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PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES

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Celebration of Excellence

Friday 25 October 2024 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 New South Wales, volunteers play a pivotal role in professional teacher associations, supported by the Peak Body the Professional Teachers Council NSW (PTC NSW). These volunteers contribute their time and expertise to enhance the professional development of educators, offering valuable resources and opportunities for collaboration. Through workshops, seminars, and networking events, volunteers help create a supportive environment where teachers can share best practices and learn from one another. This collective effort not only enriches the teaching experience but also promotes a culture of continuous improvement within the profession.

Moreover, professional teacher association volunteers are instrumental in advocating for the needs of teachers. Via PTC NSW, associations engage in policy discussions, providing insights that help shape educational reforms and ensure that teachers' voices are heard at all levels of decision-making. This advocacy work is essential for addressing the challenges faced by educators, from workload issues to professional recognition. By rallying together, these volunteers strengthen the teaching profession in NSW, ultimately benefiting both teachers and students by fostering a more effective and supportive educational environment.

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 2024 awards.

Outstanding Professional Service Award (OPSA)

Association	Recipient
Association Society of Music Education NSW	Alex Manton
ATESOL NSW Inc.	Glenice Aiken
ATESOL NSW Inc.	Marina Pearce
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Kelly Parry
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Kyle Sutton
Careers Advisers Association of NSW & ACT Inc	Mick Lee
Dance Educators Professional Association of NSW	Rebecca Fishburn
Economics and Business Educators NSW	Bernadette Henry
Economics and Business Educators NSW	Carolyn Muir
Educators of Deaf Students Association (EDSA- NSW)	Adam Wilkinson
English Teachers Association NSW	Lucy Rose
English Teachers Association NSW	Heather Kroll
Geography Teachers Association NSW & ACT	Dr Alex Pentz
Geography Teachers Association NSW & ACT	Drew Collins
HALT Association NSW	Dr Greg Cunningham
History Teachers Association	Nikki Brown
History Teachers Association	Michael Condie
ICT Educators NSW	Karen Binns
Legal Studies Association of NSW	Justine Hanks
Marine Teachers Association of NSW	Timothy Grant
Modern Language Teachers Association NSW	Anthea Wawryka
NSW Association French Teachers	Nathalie Berger
Professional Association for Learning Support Inc	Joanne Raheb
Professional Association for Learning Support Inc	Claire Tipper
Society and Culture Association of NSW (SCANSW)	Younan Moushi
Visual Arts & Design Educators Association NSW	Tamara Lawry

Outstanding Beginning Teachers Award (OBTA)

Association	Recipient
ICT Educators NSW	Ashley Kasper
Philosophy in Schools Association of NSW	Sam Giles