



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Advocacy at work!

In my last newsletter to you all I reflected on how PTC NSW has become a trusted voice in NSW education, advocating and representing a dedicated and significant group of professional teacher associations, run by volunteer teachers for teachers.

At PTC NSW's first meeting with the new NSW Education Minister Hon. Deputy Premier and Education Minister Prue Car, it was clear that the peak body and its professional teacher association members, are as relevant today as ever! As we outlined to the Minister all that the PTC NSW and members achieve each year, our combined value and support to teachers across all sectors and systems became clear to her and to the Secretary of The NSW Department of Education, Murat Dizdar, who was also at our meeting, and as a result has offered to distribute the PTC NSW member semester PL calendar to all DoE schools. It was a valuable and affirming initial meeting with regular meetings scheduled. It is also worth reminding PTC NSW member associations that all PTC NSW member associations are represented at all PTC NSW meetings.

Golden Jubilee Year



During this half of 2023, we are arranging to interview significant PTC NSW former Board members, founders or other individuals that have made a significant contribution to the initial establishment of the Joint Council and then PTC NSW. If you have any suggestions and contact details of someone you know we should contact, please email ceo@ptc.nsw.edu.au

A reminder that nominations for the PTC NSW Awards for 2023 are open – [LINK](#)
I encourage your association to nominate your valuable volunteers or paid staff, across all categories, recognising their contribution to your association and your members. We will be celebrating the awards for 2023 on Wednesday evening 28 February 2024 so nominate and register to attend in this our 50th year together!

NSW Education Minister Hon. Deputy Premier, Education Minister Prue Car will be our special guest and present the **PTC NSW Minister for Education Association of the Year Award!** So, nominate your association for this prestigious award. Revised 2023 application forms are also available on the PTC NSW website – [LINK](#)

Accreditation

PTC NSW is a NESAs endorsed professional learning accreditation provider, directly processing member PL accreditation applications through the accreditation process. Our two accreditation panels are meeting regularly to process applications as quickly as possible with the guidance of our PL Officer Audrey. Most applications are processed within two weeks.

Again, the PTC NSW Board is committed to ensuring all member accreditation applications fully meet NESAs requirements. PTC NSW **accreditation application forms** are available from the PTC NSW website.

Later this term an **information evening** is being scheduled for member associations to work through the course application form – **information can be found here**.

Conference Series 2024



As part of our Golden Jubilee Year, PTC NSW is excited to announce a series of Come Together Conferences. Our series, hosted termly across 2024 will include big-picture sessions with guest speakers in addition to member associations showcasing KLA expert advice workshops.

**'COME TOGETHER'
CONFERENCE SERIES**

Come Together - Celebrating the Arts
14th March 2024

Come Together - The World of STEM or?
22nd May 2024

Come Together - PTC NSW Educate
8th & 9th August 2024

Come Together - HSIE Contemporary Issues
12th August 2024

Come Together - Language Learning
23rd October 2024

All members will be receiving information on how associations can Come Together shortly!

I look forward to celebrating with you all at our Golden Jubilee 2023 Awards in February 2024.

Regards

Karen Yager, President

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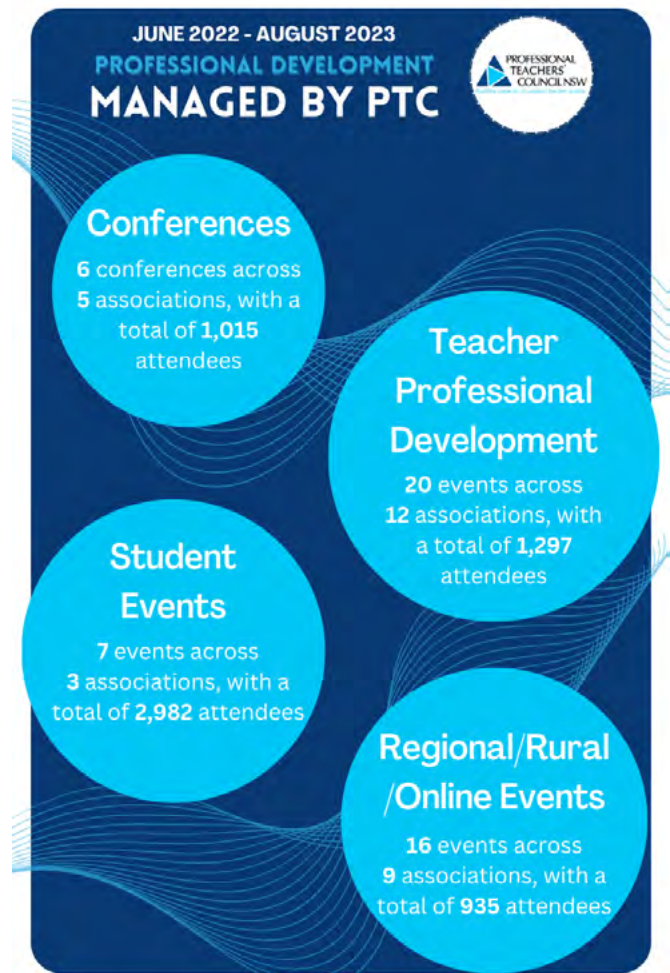
Events

Our inhouse Events and Communications Coordinator Holly, has settled in quickly ensuring several member events have been managed professionally including full conference support which includes registration, promotions and on-site assistance. This level of engagement has assisted those associations with all administration and event management freeing the time of committee members and executive to engage directly with their members.

