

Chairperson's Report August 2014

We had a year of consolidation and also tried a few new things.

Our 2013 conference was quite successful in Leederville and we had some positive feedback from the participants re the new venue. As in the previous year, we had considerable funding help from LotteryWest to the amount of \$14,147 which enabled us to fully or partially fund 66 delegates.

Due to LotteryWest funding timelines we decided to have future Conferences earlier in the year, this also makes it easier for us to comply with our constitutional requirements for our AGM.

So we have not had a Conference this year and our next Conference is planned for the middle of April 2015. Please keep this time in mind, we look forward to seeing you there.

We funded three members to attend the 2013 ACAL Conference and got some great feedback from Margaret, Sue and Audrey.

Margaret and the Committee worked on our response to the "Scoping a foundation skills professional standards framework" and duly submitted it.

We wrote to the Federal Minister for Industry, the Hon. Ian McFarlane in April, asking for reconsideration to cutting the WELL program, stating reasons the program should be retained and pointing out the many positive outcomes that will be lost should it be cut.

We investigated an update of the brochures we had some years ago with added literacy resources that are available in the community. A meeting was held with the Swan Library at Midland. The Swan Library is very proactive in the literacy area and looked forward to working with WAALC. Unfortunately the funding we requested to carry out this program was declined. We are now looking into reapplying for funding a smaller pilot program and look forward to talking to Swan Libraries again if we are successful.

Thank you

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