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2023 BEWA Annual General Meeting

The 2023 BEWA AGM was held by Webex. and allowed an international BEWA member to attend. The BEWA Committee was elected as follows:

President:	Amanda Madden
Vice President:	Annie Rees
Secretary:	Victoria Lacey
Treasurer:	Christine Woods
Committee members:	Josie Detata Fiona Walton Melinda Bate Thelma Crisp

2023 BEWA ETAWA Conference

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be hosting our conference with ETAWA. This event will take place on 27 November 2023, at The University of Notre Dame, Fremantle.

We are currently calling for presenters via the document attached to this newsletter. Please submit to BEWAconference@iinet.net.au.

To assist BEWA with planning for teachers for the future, we invite you to complete a short survey so we can gather information.

Survey link: https://eaecu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9zzibLxQxOMPSRM

2023 Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition

This is a reminder that entries to the competition close on **Friday 15 September**. Please support the competition to ensure its continued viability by sending all students' business plans, even if you consider them not of the required standard. This lets the competition organisers know how many students are actually involved. Just sending your top student's entry does not give this information. If postage is a problem, please contact Christine Woods (details on the brochure being sent with this Newsletter) and she will see if she can arrange a pick up. Please copy the entry form on the brochure for your students to attach to their business plans. Remember that we will award prizes to not only the WA winners, but also make special awards for innovative ideas or ideas that support society and/or conservation.

Free Professional Development for teachers new to BME

Those eligible to attend: financial BEWA members

When: Wednesday 9 August, 4–6 pm (including a break when light refreshments will be served)

Where: Scotch College, 76 Shenton Road, Swanbourne

Presenter: James Rees, experienced BME teacher

It will include creation of marking keys, assessing to the grade description and finding and writing case studies.

Teachers will receive templates to use in class and will go through practical demonstrations and examples of well-structured answers. Participants should bring writing materials and a copy of the syllabus. Written templates and questions will be provided on the day.

Given that it is an after school event, parking will be available in the school's car park. The school is also on the train line.

This professional development opportunity is available strictly to BEWA members only, who must register by sending an email to bewa@iinet.net.au with *Registration for PD at Scotch College* in the subject line. There is no cost for financial BEWA members, but it is essential to register for security reasons. **Registrations close at 5 pm on Wednesday 2 August 2023.**

Members who have registered to attend this PD will be contacted with venue information prior to the event.

BEWA Exams

Thank you to all those members who have ordered exams so far this year for ensuring that your invoices have been paid. Most of you have ordered and paid for your exams for both Semester One and Semester Two. The Semester Two Exams will be delivered as explained on your order:

Year 12 exams – during week 4 (i.e. week ending 11 August)

Year 11 exams – during week 10 (i.e. week ending 22 September)

An order form is being sent with this Newsletter for those members who have not yet ordered their Semester Two exams. If you ordered and paid for past exams or Semester One Exams and you did not receive them, please contact BEWA immediately.

Exams are drafts and are not sold at commercial rates

This is a reminder that the BEWA exams are provided at a **non-commercial** rate to members, delivered in MS Word format so that you can check the exam and marking key **before** administering it to your students and edit accordingly. The exams are written and checked by experienced teachers of the courses, but it is still possible that minor errors may slip through or that marking keys may not be exhaustive of all possible answers. To remind everyone of this, future exams will be delivered with a *Draft* watermark for you to remove when you administer it to your students (after you have edited it to your own requirements).

Avoiding exam breaches

In addition, for the first time this year, two schools reported that their students had access to a marking key before the date stipulated for its general release – in this instance Term 2 week 7. It is essential that we all honour this arrangement. We are aware that some schools conduct their exams earlier than others and we suggest that you give students their exams back to discuss, but to collect them afterwards, ensuring that no student has the ability to photograph any content to send to students at other schools. There is nothing that BEWA can do about this; it is up to everyone who uses our service to be vigilant so that no exam breaches occur. Many teachers adopt a standard practice of altering their exams slightly, changing names, some figures, reordering questions, omitting or substituting questions, etc. to ensure that their exam is unique.

Call for presentations

BEWA invites you to submit a proposal for the upcoming **2023 BEWA ETAWA Conference**.

The event will be held at Notre Dame University Fremantle, Perth Western Australia.

The theme for this year's conference will be; **Driving innovation**.

The conference program includes presentations and workshops to update teachers' knowledge of their subject disciplines, provides classroom strategies and activities to assist in improving student outcomes, and facilitates forums for discussion. With a focus on curriculum, pedagogy and assessment, offering an opportunity for teachers to share their expertise, inspiration, resources and practical strategies to approach the delivery of business education subjects and courses.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Organising Committee with relevance and presentation style taken into consideration as part of the selection process. The Organising Committee reserve the right to reject any presentation it does not feel meets the criteria, and in submitting your proposal, you consent to your presentation being published on the BEWA website for BEWA members to access post the event, should your proposal be selected.

Courses covered can range from Lowerschool business, Business, Management and Enterprise General and ATAR, Accounting and Finance General and ATAR etc

Multiple presentation submissions per person will be accepted. We are seeking a range of topics in the 3 streams of the Conference program:

- From Surviving to Thriving for Teachers new to the disciplines or looking to refresh their approach in 2024
- Skills and Knowledge
- Practical strategies and applications

Style of presentations

Member Presentations (30 minutes)

- Presented at a time concurrent with other presentations (usually 1 to 2)
- Formal lecture style presentation in front of a smaller audience
- Content must be evidence based (via industry or institutional research, qualitative or quantitative data)
- Effort should be made to encompass any challenges, key learnings and transferability as part of the presentation
- Must include an opportunity for questions (10 minutes)

Correspondence will be via the email address from which the submission is sent.

Registration

All presenters are required to register for the conference, the associated registration fee will be covered by BEWA.

Submission form

Presenter's name*

Presenter's Institution*

Presenter's email address*

Presenter's contact number**

Presentation title *

Presentation summary (max 350 words)*

Nominated stream *

- Surviving to Thriving
- Skills and Knowledge
- Practical strategies and applications