

## 2017 Kate Mullin Award for excellence in improving language and literacy for Aboriginal EAL/D students

### Open to all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal educators<sup>1</sup>

*Are you or do you know an Australian educator who has helped to improve language and literacy outcomes for Aboriginal students?*

The Kate Mullin Award has been created in memory of Kate Mullin, an educator who worked passionately and tirelessly to improve outcomes for Aboriginal EAL/D learners. This award aims to recognise and celebrate excellence in language and literacy education of Aboriginal students.

The award, sponsored by the **Lindsay Cozens Trust**, is worth \$5,000 to the winner - to be used as they see fit to extend their knowledge and experience. The Award will be presented at the Westralian Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (WATESOL) Annual General Meeting in December 2017.

The nominee can either self-nominate or be nominated by a line-manager, colleague, student or community member.

The application should be no more than two pages and should include supporting evidence. Evidence could include student work samples, referees, emails, letters, etc. Applications must include at least one referee statement from an Aboriginal educator or community member.

The application should demonstrate the following:

- Improved student outcomes in language and literacy. (This could be improvements as substantiated by peers, community member(s) or as evidenced through outcomes achieved using the EAL/D Progress Map or through other appropriate monitoring systems.)
- Links with Aboriginal families and community to improve student engagement
- Awareness, recognition and valuing of home language/dialect<sup>2</sup> and culture
- Development of rapport with students

The application can be downloaded from the website <http://katemullinassociation.org/teacher-award/> and must be submitted by 5PM on Wednesday 1 November 2017. Submissions can be sent

electronically to [Sharon.Davis@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Sharon.Davis@cewa.edu.au) or

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<sup>1</sup> Including all those who work on improving literacy outcomes for Aboriginal students: Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, Vocational Education and Training lecturers, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers, Aboriginal Teaching Assistants and Aboriginal Education Workers.

<sup>2</sup> This could be an Aboriginal language, an Australian Creole and/or Aboriginal English.