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From the Chair

Dear members

As we race towards the end of the year, it is great to see the increasing impact our members and their research are having on the educational landscape both here and overseas. I encourage you all to have a look at the Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change research project on their website www.iletc.com.au. The ILETC project is joint-funded by LEA and our members make up a number of the researchers investigating the latest in educational change, and the practicalities of creating better learning. This important review and analysis of current and historic research and the many impacts on student learning is gaining international attention as a body of work, and is well worth a read to understand the issues around transitioning to Innovative Learning Environments. Look out for the next update soon.

Additionally, the 2018 Mayfield Project report has now been published and is available as a downloadable PDF free to all members, and \$25 for non-members through our [online store](#). This great resource describes this year's creative design thinking journey and how crafting curiosity can encourage higher learning in all of us, students and teachers alike.

It's been great to once again see large groups of enthusiastic and passionate educators, architects and designers attend our recent site visits. Our site visit to Fremantle College was well attended as we discovered how two schools became one with a new aesthetic and improved facilities for the increased student cohort. Our site visit to Avey College, the first PPP secondary college we have visited as a group, was highly informative as we discovered the changing nature of education delivery within a Public-Private Partnership framework, with the school in the non-traditional role of tenant, rather than owner. I believe both of these public school developments provide lessons about long-term planning and flexibility of space within an agile and increasing educational market.

Our WA Chapter Awards are now open and I highly encourage everyone to register your projects. There is so much good work coming out of our state at the moment and it would be wonderful to celebrate it. The entry procedure for the Awards program has been reassessed to streamline the process and ensure information can be easily compiled. Please consider entering your projects and remember that any members can enter their buildings, planning, landscapes or educational innovations.

Finally, on a personal note, this will be my last newsletter as Chair as I have moved over to Queensland. However, I remain as your WA Chair for the next month or so and look forward to seeing you (virtually) at our AGM where I will officially hand over to Eamon Broderick. I cannot thank enough the WA committee who has assisted during this transition phase. Thank you also to all the WA members and non-members who I have met at events and LEWA activities over the past ten years – I have enjoyed my journey with the committee immensely. I will be watching on with interest as the WA Chapter continues to grow from strength to strength.

Thank you, and kind regards

Dani Martin
WA Chapter Chair

RECENT LE WA EVENTS

The fourth site visit for the year took place at Fremantle College which saw the creation of a new school environment to accommodate an amalgamation of Hamilton Senior High School and South Fremantle Senior High School. Read more about it below.



To add to an already busy site visit schedule for 2018, the fifth tour was to Aveley Secondary College, which was part of the WA Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) project.



UPCOMING LE WA EVENTS

The new Learning Environments Australasia WA Chapter Compendium is a publication that will celebrate exceptional educational works completed in Western Australia within the last two years. The compendium is currently in publication and will be ready to launch in 2018. Stay tuned for more information on the launch date soon!



The Learning Environments Australasia (LEA) Western Australian Awards program seeks to enhance the profile of places and spaces that support and improve learning through the design of educational facilities across Western Australia.

Open to members and non-members of LEA, the awards will celebrate, recognise and reward outstanding projects that significantly improve learning processes and outcomes. To support this, the LEA WA Awards

Program is based on the Regional Awards categories and the eligible winning entries from the WA Awards will have their fee paid for entry into the LEA Regional Awards program in 2018.

Registrations have now closed. WA Awards will be presented at the end of year Christmas Event in December.



REGIONAL NEWS

Perth will be hosting the 2019 Regional Learning Environment Australasia conference from 28 to 31 May 2019 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.



ILETC Research Project

LEA is proud to sponsor the latest research into Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change. Find more information online [here](#).



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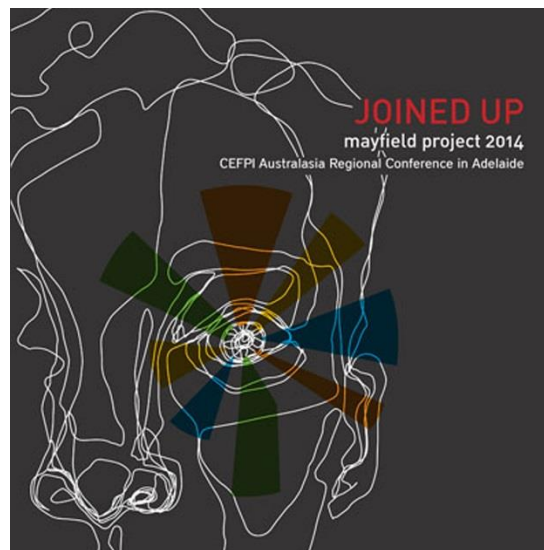
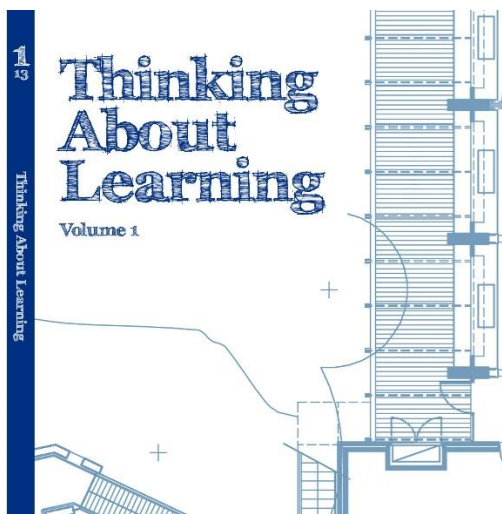
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