



西澳中文教师协会会讯

# Newsletter

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Dear member Colleagues,

2014 marks CLTAWA's 30th anniversary. It has been another busy and rewarding year. I would like to thank all members for your great involvement to make 2014 a success. I also pay my tributes to the CLTAWA committee members who have contributed enormously to help make this year fruitful.

Reflecting on the CLTAWA's objectives, the main achievements in 2014 have been:

### **Professional Development for Teachers**

There has been an array of PD organized for teachers covering all sectors throughout the year: CLIL, Year 12 Background Course and Heritage Course. All three PDs involved CLTAWA organizing highly experienced presenters from interstate. The TeachMeet and Dissecting the Australian Curriculum sessions were also highly commended by members whom participated. 11 CLTAWA members attended this year's CLTFA conference held in Melbourne while 8 members participated in the MLTAWA's biennial conference in September.

### **Promoting Chinese Language Learning to Students**

The CLTAWA has established 5 annual events which have become increasingly popular with members catering for both background and non-background students: The Story Telling Competition for heritage students; State Speaking Competition; State Writing Competition; Pandas' Picnic excursion and Year 9 Day excursion.

### **Promoting Chinese Language Learning in the Wider Community**

Principals' Cocktail in its second year running has again been a huge success in providing school leaders and Chinese teachers the opportunity to network and share stories. The CLTAWA also organized a thank you lunch for the Confucius Institute's teacher assistants for their support in Chinese programs in WA schools.

### **CLTAWA Website Update**

The CLTAWA is in the process of developing its website. It has already under gone some major changes. It is our goal to make the website the main source of disseminating information to our members and the general public.

### **Celebration Dinner and Awards Evening.**

This year marks CLTAWA's 30th birthday and to celebrate, a scrumptious dinner was arranged on Thursday 27th November. We hope all who attended had a wonderful time! The evening was about celebrating CLTAWA's roots. Congratulations go to Geoff and Anita, the recipients of CLTAWA's first ever "Life Member" awards.

Congratulations also go to two very deserving award recipients: Bonnie Woo for winning the Exemplary Chinese Language Teacher of the Year Award and Priscilla Prince for receiving a commendation for her nomination.

## 2014 AGM

The 2014 AGM was held on 29th November with a new committee being formed.

The CLTAWA says goodbye to 5 committee members from the 2014 Committee: Yuan Yi; Liu Chun Hua; Emily Emery; Laura Sydenham and Rachel Brown. I truly thank you for all your time, effort and dedication to the Association and its members.

With mixed feelings, due to a heavy workload and other commitments, I have made the decision to step down as President in 2015. It has been a great honour to serve you all in these last three years as President of the CLTAWA. I sincerely thank all those who have served in the committee during my time as President as you have been both a source of inspiration and support.

Looking ahead I am pleased to see Bonnie Woo, our very capable and committed Vice President step into the President role at the AGM. I firmly believe that with Bonnie's leadership and a vibrant committee, the Association will continue to blossom and conduct itself in a highly professional manner. An association cannot be without its members so please continue your wonderful support of the CLTAWA!

### *Jieqi Zhang, Immediate Past President*



Dear members and friends of the CLTAWA,

I am delighted to have the privilege and honour to represent and lead the CLTAWA as the newly elected President. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this professional and well respected association with 30 years of successful history. I know that I have been entrusted with great responsibilities and I will do my very best to lead our new vibrant committee in continuing the wonderful work of the CLTAWA to bring even greater support and benefits to our members.



First and foremost, I must acknowledge the outstanding contribution of our Immediate Past President, Mrs Jieqi Zhang, who has worked professionally and tirelessly for the CLTAWA over the past 3 years. Her dedication, service and sacrifice to our Association are immense and no words can thank her enough. I have learnt a great deal from Jieqi's leadership and professionalism which are highly admirable and I will endeavour to work with our new committee along those commendable standards.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce to you the 2014-2015 Committee Members listed on the right as your representatives for this coming year. A very special warm welcome to **Jin** Meinan, **Kai** Yunqing, **Angie Liu** and **Liu Li**, our first time committee members who bring with them new perspectives, innovative ideas and skills. Welcome back to **Xiao Yu**, our very knowledgeable secondary school representative and an experienced committee member who has returned after a short rest from serving in the committee. Congratulations to Dr **Wang Yi**, elected as the Vice President.

We are fortunate to have in our committee, a diverse representation from primary, secondary, tertiary as well as from all education sectors of government, independent and community schools. There is a good mix of returning experienced committee members working with new committee members.

