

Newsletter 2019

Teacher Award 2018



The winner of the 2018 Kate Mullin Teacher Award is Phoebe Stoneman (pictured above) of Wiluna Remote Community School. The presentation took place at the WATESOL AGM on 28th November,

Phoebe Stoneman is a thoroughly deserved winner. She was nominated for the Kate Mullin award by her Principal, Adriano Truscott, a nomination which Support Coordinawas endorsed by Lena Long who is a Wiluna Martu Elder, a School Board member and a Shire Council member. Phoebe has worked at Wiluna RCS since 2012 and is now the Learning Support Coordinator.

Phoebe has worked at Wiluna RCS for seven years and has spent much of that time developing her relationships with students, families and the community. She cares deeply for the students and seeks to understand their community and she helps inspire similar sentiments with staff. She regularly engages in home visits and has developed relationships with and earned respect from families. She has organised and attended many community events such as on-Country learning experiences with the support of community, which has allowed opportunities for all students to show and share their cultural and linguistic knowledge and skills. She speaks with students in a respectful and clear manner and resolves conflicts in a restorative manner. She is aware of the cross-cultural challenges that can arise in relationship building and seeks advice when needed to ensure that the school is always seen to be culturally responsive.

As part of the Wiluna school community, Phoebe has contributed to Wiluna RCS's recognition in 2018 by the Premier of WA which has seen the school receive the award for Aboriginal Education this year.

Fund Raising Sundowner

On 18th January, the Association held a fund-raising event for the Kate Mullin Scholarships. The scholarships are designed to assist Aboriginal people from regional and remote communities (eg Aboriginal Teacher Assistants) become teachers and return to their communities.

The event was very successful, with an excellent speech from the Association's Patron the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP. Other speeches were given by Ken Mullin, Ron Gorman and Margery & John Goodall. A total of \$8,400 was pledged on the night. Since initiating the Sundowner a total of \$15,700 has been raised.



Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP addressing the Sundowner



Chairman Ken Mullin introducing our Patron

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