

Seen around the SSTUWA



June State Council: Natasha Schmitt, James Keillor, Craig Bourne and Paul Reynolds.

June at the SSTUWA is heralded by State Council Conference, which was held 9-10 June this year.

State Council Conference is the union's supreme decision-making body, where elected delegates to the conference gather for two days to participate in professional development and vote on motions directing the SSTUWA's future activities.

It is held twice a year in June and November. June's conference was held at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel in the city.

Guest speakers included AEU Federal President Correna Haythorpe; Rachel Bos from the ACTU; Hon. Sabine Winton MLA (Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Protection, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services – representing the Premier of WA); and Ms Meredith Hammat MLA (Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – representing the Minister for Education).

At the conclusion of the first day's proceedings a special function was held at the Hilton to celebrate 125 years of the SSTUWA. Read more about June State Council Conference and 125-year anniversary celebrations on pages 8-9 and 11 of this Western Teacher.

In May early childhood educators attended the Early Childhood Forum, which covered the topics of safety, development and well-being of young children. They heard from the Commissioner for Children and Young People Jacqueline McGowan-Jones and ECU early childhood studies lecturer Dr Kay Ayre. To read more, turn to page 6.

The SSTUWA also recently stood in solidarity with other unions over cost-of-living concerns and calls for fair wage rises.

Unions marched from West Perth to the city for the Cost of Living Crisis public rally. The SSTUWA also joined the United Firefighters Union in their protest rally from Supreme Court Gardens to Parliament House, calling for a fair wage increase as part of their current negotiations with the state government.

