

2019 World Teachers' Day Awards

World Teachers' Day is a United Nations Observance celebrated in Australia on the last Friday in October. It commemorates the 1966 UNESCO/ILO signing of an International Declaration on the importance of teachers in society. The UNAAWA World Teachers' Day Awards recognise excellence in Global Citizenship Education (GCEd): practice that develops understanding of the interconnections between local and global communities and empowers students to take action for the common good.

FINALISTS

Catherine MacDougall, Cyril Jackson Senior Campus

Catherine, a Home Economics teacher, empowers students to connect with their communities through food. Catherine has led development of programs such as *5000 Meals*: a pathway to food industry and community engagement through volunteering, celebrating UN World Food Day, and working with food rescue agencies to provide meals for students experiencing homelessness or financial hardship. The annual *Kinjarling Djinda Ngardak* program brings together indigenous students from across the state to work with chefs and local elders to create an Australian food culture experience.



Samantha Dodras, Churchlands Senior High School

Authentic problem-solving strategies that integrate and apply student learning across the curriculum have proven effective in Samantha's mathematics classes. Her after-school Maths Club attracts students, especially girls, with workshops and fun activities that include environmental modelling and calculating water footprints. Samantha's approach fosters a global perspective for applied problem-solving and fostering a love of mathematics. "Interdisciplinary hands-on experiments help the students perceive math as a connecting chain rather than unreachable discrete blocks of formula."

Tracey Toovey, St Mark's Anglican Community School

In her role as Junior School Sustainability Coordinator Tracey has led development of innovative programs. The Global Goals are linked to the school's enterprise-based Market Day program. Education for sustainability strategies are integrated with the Year 2 to 5 school curriculum. Students are mentored in promoting the Global Goals across the school community. Future leaders and active global citizens are nurtured through award winning programs such as *Changing the Way We Think: Impact of One Use Plastic*.



JUDGING PANEL



Angela Briant (Independent Education Union)

Angela is the General Secretary of the WA Branch of the IEUA. Angela's first career was as a teacher-librarian in a diverse range of schools over a twenty-year period. She enjoyed every day of teaching and the constant challenge of engaging with students. Angela finds it equally dynamic working with teachers as an education union official. "Working with UNAABA was such a stimulating and worthwhile experience; these Awards showcase excellent but achievable practice preparing students for global citizenship."

Natalie Blewitt (State School Teachers' Union of WA)

Natalie is Acting Vice President of the State School Teachers' Union of WA and has been a teacher for the last 20 years. She advocates for the right of every child to have access to high quality public education irrespective of background, circumstances or location. Education is a fundamental human right and Natalie believes that top class education leads to social empowerment and stronger communities.



Professor David Gibson Curtin University

David is Director of Learning Futures for Curtin Learning and Teaching and holds the UNESCO Chair of Data Science in Higher Education Learning and Teaching. A world leader in advancing the use of technology to personalize education via cognitive modelling, design and implementation, David has been a supporter of the UNAABA Global Citizenship Education programs since their inception recognising them "as a means of generating valuable portfolio information about the kind of learning needed for the future".



Rees Barrett (UNAABA Education Awards Panels Coordinator)

Currently UNAABA School Programs Director, Rees has nearly five decades of experience in education. His curriculum leadership experience includes *Social Education Materials Project* (1970s), *K to 10 Social Studies Syllabus* (1980s), *National Curriculum* (1990s), *Curriculum Framework* and *VET in Schools* (2000s). Rees has published textbooks in Australian geography and a nine-volume library series - *Significant People in Australia's History*. Since retiring from paid work, Rees has led development of UNAABA Global Citizenship programs (Joint Winner, Educators' Awards Global Challenges Foundation, Sweden).

WINNERS

Primary: Tracey Toovey, St Mark's Anglican Community School
Secondary: Catherine MacDougall, Cyril Jackson Senior Campus