#### **The CLTAWA Committee for 2014-2015**

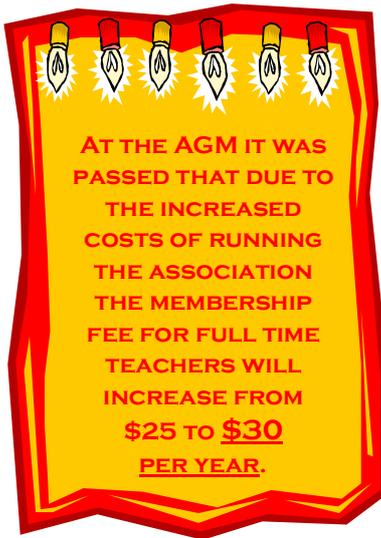
**President:** *Bonnie Woo*  
**Vice President:** *Wang Yi*  
**Secretary:** *Priscilla Prince*  
**Treasurer:** *Li Hua*

#### **Committee Members:**

*Jin Meinan*  
*Kai Yunqing*  
*Angie Liu*  
*Liu Li*  
*Ma Xuan Li*  
*Xiao Yu*

**Immediate Past President:**  
*Jieqi Zhang*

**Advisers:**  
*Geoff Davis AM*  
*Anita Chong*



We are also very extremely fortunate to have Anita and Geoff to continue their roles as senior advisers to the committee as well as our admirable Immediate Past President, Jieqi Zhang working together with us. I am confident that together as a team, we will be able to continue the past 30 years' success of the CLTAWA and to take our Association to even greater heights as we carry CLTAWA into the next 30 years.

For this to happen, we also need your support and involvement in the events and activities we organise. This is your Association and we welcome your suggestions and feedback. Please forward your ideas to our Association email – [cltawaperth@hotmail.com](mailto:cltawaperth@hotmail.com). We will always consider and action innovative ideas where possible. As the festive season approaches, I'd like to wish you and your family a most wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with much happiness and good health!

恭祝大家圣诞快乐，新年蒙恩，心想事成，身体健康！

*Bonnie Woo, President*

### **New Committee Members:**

Yunqing Kai has a Bachelor degree in Education. She has been involved in teaching Chinese language and culture in Victoria and WA for nearly five years. Yunqing has a strong commitment to promoting the teaching of Chinese language and culture in Australia and is looking forward to contributing to the CLTAWA as a committee member.



Angie (Yuxuan) Liu is a graduate teacher from the University of Western Australia. In her two years of study she has actively participated in all PDs organised by the CLTAWA and worked as a language assistant and a volunteer Chinese teacher for two schools. She hopes that her knowledge and skills can assist in the improvement of the language associate next year.

Li Liu teaches Chinese from Pre-primary to Year 6 at Christ Church Grammar School. She has been teaching Chinese for over 18 years to first, second and background language students in both primary and secondary schools. Li is passionate about teaching Chinese language and culture to the next generation and local communities. Li's research interests include effective teaching pedagogies, motivating students, ICT integration, visible thinking and global capacities. She looks forward to working as a team to continue providing excellent services to all members.



Xiao Yu has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Beijing Language and Culture University and a Graduate Diploma of Education – Secondary from Edith Cowan University, 2005-2006. She has been teaching since 1986 having taught Chinese at the Chinese Language Centre of the Renmin University of China, Beijing (1986-1987); Curtin University of Technology (2005-2010); and Murdoch University (2006). Since 2007, she has been teaching Chinese at Churchlands Senior High School. Xiao Yu has previously served on the CLTAWA committee and looks forward to working again on the committee in 2015!



The CLTAWA congratulates Priscilla Prince for being this year's recipient of the Professional Teaching Council of W.A.'s Outstanding Professional Service Awards. Her dedication to the work of the CLTAWA is greatly appreciated and valued by all.

## CLTAWA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

The CLTAWA celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with flair at the Old Cathay restaurant Victoria Park on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Over 60 members and invited guests shared in the celebrations with a delicious buffet spread! Geoff Davis A.M and Anita Chong were recipients of CLTAWA's first "Life Member" award in recognition for their ongoing support and dedication to the work of the CLTAWA. Congratulations to them both!

The inaugural Exemplary Chinese Teacher Award was presented at the dinner to a very deserving recipient: Bonnie Woo or Empress Woo as she is known to her students. Priscilla Prince was also presented with a certificate of commendation.

Thank you to all members who were able to come along and share in the festivities. The CLTAWA appreciates your continued support.



For more photos visit the [CLTAWA website](#)

### 2014 STATE MANDARIN SPEAKING COMPETITION

This was a highly successful event with participants showcasing a high standard of Mandarin speaking skills.

Over 50 students competed in this event from 21 different schools.

Please [click here](#) to visit CLTAWA's website for a list of this year's Speaking Competition results.

### 2014 STATE CHINESE WRITING COMPETITION

This year a total of 150 entries from 23 different schools were received.

As evident in the winning entries on display during the Mandarin Speaking Competition, entries received were of a very high standard.

Please [click here](#) to visit CLTAWA's website for a list of this year's Writing Competition results.

### Heritage Course Professional Development

The CLTAWA in collaboration with the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and The Chinese Language Teachers' Association of NSW organized a free PD for members. This was attended by 36 members. The Presenter Yanling Zhou was exceptional in her field and PD participants gained a better understanding of what to expect of the WA Background Speaker course as a result.



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