



## Women in Adult and Vocational Education Newsletter

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**WAVE** is a national network of women involved in VET, adult education and the broad field of work-related education and training. WAVE provides seminars & workshops, research, policy advocacy and advice, as well as networking on an international, national and state basis. We are supported within each state by local representation that in turn contributes collaboratively to national events and governance. Web: [wave.org.au](http://wave.org.au) E: [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au)

### Welcome

Welcome to our third WAVE Newsletter for 2021.

In this edition we look forward to our upcoming Annual General Meeting and look back on what's been happening through our networks. We share an update on the Salthouse Sistas and invite you to join us for the official launch of this network.

While we are not covering the global pandemic in this newsletter, we are aware of the ongoing impact COVID-19 is having on women working in adult and vocational education across Australia and want to highlight that we see this ongoing challenge facing our members.

We are also aware of the impact that women and girls are facing as students in this environment as workplaces and study continuously navigate work restrictions and lockdowns across Australia. Recognising that women are most severely impacted during these times, with work, caring, home schooling and responsibility for personal mental health and wellbeing all colliding.

WAVE continues to seek opportunity to contribute to dialogue on the impact on women in this environment.

WAVE is a voluntary run organisation, relying on memberships, donations and the volunteer contributions of our members to achieve what we do.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or contributing to our work, locally or at a national level please contact us by email, or visit our website and send us a message [wave.org.au/contact](http://wave.org.au/contact)

To become a member of WAVE contact us via email [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au) and we will send you an invoice. WAVE membership fees for 2020-2021 are - individual \$50, Organisation \$120.

Have you ever thought about giving a bit of your time to working with other women in adult and vocational education? All Executive Members must be financial members. Let us know if you are interested, contact:

Linda Simon (National Convenor) [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au)

Visit the WAVE website at [wave.org.au](http://wave.org.au) and our Socials:





## Network News

### Congratulations Elaine

We congratulate our long time member Elaine Butler (pictured below) on becoming a Member of the Order of Australia. Elaine is currently WAVE Ambassador and is involved in much of our international work. She was previously National Co-convenor. For this award she was recognised for significant service to women, to vocational education, and to gender equity.



### CONFINTEA consultations

On 22 July, WAVE joined civil society organisations (CSOs) from the Pacific to discuss recommendations for adult learning and education (ALE) in time for the CONFINTEA VII Pacific Sub-regional Consultation organised within the 24<sup>th</sup> Pacific Heads of Education Systems Meeting.

The event was co-organised by the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE), University of Waikato Faculty of Maori and Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Maori and Pacific Adult Education Charitable Trust (IMPAECT).

It gathered 22 participants coming from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Australia and New Zealand who discussed key issues and recommendations on adult learning and education (ALE) based on their country contexts. The rich discussions during the meeting brought forth a set of actionable recommendations, highlighting the good practices and perspectives from civil society organisations.

## Salthouse Sistas

### Salthouse Sistas web page

WAVE has been supporting the establishment of a network in WA for young women with disabilities throughout this year. This has been led by our Project Officer Tayla Taseff.

The Salthouse Sistas webpage was recently released supported by the new branding for the network.



Visit the page

<https://wave.org.au/salthouse-sistas/>

### Salthouse Sistas network launch

The network will be officially launched with an in-person event on Wednesday 15 September at 6pm (AWST).

Where: C Block, North Metropolitan TAFE WA, Leederville campus

<https://www.northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/campuses/leederville>

When: Wednesday 15/09/2021

Time: 5:00pm Bump in, event 6:00pm-8:00pm, refreshments provided.

If you are interested in attending this event, or in supporting the network, send an email to [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au).

You could also consider becoming a mentor for one of these young women!



## WAVE Annual General Meeting

WAVE will hold its AGM by Zoom on **Thursday 7 October at 5pm (AEST)**. The AGM is open to all members. If you would like to join, email [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au) and we will send you the Zoom link.

All committee positions are open for election at the AGM. Positions can be jointly held e.g. co-convenors.

Positions are:

- National Convenor
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications
- Convenors for all states and territories.

If you are re-nominating, send this information to: [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au). If you are nominating for the first time, send a brief CV and name of position you are standing for to: [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au). All nominations including re-nominations should be submitted by **Thursday 30 September**. List of nominees will be provided through the Newsletter group prior to the AGM.

To hold a position on WAVE Committee you need to be a financial member of WAVE. You can join for \$50 individual membership, through the WAVE website – [www.wave.org.au](http://www.wave.org.au)

### Proposed change of membership fees to be considered at AGM

The following proposal for change of membership fees will be considered at the AGM. This is to give more continuity of membership.

“That WAVE financial membership be changed to make membership:

- Payable in October each year
- Individual membership - \$50 for initial joining and \$30 each year afterwards
- Organisational membership - \$100 for initial joining and \$75 each year afterwards”

## Other AGM business

Any other items to be considered at the AGM should be sent to [wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au) by Thursday 30 September

**Join our team!**

Support the work of WAVE.  
Email your expression of interest today.  
Nominations close 30th September 2021

[www.wave.org.au](http://www.wave.org.au)  
[wave@wave.org.au](mailto:wave@wave.org.au)

## Other matters

### WAVE Social Media engagement

WAVE social media has been busy reporting and sharing news related to women and girls in adult and vocation education, career pathways and gender equality in workplaces and workplace education.

- 1257 followers on our Facebook page and 1150 likes  
<https://www.facebook.com/womeninadultandvocationaleducation>
- 92 followers on our new LinkedIn Page as we slowly migrate the 258 LinkedIn Group members across  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/women-in-adult-vocational-education>
- 178 followers on our Twitter feed  
<https://twitter.com/WomenAdultVocEd>

Follow WAVE social media to stay abreast of what's happening in adult and vocational education and how it impacts women.