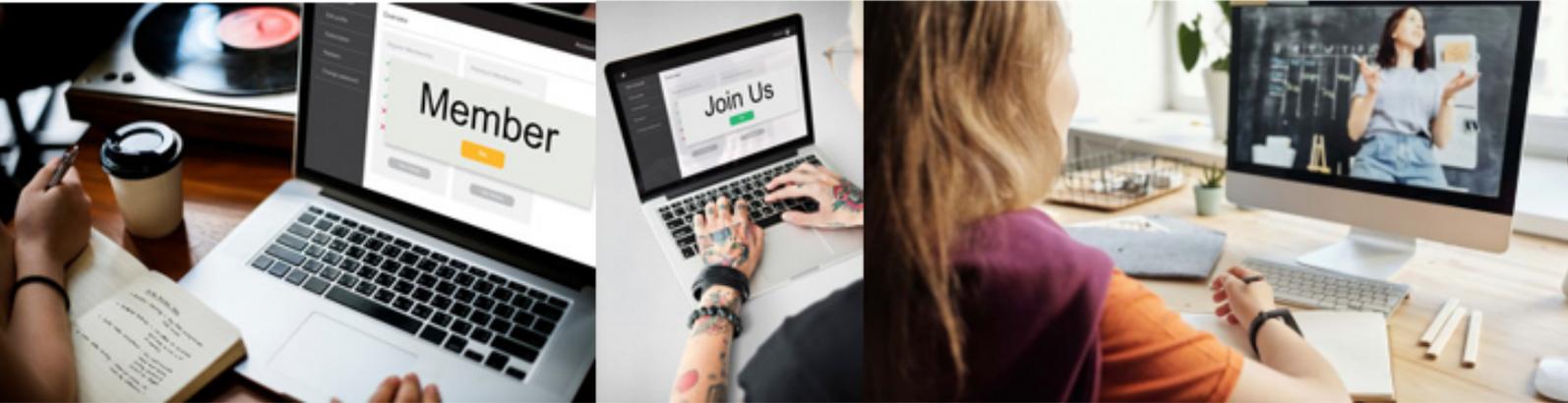




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WAVE is a national network of women involved in VET, adult education and the broad field of work-related education and training. WAVE provides seminars & workshops, research, policy advocacy and advice, as well as networking on an international, national 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 E: wave@wave.org.au

Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2021, and we look forward to working with you in 2022 in what could be a national election year. We use such an opportunity to highlight the importance of well-funded and accessible adult and vocational education for women.

An outline of our work in 2020-21 is attached for your information. Please send on to your networks.

New membership fees

This year we have changed our membership in line with the resolution addressed at the AGM.

In October we are calling for the payment of membership fees, and in recognition of your past membership we are offering you a reduced membership fee (see opposite). So if you have previously been a paid member of WAVE, we welcome you back with a low rejoining fee. Do go to www.wave.org.au to pay your membership for the year (website being updated to allow for differential payments). It helps WAVE to continue to work to lobby, advocate and support relevant programs.

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

To become a member of WAVE contact us via email wave@wave.org.au and we will send you an invoice, or just pay online and let us know. WAVE membership fees for 2021-2022 are:

- * **Individual \$50 or \$30 if you are rejoining**
- * **Organisation \$100 or \$75 if you are rejoining**

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Visit the WAVE website at wave.org.au and our Socials:





Network News

A million women

WAVE recently signed up to the [Open Letter](#) to Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison, calling on him to attend COP26 with ambitious targets of a minimum of 50% emissions cut by 2030. We hope you and your networks will sign up too.

The Prime Minister has confirmed he will be attending COP26. He is under pressure from all sectors of society across Australia and from around the world to set ambitious targets for 2030.

The science is clear. **The Australia Government must devise a strategy and enact a policy to cut emissions by a minimum of 50% by 2030.**

We must keep the pressure on. **Will you share our open letter with other women in your life?** A friend, a family member or work colleague? Nearly 12,000 have signed already. Let's triple that number now.

[Share Our Open Letter](#)

Salthouse Sistas

Salthouse Sistas network launch

The network was officially launched with an in-person event on Wednesday 15 September in Perth. There are further details on the website: <https://wave.org.au/salthouse-sistas/>

We thank Tayla Taseff for her work as project officer and look forward to the network continuing with the support of the young women who have joined it, and Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA).

