Regional WA having its say on public education



SSTUWA education review panel members, from left: Robyn White, Dr Scott Fitzgerald, Dr Carmen Lawrence (chair), Pamela Pollard (executive officer) and Colin Pettit.

The SSTUWA wants regional community members to have their say on the state of WA's public education system, as part of its independent review led by Dr Carmen Lawrence.

The panel will visit 12 regional locations in total including: Northam, New Norcia, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Katanning, Albany, Geraldton, Broome, Bunbury, Busselton, Karratha and Manjimup.

The review, which was announced last year, will identify and examine the problems in the public education system, what effect they are having on teachers and school leaders and how those staff can be supported to improve public education in WA.

Dr Lawrence, who is a former Premier and Education Minister, heads up the review, and is joined on the expert panel by Dr Scott Fitzgerald from Curtin University, former Commissioner for Children and Young People Colin Pettit, and former Perth Modern principal Robyn White. The review is supported by panel executive officer Pamela Pollard, a former principal of Victoria Park Primary School.

SSTUWA president Matt Jarman said anyone with a view or insight on public education was encouraged to attend the community consultation events.

"We are at a crossroads with public education in WA and even more so in our regional schools," he said.

"This inquiry is vital to paving a way forward for education and to do that we need to hear from the community to ensure we have a clear understanding of the serious challenges facing the public education system.

"Teacher shortages, excessive workloads and violence in schools are just some of the day-to-day problems, and with the

public system educating the majority of WA children, they deserve the very best from a quality education environment.”

The review will also examine factors such as the effect of state government policies on schools, the impact of Covid-19 and changes in reporting, expectations and accountability.

The regional consultations will take place from February to April, with those interested in attending encouraged to visit sstuwa.org.au/review for times, locations and to register.

Members of the SSTUWA and the community in general are also encouraged to make a submission via the website.

The end date for submissions is 21 April, with the panel expected to provide a draft report to the SSTUWA Executive by the middle of the year.

Review consultation sessions

Register for the below sessions at sstuwa.org.au/review

Location	Date	Venue
Northam	Tues 7 Feb, 4.30-6pm	Farmers Home Hotel 112 Fitzgerald Street, Northam
New Norcia	Wed 8 Feb, 10am - noon	New Norcia Hostel dining room New Noria Benedictine Community New Norcia Road, New Norcia
Esperance	Wed 8 Feb, 4.30-6pm	Lotteries House Lot 3 Forrest Street, Esperance
South Metro East – Armadale	Tues 14 Feb, 4.30-6pm	Armadale District Hall, North Gallery 90 Jull Street, Armadale
North Metro – Yanchep	Thurs 16 Feb, 4.30-6pm	Yhub Coworking (upstairs room) 1/128 Yanchep Beach Road, Yanchep
Kalgoorlie	Tues 28 Feb, 4.30-6pm	Kalgoorlie Overland Motel 566 Hannan St, Kalgoorlie
Katanning	Thurs 2 March, 4.30-6pm	Premier Mill Cnr of Clive Street & Austral Terrace Katanning
South Metro West – Fremantle	Fri 3 March, 4.30-6pm	Fremantle Sailing Club 151 Marine Terrace, Fremantle
North Metro East – Belmont	Tues 7 March, 4.30-6pm	Belmont Sport and Recreation Club 400 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale
South Metro East – Meadow Springs	Wed 8 March, 4.30-6pm	Meadow Springs Golf Club 23 Meadow Springs Dr, Meadow Springs
North Metro West - Perth	Thurs 9 March, 4-5.30pm	Perth Modern School Beasley Building Boardroom 90 Roberts Rd, Subiaco
Albany	Tues 14 March, 4.30-6pm	Albany Golf Club 1 Barry Court (off Golf Links Road) Middleton Beach, Albany
Geraldton	Thurs 23 March, 4.30-6pm	Pollinators 184 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

Location	Date	Venue
Broome	Fri 24 March, 4.30-6pm	Mangrove Hotel 47 Carnarvon Street, Broome
North Metro West – Hillarys	Mon 27 March, 4.30-6pm	Hillarys Yacht Club 65 Northside Drive, Hillarys
Bunbury	Thurs 30 March, 4.30-6pm	Dolphin Discovery Centre Lot 556 Koombana Dr, Bunbury
Busselton	Fri 31 March, 4.30-6pm	Busselton Library and CRC Meeting room 1 19 Camilleri Street, Busselton
Karratha	Mon 3 April, 4.30-6pm	Karratha International Hotel Cnr of Hillview & Millstream roads, Karratha
Manjimup	Tues 4 April, 4.30-6pm	Wellness and Respite Community Centre 1a Edwards St, Manjimup

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