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Review consultation - new sessions added

Public consultation sessions of our commissioned review into public education are underway. Several new sessions have been added, including in north and south metro areas, as well as two virtual sessions.

Over the next two weeks, members of the review panel will be in Morley, Geraldton, Broome, Hillarys, Atwell, Rockingham/Warnbro and Busselton. If you're in the area please join them:

Week 8 sessions

Morley | Thursday 23 March, 4-5.30pm
Register here

Geraldton | Thursday 23 March, 4.30-6pm
Register here

Broome | Friday 24 March, 4-5.30pm
Register here

Week 9 sessions

State-wide (virtual) | Monday 27 March, 4.30-5.30pm
Register here

Hillarys | Monday 27 March, 4.30-6pm
Register here

Atwell | Tuesday 28 March, 4-5.30pm
Register here

Rockingham/Warnbro | Wednesday 29 March, 4-5.30pm
Register here

Busselton | Friday 31 March, 4.30-6pm
Register here

Find the full list of sessions here >>

Final call: Become a State Council delegate

This is your final call to become a State Council delegate with nominations closing at noon tomorrow (17 March).

Information about the SSTUWA State Council/AEU WA Branch Council insufficient nominations election (E2022/141) is available here.

2023 WA Public Sector Census

The SSTUWA strongly encourages all members to take part in the 2023 WA Public Sector Census.

The census will provide critical government and public data on the state of schools and TAFE.

Voice to Parliament and the debate about detail

The Australian people will soon be asked to vote in a referendum to constitutionally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a First Nations Voice. Unfortunately, the political debate on this question has become mired in arguments over “detail” that are either ignorant or deceitful about the nature of the proposal and the work that has been done on it.

A fractured Nationals Party has announced it will not support the referendum because they are not convinced a Voicewould “Close The Gap”. They also argue Labor has failed to provide sufficient “detail”.

The former Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt accused the party of “laziness” for failing to read the detail in a 280-page report delivered to government in July 2021, a proposal Wyatt took to Cabinet twice before the last election.

Read the full Western Teacher article by Gabrielle Appleby and Eddie Synot here >>

Education and training

Term 1 holiday events

Join us in some face-to-face learning events or online for some powerful professional learning opportunities during the school holidays.

If you are new to a leadership role or aspiring to move into this type of role, visit the website to view the six leadership events we have on offer, including:

Leadership - Building and Maintaining a Team
Online three hours: Tuesday 18 April

Leadership - The Experience of Women in Middle Leadership
Online three hours: Wednesday 19 April

Leadership - Managing Challenging Conversations
Online three hours: Wednesday 19 April

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