

It is with pleasure I present to you the chair report for 2022

It's hard to believe it was October last year that we hosted the WAALC Conference. In the year that has flown, WAALC has been involved in a variety of different activities. The two main activities have been:

1. The strategic plan which we will discuss after the formalities of the AGM. My thanks to all who have participated in the discussions and collation of materials to make this document workable. Thank you especially to Paul and Marguerite.
2. Born out of this planning, is the updating of the WAALC website. We are beginning to grow interest from a wider audience including researchers, private practitioners and other professionals seeking assistance for clients. We have regular updates and links to relevant materials, and we will be continuing to grow this site. This could not have been done without Roger Blatchford who supports WAALC with his IT skills with a background in education.

Other activities we have been part of this year have included a presentation given for the ACAL stretched conference, by our very own Dr Marguerite Cullity. We have also had meetings with potential stakeholders regarding strengthening relationships. We hope to trial run some digital lessons in the State Library E space.

I had the opportunity to do a podcast with TAC on how providers can provide support to learners with gaps in their numeracy and literacy. The script was a collaboration with TAC, Vanessa Isles (Read, Write Now) and Jo Medlin (ACAL President) and me.

We are also in beginning consultation with a large retail company to partner in learning experiences for learners with literacy numeracy gaps. We hope to give more details in 2023.

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