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# Highly Accomplished & Lead Teacher Recognition Ceremony 2024

Friday 25 October 2024

Strangers Room  
Parliament House



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## Program

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<b>11.00am</b>	Welcome to Country – Binowie Bayles
<b>11.10am</b>	Opening address – Mr Greg Warren MP
<b>11.15am</b>	Keynote address – Professor Peter Shergold AO
<b>11.20am</b>	Medal ceremony
<b>11.30am</b>	Guest speaker Lisa Ottosson, Grafton High School
<b>11.40am</b>	Closing remarks Paul Martin, NESAs CEO
<b>11.45am</b>	Formalities conclude & lunch served
<b>2.00pm</b>	Event concludes

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## Special guests



### **Mr Greg Warren MP**

Member for Campbelltown  
Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Premier  
Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Early Learning  
Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney



### **Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chair of the NESA Board, BA, MA, PhD, Hon. Litt.D (UNSW), Hon. Litt.D (UWS)**

Peter is an Australian academic, company director, and former public servant. He has chaired recent Government reviews into education, and has served as Chair of the NESA Board since 2019.

He has been:

- the Chancellor of Western Sydney University
- Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia and a Centenary Medal.

## Special guests



### **Lisa Ottosson, Highly Accomplished Teacher, Specialist Teacher Vision, Grafton High School**

Lisa attended Wauchope High School before graduating from Griffith University, Brisbane with a degree in Special Education, majoring in Vision Impairment. Lisa started her teaching career in 2003 at Narbethong Special School and has spent the past 21 years educating students with vision impairments and additional disabilities.

Lisa has worked as an itinerant teacher at Grafton High School since 2016 and achieved Highly Accomplished accreditation this year.

*“I thrive on working with students who have complex needs and who challenge the traditional mould of education. Watching all students make progress, especially those who face the toughest learning obstacles, is incredibly fulfilling.”*



### **Binowee Bayles is a proud Koori woman born and raised in Redfern on Gadigal Land. She is a Mum of three sons and a Kinship carer to many.**

Binowee has been performing traditional song and dance nationally and internationally for 32 years. She has been a part of many cultural ceremonies, developed curriculum linked education programs for primary, secondary, tertiary and international students. She has 20 years experience in Financial Services, 5 years in Government, 2 years in community organisations. She volunteers her time as a Board of Director for a number of Not for profit organisations.

Binowee is passionate about caring for Country, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Indigenous design, arts and traditional crafts. She loves learning about cultures and trying different food from other countries.

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## 2023/2024 Highly Accomplished & Lead Teachers

The following teachers achieved Highly Accomplished or Lead Teacher accreditation within the past year.

Doha Adra	Highly Accomplished	Malek Fahd Islamic School
Angela Coleman	Highly Accomplished	St Charles Catholic Primary School
Kara De Maria	Highly Accomplished	St Joseph's Primary School
Veronica Dekort	Highly Accomplished	Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus
Gabrielle Devine	Highly Accomplished	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School
Jessica Fallone*	Highly Accomplished	Rosebank College
Katie Fraser	Highly Accomplished	Brookvale Public School
Melissa Gane	Highly Accomplished	Jasper Road Public School
Sally Gorman	Highly Accomplished	Randwick Girls High School
Vanessa Gray	Highly Accomplished	St Joseph's Regional College
Sean Hassett	Highly Accomplished	Holy Name Primary School
Terry Humphreys*	Highly Accomplished	Ravenswood School for Girls
Amelia Lawson*	Highly Accomplished	Fort Street High School
Suk Leung	Highly Accomplished	Jasper Road Public School
Rosalind Lim	Highly Accomplished	Eastwood Public School
Luke Marks*	Highly Accomplished	Kingsgrove High School
Timothy Masters	Highly Accomplished	St Clare's High School
Betty Nguyen	Highly Accomplished	Parramatta Public School
Paige O'Rourke	Highly Accomplished	St Christopher's Catholic Primary School
Lisa Ottosson	Highly Accomplished	Grafton High School
Joanne Piccinin*	Highly Accomplished	Woodberry Learning Centre

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Chonteau Poot	Highly Accomplished	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School
Jessica Price	Highly Accomplished	International Grammar School
Megan Robinson	Highly Accomplished	St James' Primary School
Tracey Stancliffe	Highly Accomplished	Mercy Catholic College
Melissa Stout	Highly Accomplished	Mater Maria Catholic College
Claire Walsh*	Highly Accomplished	Erina High School
Amgijada Whiteman	Highly Accomplished	Gordon West Public School
Jessica Wilson	Highly Accomplished	St Ambrose Catholic Primary School
Genevieve Comino	Lead Teacher	SCECGS Redlands
Simone Hirsch	Lead Teacher	Works across five (5) Public Schools in Regional North NSW
Stefanie Thom	Lead Teacher	St John The Apostle Catholic Primary School
Elizabeth van Bussel	Lead Teacher	Abbotsleigh

\* recognised in absentia

## Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers –pre 2024

The following teacher achieved Highly Accomplished accreditation in 2020 and will be recognised in 2024.

Denise Robens	Highly Accomplished	Regentville Public School
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Congratulations & happy  
World Teachers' Day in NSW.

