



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Some Gentle Reminders!

Your Committee sends greetings. We hope your return to the classroom and professional life in 2023 has been positive and stimulating!

Early Bird membership rates end on 28 February 2023

Members' rates at **ATESOL ACT and interstate on-line events** are just 2 advantages in joining up. Also, don't forget that your membership fee will be waived if you recruit 2 new members! For details, click [here](#)

Interpreter Workshop and AGM Tuesday 28th February

Please come along and join a stimulating workshop with Glenn Flanagan, Companion House on *How to Collaborate Effectively with Interpreters* followed by our AGM. The event is free and open to anyone interested – *bring a colleague!*

For details click [here](#)

We need more hands to make light work – do consider nominating to join our great Committee. See next page for details. The nomination form is [here](#).

Professional Learning event: “Teaching spelling and vocabulary” with Dr Misty Adoniou, March 18 @ 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

TQI accredited. For more details: click [here](#)

To book, click [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Helen

Helen Moore, AM, PhD

President

Your 2023 Committee – Nominations Needed!

Your current Committee consists of six dedicated and interesting people. You will enjoy working with them. But – to be perfectly honest – we are seriously over-stretched. Without increasing our Committee members, our ability to maintain our support for the TESOL profession in the ACT is weakened.

We need you to step forward!

Here are the vacant positions on the Committee and a brief description of roles. None of these duties is difficult and you will always be supported by others when you need it.

Vacant Positions	Role
Vice-President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the President and stand in when President is unavailable. • Support for Committee members as possible.
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out meeting notices • Prepare meeting agendas with the President • Take minutes at meetings • Ensure list of Committee members is up to date (Google Docs & Google Groups). • Check secretary@atesolact.org.au Inbox and forward relevant mail to appropriate Committee members.
Website editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with our wonderful new website technical support person to keep the website up to date • Get suggestions, ideas and information for the website from the Committee, Working Parties and members • Convene Communications Working Party
Newsletter editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a file of possible news items and request items from Committee members. • Draft newsletter and finalise in collaboration with President. • Send covering Mail Chimp newsletter notice and basic copy (unformatted) to the website technical support person for final formatting and sending out • Member of Communications WP (see below).
Events Working Party members	<p>Participate in deciding on and organizing events. (We have developed an Event Planner to make organisation easy and clear.)</p> <p>We need more representation in this WP from teachers in secondary, senior secondary, adult and tertiary contexts.</p>
Communications Working Party	<p>Support the Convenor and Social Media editor in keeping the website up to date.</p> <p>We need a convenor, a newsletter editor and 1or 2 more members in this WP.</p>
Membership Working Party	<p>Collaborate with the Convenor in developing initiatives to maintain and extend our membership.</p> <p>We need 1 or 2 more members in this WP.</p>

For full descriptions, also see our [Constitution](#)

The full Committee generally meets once a term. Working Parties meet once or twice a term, depending on requirements.

If you'd like to find out more and/or would like to join us, please write to Helen at president@atesolact.org.au

Some Great Events from VicTESOL

ATESOL ACT member rates apply

EAL Writing Strategies in a Primary Settings	On-line February 22, 2023, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Effective implementation of translanguaging pedagogy in TESOL classrooms	On-line Thursday, 9 March 2023 4:00 - 5:00pm
Digital Literacies in EAL Special Interest Group (SIG)	On-line Wednesday, 22 March 2023 4:00 - 5:00pm

For more details, go to: [Upcoming Events – VicTESOL](#)

Remember to share this newsletter with your colleagues and encourage them to sign up at <http://www.atesolact.org.au/join/>

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