PTC Awards* section of the PTC website. For associations thinking of applying for *Association of the Year* the PTC Awards committee will be hosting an information evening to assist with applications. The committee encourages all eligible member associations, large and small, to consider applying. Details of the information session to be held later this term will be confirmed shortly.

Sydney University and us

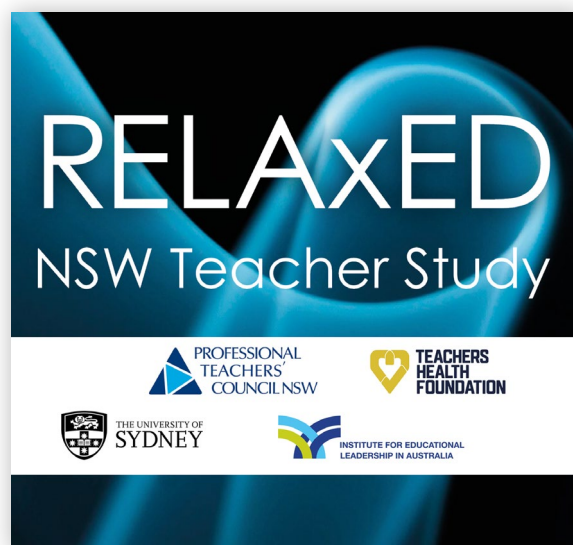
An exciting partnership has been formed between Sydney University's Prevention Research Collaboration (PRC), The Professional Teachers Council NSW and the Teachers Health Foundation.

Our initial joint project involves the RELAxED Teacher Study as outlined below. Some of your members may have already completed the survey.

The Professional Teachers Council is excited to be part of this study, as PTC and members will be playing a genuine role in the survey through regular updates of the survey's progress, result updates, recommendations and the future development of key support programs and professional learning opportunities to support teachers, as a result of this collaboration.

We invite all member associations to inform their members of this collaboration and to encourage as many members as possible to complete the survey and help inform this important study. PTC will be regularly updating all members during the study.

To access the survey please – [click here](#)



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Macquarie University and us

Discussions have resumed between PTC and Macquarie University, Education Faculty. There are two strands to our discussions that we hope will assist members access Micro Credentialing and Professional Learning opportunities. Micro credentialing will allow each PTA member to use their professional learning history to count towards a range of micro credentialing opportunities for further studies at Macquarie University.

In addition we are exploring a partnership related to the provision of professional learning directly with schools across all sectors and systems. Macquarie has a relationship with a number of schools via an educational hub providing direct access to schools, who have specific professional learning needs. Once our partnership is in place Macquarie will liaise with PTC and member PTAs who will then assist schools with professional learning opportunities. Once our partnership is established PTC will be outlining the process and opportunities with all PTC member associations. Stay tuned!

Social Media

PTC NSW is expanding its presence across all social media platforms. We would appreciate all member associations to follow PTC and to retweet, like and contribute as often as possible! Our recent key messaging has included 2021 HSC updates, wellness support from PTC presenter Peter Bliss, our partnership with Sydney University *RELAXED* survey and other general topics. So tune in, contribute and explore!

NESA Accreditation News

Former NESA Professional Learning providers have recently received notification of the implementation of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accreditation of Professional Development Courses policy.

A number of key documents and resources supporting the implementation of the policy have now been published on the NESA and PTC NSW website to support PTC members and other providers being able to now apply for professional development (PD) courses to be assessed by NESA and approved as NESA Accredited PD. This includes:

- finalised principles of effective professional learning
- content criteria for each of the four priority areas as identified by the Minister:
 - delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
 - student/children with disability
 - student/child mental health
 - Aboriginal Education and supporting Aboriginal students/children.
- application forms (Note that you will need to use Form A to submit your first course application under the new Policy); and
- additional resources to support you in applying including a series of informative Powerpoint® presentations.

As the requirements for NESA Accredited PD have significantly changed from the previous policy, not everything that was previously NESA registered will be able to be accredited under the new policy. Note that the capacity for previously delivered courses relating to the two priority areas of Curriculum/EYLF and Students/Children with Disability to be confirmed as Interim Accredited continues alongside the implementation of the new NESA Accredited requirements. All forms and the new requirements are available from the PTC NSW and NESA websites.

The PTC NSW PL accreditation committee will also be familiarising themselves with the requirements and information association members on how they will be assisting moving forward to other announcements due February 2022. We are also working with NESA to organise how best to support members and the possibility of hosting information sessions online. We will be in touch with members regarding a NESA information session once confirmed.

PTC NSW continues to lobby NESA and the Minister for Education requesting PTC NSW and member associations be reinstated as providers of NESA accredited professional learning. Current advice indicates that a consideration of our status will not be made until early 2022.

Upcoming Australian Teacher Workforce Data teacher survey

The Australian Teacher Workforce Data (ATWD) initiative will deliver an evolving picture of the national teacher workforce, from initial teacher education through all stages of the teacher career, and across all states, territories and employer sectors. It will be a valuable resource to inform the future of the teaching profession.

The voluntary 10-minute survey is sent annually to all registered teachers in Australia to help identify important developments and trends in the teaching profession over time. All teachers have unique experiences and insights, and every teacher's story is an important part of the picture.

Look out for an email invitation to participate in the ATWD Teacher Survey from the NSW Education Standards Authority. **ATWD Survey** commences in NSW in Mid August 2021.

Copyright Survey

PTC NSW recently distributed a link to a survey from the Copyright Agency. The agency is a not-for-profit that collects and distributes copyright payments to writers, artists and publishers. Many of the writers and illustrators who receive payments are current or former teachers. Some of our member associations also receive payments from the Copyright Agency, as a publisher of teaching resources. More information on the **Copyright Agency here**.

If you would like further information about this data collection project, please contact Rosanna Arciuli at the Copyright Agency by emailing rarciuli@copyright.com.au.

To complete the survey **click here**. The survey concludes Friday 13 August 2021.

Stay safe, stay well

Dr Denis Mootz
President, Professional Teachers' Council NSW

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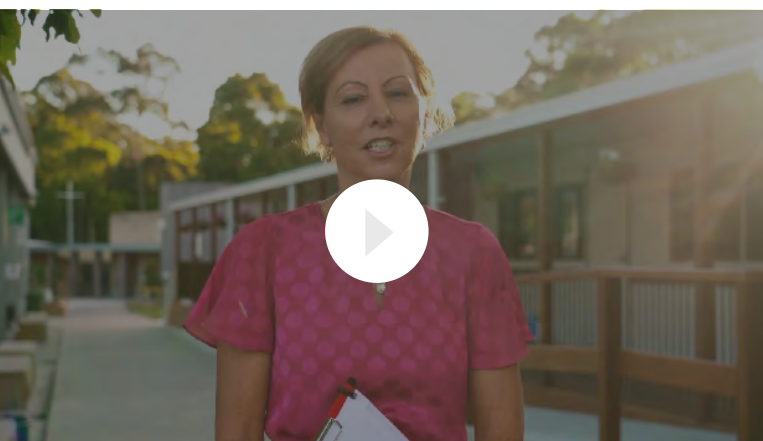
AJ Grant Building pride themselves on 3 key principles of a quality, reliable & caring service. Looking through their website the range of builds, renovations and the subsequent testimonials from several school principals, it is clear that AJ Grant Building is tested in industries where timely delivery of services, compliance, safety, security & privacy is essential.

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CEO Professional Teachers Council



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