New SSTUWA senior officer, Edd Black retires from education

Matt Jarman has been elected as the new SSTUWA senior vice president. He assumes the role from Paul Bridge, who has taken up a role as a regional executive director with the Department of Education.

Matt (pictured above) has been a public school educator for almost three decades, with 21 years as a school leader – the most recently as principal of Yanchep Beach Primary School.

He has also been involved with the SSTUWA at the committee (School Leaders Reference Group, School Leaders Committee) and Executive levels, as a member, and through numerous public education funding campaigns.

The SSTUWA welcomes Matt to the senior officer leadership group and looks forward to his valuable insight and knowledge in advancing the interests of union members and public education.

The union would also like to acknowledge one of its most faithful and active stalwarts, Edd Black (pictured right), who has retired after more than 40 years in public education.

Edd, the outgoing principal of Huntingdale Primary School, has been active in the union since 1975 when he started as a school rep.

Since then Edd has served the SSTUWA's members as a branch secretary and president, Executive member and on the School Leaders Committee, amongst many other roles.

SSTUWA Senior Vice President Matt Jarman represented the union at Edd's farewell at Huntingdale PS earlier this year, which was also attended by Education Minister Sue Ellery.

"Edd is a contributor who most reminds members and union employees why they are proud to belong to the SSTUWA and the union movement," he said afterwards.

"His passion, his commitment and his ability to fire off a broadside with a twinkle in his eye is widely respected and known.

"The SSTUWA is a better union for his contribution and membership."

We thank Edd for all his years of service to public education and the union movement and wish him all the best in his retirement.

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