**TasTESOL AGM 8th May 2023 Presidents Report**

Congratulations and thanks to all committee members who have helped sustain the TasTESOL network to give continuity, through another year of flux in our area of industry and activity. TasTESOL welcomes school teachers and literacy tutors from the public and private sectors, registered training organisations, teacher trainers and students of TESOL teaching in the university sector (UTAS) and those who work with volunteer organisations and NGO’s including Migrant Resources Centres

It may go unseen by general members and others in our profession or vocational pursuits that much work is done by the TasTESOL committee in prepping each month, to ensure we have a properly functioning Executive. By this I mean the Executive works together by donating individual time to ensure there is a regular contact network for teachers of English as an Additional Language in Tasmania. We are supported online by Gillian Edmiston. Likewise, our Treasurer Cristy Walker, helps to provide transparency as to where your members fees are being held, allocated and used. Our Secretary Michelle Tadross, has communicated to you to provide details of the same and invitations to state and national professional development activities. This includes sessions of our affiliated national body ACTA. Australian Council of Tesol Associations, at which our delegate is Vicki Walker as the Tasmanian councillor. As TasTESOL members we have not yet witnessed the return of large volumes of international students to Tasmania or business migrants in need of our instruction or guidance. However, TASTESOL has overseen a continuation of activities to sustain teaching in this vital area for those remaining in the wider civilian community and those few who are able to join it. The world continues with its’ inglorious upheaval. In that context, I note the immense evacuation from Sudan in recent days, from where many of our TAFE and school students have been arriving in recent years. Elsewhere the conflict in Ukraine also threatens to extend itself. Amidst global flux and post-Covid conditions as practitioners we all remain open to offering instruction and support where and as required. In addition to our corporate professional competence, the humanity of that gesture should not be underestimated.

As professional teacher-practitioners we are a body of people blessed with access to the training of future teachers of TESOL on the ground here in Tasmania through the university. We are being generously welcomed to participate and take interest in valuable ongoing research about our needs as teachers and those of our students. I encourage all members to follow the research and forthcoming forum of *LinguaLab,* an initiative of the University of Tasmania staff including TasTESOL member Dr Mairin Hennebry-Leung.

We are further supported by our links to other TESOL associations in Australian states who invite us to their Professional development workshops online, in addition to those activities put forward and opened to us by ACTA, the Australian Council of Tesol Associations. I encourage you to visit the resources they send us some of which follow this message to you. I look forward to continuing our presence as a professional network of teachers and resourceful people who can collegially support one another in a rewarding range of vocational, volunteer and professional TESOL pursuits. Thank you every one who continues in membership as you enable us as peers, to sustain the development of our practice and communications about them by engaging with TasTESOL. I also thank you for encouraging and enabling me to be your President in 2022-2023,

Kindly

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**Forums for 2022:**

First forum:

Presenters: Priyanka Bose and Jiao Li – PhD students of Xuesong (Andy) Gao

Title: Language teaching materials and language teachers

Date: Tuesday 12th April, 5pm-6pm

Cost: Free for members and $15 for non-members

Reflection: We had 16 attendees, and several emails were received after this presentation sharing their enjoyment for this forum.

Second forum:

Presenter: Victoria Wilson

Title: English Language Learners and Trauma Informed Learning

Date: Monday the 5th September 5-6pm

Cost: Free for TasTESOL members. $15 for non-members.

Reflection: 36 people attended this. A higher than usual number due to promoting the forum on the ACTA website.

Third forum:

Presenters: Megan Short, Dr Andy Bown and Dr Mairin Hennebry-Leung (Lingualab Seminar)

Title: Narrative methods and ecological perspectives in research

Date: Thursday November 17th at 3:30pm

Reflection: Positive feedback received, another Lingualab proposed for 2023.

Fourth forum:

Presenter: Justin Neagus from LWA

Title: Virtual AMEP Roadshow- showcasing 3 new resources

Date: Wednesday 30th November 3:30-4:30pm.

Cost: This was a free event for all members and non-members of TasTESOL.

**Forums that were promoted from other associations:**

TESOL Association: Queensland

Title: Incorporating EAL/D students’ home languages and cultures into mainstream curriculum teaching and learning at school: Findings from a design-based Queensland study.

Date: June 9th 2022, 4:30-6pm

Cost: This PL was free for all TasTESOL members to attend ($20 for non-members)

ATESOL: ACT

Title: National Museum of Australia to assist EAL/D teachers in schools and adult settings in utilising the NMA’s resources online.

Date: 24 February 2022, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm AEDT.

Cost: $20 for TasTESOL members and $45 for non-members