Holly is creative and passionate and looks forward to working with you on your next event! Email events@ptc.nsw.edu.au

A reminder that here at Auburn, PTC NSW has a conference centre that is available to all member associations at very competitive rates for medium to small events including, professional learning, Board meetings, planning days or casual gatherings. Our 120-seat auditorium and other IT supported facilities are available via our [online booking system](#).

For all enquiries please contact Holly via phone or email.



IELA Education Research Journal – erj

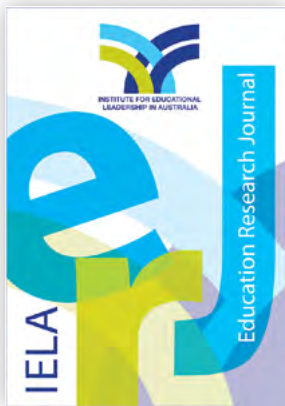
Our semester 1 2023 **erj** has been distributed ([LINK](#)). We are calling for Semester 2 papers. Please inform your membership that **erj** is open for submissions from teachers across all sectors and systems, Year 12 students, teacher trainees and Early Career teachers, who have engaged in educational research.

erj provides a platform for teachers, students and academics across all sectors of NSW to submit articles, dissertations, research articles and to share with colleagues.

Journal sections include:

- Teacher-based research, which may be from PHD work, Masters studies, or school-based research papers.
- Teachers in their first five years of teaching are invited to submit research papers, informative articles on experiences, mentor programs, respond to successes and setbacks of their journey so far.

- Students in their final year of teacher education are invited to submit research-based articles of interest from their studies.
- A section inviting senior school students in Year 12 who may have a paper based on their studies in their final year at high school.



All submitted works will be presented to a selection panel who will decide on the journal content per semester.

The IELA Education Research Journal (erj) is an electronic journal available to all schools and education institutions across all sectors and systems in NSW.

You can find a [submission guide here](#)

Articles can be [submitted via this link](#)

Access to the [inaugural erj is available here](#)

PTC NSW Member Engagement

PTC NSW continues to develop and refine effective administration processes and systems to ensure that the essential services we provide our members is cost effective and tailored to association needs.

PTC NSW strives to provide personalised and professional member services for all PTC NSW members. So far this year we have provided a range of solutions for members across governance, website creation & maintenance, accreditation and financial support via virtual treasure initiative.

We manage each member association with a holistic, strategic and thoughtful approach.

PTC NSW offers competitive, scalable member engagement that directly supports association work, freeing up time so executive and committee members can focus directly on their members.

To discuss your association's needs, begin the conversation via our [Start a Conversation](#) link.





Return of our Member PL Calendar!

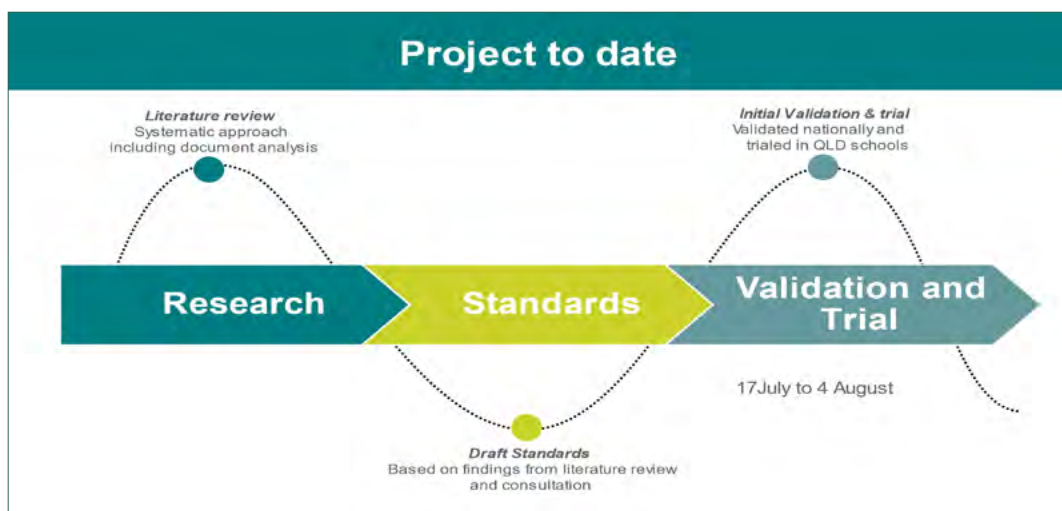
PTC NSW has reinstated the semester **Professional Learning Calendar** that was very popular prior to COVID. Should your association wish to publicise your upcoming professional learning events, including your Open Learning offerings via the calendar you are invited to add your PL content **HERE**

We are pleased to advise that the Department of Education is now distributing our calendar to all DoE Schools directly.

AITSL –Professional Standards for Middle Leaders

In October 2022, the Queensland Department of Education commissioned AITSL to develop a set of Professional Standards for Middle Leaders that describe what middle leaders need to know, understand, and do to be highly effective practitioners.


This work will be completed over 3 phases with the Standards delivered to the department by April 2024.






A review of national and international literature has been completed, Standards have been drafted, with an expert international panel established to guide their development. The National Validation survey closed on 4 August, with analysis of the more than 700 responses received from the profession underway.

Once the validation, trial and evaluation are complete, AITSL will work with the Department to finalise the Standards before seeking endorsement for national adoption.

AITSL are consulting with the Australian Professional Teachers Association (APTA) to collect views about the Standards. Visit AITSL's Middle Leaders webpage **HERE** for more information.



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