

Association spotlight: Inner City Teachers' Association

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Number of members: 1867
President: Maria Wilson
Secretary: Kim Salisbury

Our Community Our association is on Gadigal Land, a vibrant multicultural, urban area. We have 56 schools in the Association, including a number of Intensive English Centres, fully and partially selective schools, schools with opportunity classes and special units attached, a hospital school, a school of languages, a distance education high school and an Environmental Education Centre.

Our meetings We meet upstairs at The Rose of Australia Hotel, Erskineville on the Tuesday before motions are due to Council at 4.15pm. Women's Caucus meets at 3.45 the same day. There is a high level of participation from the members, with an average of 50 or 60 members attending.

Our association has a broad range of teachers from highly experienced to beginner teachers. Our members are permanent, temporary and casual teachers who work in a wide variety of educational settings.

Our current location in Erskineville has seen the largest turnout of members. We offer a childcare subsidy, afternoon tea and a complimentary drink to all attendees.

We have been supported for the last three years by an amazing organiser Hannah Archer-Lawton, who has worked tirelessly and successfully to ensure all the schools have a Fed Rep and that all schools are represented at our meetings. She has been to a meeting at every school in the Association. Our challenges We have an increasing number of students with learning needs and challenging behaviours. We are also now experiencing the shortage of casual teachers that schools elsewhere in the state have been coping with for many years.

Our Executive The President is Maria Wilson, Secretary is Kim Salisbury, Treasurer is Bernhard Huber, we have two Vice Presidents Sierra Classen and Micaela Cecire and a Women's Contact Alusha Newnham-Kell. Four of the Executive are Councillors. For the first time this year our executive has a majority of women.

Our focus We recently set up a Women's Caucus, to show women members that we are serious about encouraging their involvement. It is well attended and has provided another forum to demystify processes and to support women who would like to participate.

We have had a lot of delegations to the three MPs that represent our area. They have all been visited at least twice and we have nailed down their support for the Gallop campaign. In 2021 our members have been actively involved, in a leading local role in the [More Than Thanks campaign](#).