If you would like to consider becoming a mentor for one of these young women, do let us know.

A message from our new National Secretary

The AGM thanked Robyn Woolley and Cecilia Blackwell for their long association with WAVE. Particularly we thanked Robyn for her work as both a national convenor and a national secretary. We now have a new Secretary, Jan Edwards from SA.

Hi everyone, I am pleased to have been elected for the position of National Secretary of WAVE. It is not a job that most people enjoy and it does come with its challenges. The key task is ensuring that the meetings are recorded accurately, and while that is a priority, there are certainly other aspects to the role that I will be focussing on.

My first priority is to streamline some internal processes so that Executive and members have the information they need and that the institutional memory of the organisation is not lost over time. As longer term members are moving onto other roles and responsibilities, it is imperative that the work achieved by WAVE is accessible and retrievable by members, academics and scholars.

A second key priority is to learn more about our members, people who read the newsletter and other publications and engage with WAVE on social media with a view to increasing our individual and institutional membership. Jan



WAVE Annual General Meeting

WAVE held its AGM on 7 October and the following positions were elected:

National positions:

- National Convenor – Linda Simon
- Secretary – Jan Edwards
- Treasurer – Annette Bonnici
- WAVE Ambassador – Elaine Butler
- Rural/regional – L'Amour Gina-Whewell

State/Territory positions:

Northern Territory – Raelke Grimmer

Queensland – Jane Newton and Deb Parker

South Australia – Jan Edwards

Victoria – Kira Clarke and Sally Thompson

Western Australia – Sarah Leftwich and Sue Thompson

NSW, ACT and Tasmania currently have no convenors – we would welcome volunteers

Other AGM business

WAVE set priorities for the upcoming year as:

- Working with AVETRA more closely including consideration for associate membership of the other's organisation
- Our federal election campaign and the policies and strategies we consider most important
- Adult Learning and Education (ALE) campaign through International Council for Adult Education (ICAE)
- An update of WAVE's Constitution and rules.

This is on top of the work we continue to undertake with a range of other organisations.

Other matters

Women & Leadership Australia is currently offering professional development scholarships for women across all areas of the **Education, Training and Development** sector, and we encourage you to share this opportunity with your staff, members and networks.

Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) supports emerging, middle, and senior women leaders across all sectors and industries.

Our career-defining leadership programs bring together a focus on applied learning with the latest in leadership theory and practice.

We believe that advancing gender equity, especially in leadership, is central to creating a more fair and inclusive society.

Through our **Industry Partnership Framework**, we work with hundreds of Australian associations and professional bodies to increase awareness and action around gender equity. With your support, we can continue to create meaningful opportunities for women leaders across the country.

Partial scholarships of \$1000 - \$5000 per person are available for women in **Education, Training and Development**

To encourage more women to step into leadership roles across the sector, WLA is offering scholarships for three leadership development courses.

Apply by 30th November or find out more by clicking here: <https://www.wla.edu.au/education.html>



WAVE is a member of ASPBAE and we thought you might like to find out more about a recent piece of work.

“From the Margins to the Center: Youth Informing the Futures of Education”, this regional report emerged from the country level consultations organised by ASPBAE members with youth and were compiled and synthesised by ASPBAE as part of its contribution to UNESCO’s Futures of Education initiative.

[Click here to read the report in ASPBAE's website.](#)

The report outlines what young people in a number of countries had to say about education, particularly in relation to COVID-19 and digital learning. The recommendations included (some summarised):

- **Establish** networks for marginalised youth, towards building an ecosystem for local communities
- **Organise** more capacity-building programs for learners and training facilities for upgrading the skills of teachers
- **Support** the education of learners with disabilities
- **Engage** with the youth for a more sensitive understanding of their experiences, including discrimination and rethinking equitable education
- **Provide** financial support from the state towards identification of differential learning needs of marginalised youth
- **Grant** financial support
- **Ensure** equity and inclusion in digital platforms and online education while making sure that learners and communities of learners are continually communicating with each other and not working in isolation
- **Allocate** funding for research
- **Inculcate** non-formal and community based learning
- **Expand** frameworks of education to include creative and reflective processes that make learning enjoyable, engaging and stress-free
- **Create** an ecosystem of support in the community that promotes the cultures of inclusion, respect and recognition of abilities of diverse youth.