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## Newsletter 1

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### A message from the BEWA Team

Welcome back to the 2024 school year. We hope that you have a smooth start to the year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2023 BEWA - ETAWA Conference at the University of Notre Dame on 27 November. There were so many interesting sessions and your feedback was very positive. Please feel free to suggest presentations for this year's conference and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

### **URGENT – BEWA HAS A NEW BANK ACCOUNT**

As you may know, as BankWest transitions to the Commonwealth Bank, it is closing all of its business accounts, including the BEWA account we have had for decades. If you or your school has sent anything to BEWA's BankWest account, it will still be accepted up until Friday 23 February. After that it will not be accepted but BEWA will not know. Therefore, please from now on use the new account BEWA has with Westpac, Mount Lawley branch. Details are as follows and are now on the BEWA membership application/renewal form and exam order forms.

**Direct Debit to Westpac, Mount Lawley, BSB 036-046, Account No. 252179**

Please find an attachment detailing BEWA's new banking details that we ask you to deliver to your Finance Department for their reference when making payments for your membership and exams.

## Congratulations to Fiona Walton – 2023 BEWA Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Fiona Walton, from Carine Senior High School, the recipient of the Dell Trainer Award for 2023 BEWA Teacher of the Year. This award was presented at the 2023 BEWA ETAWA Conference by President, Amanda Madden.

Fiona was recognised for her ongoing commitment to the teaching of Accounting and Finance and Business Studies over her career spanning 30 years. She is also a valued member of the BEWA Committee and has been actively involved with the committee for many years. Fiona is an outstanding contributor to both subject areas within her school and within education more broadly in WA. We thank teachers like Fiona for their unwavering commitment to their students and colleagues over many decades.

## BEA Biennial Conference

Please note that applications for speakers are now open and that there are two Professional Learning Grants available for teachers who have been teaching for five years or less in the business/economics/law related or accounting areas who are financial members of a BEA affiliate (i.e. BEWA).

- Conference information:  
[2024 BEA Biennial Conference – Business Educators Australasia Inc.](#)
- Call for presenters (**due date 09/03/2024**):  
[2024 BEA Conference - Call for Speakers \(google.com\)](#)
- Professional learning grants (**due date 20/04/2024**)  
[bea-conference2024\\_proflearningtravelgrant\\_draft3.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](#)

## Survey for planning 2024 BEWA Conference

Please find attached a survey that the Committee asks you to complete before 2024 conference planning begins. The 2023 conference attracted 35% less BEWA delegates than in the past so it is very important to find out why before any decisions are made regarding the 2024 conference. We are seeking feedback on the 2023 Conference to assist in the planning of the 2024 Conference planning, please complete the survey attached to this newsletter and return to [bewa@iinet.net.au](mailto:bewa@iinet.net.au).

## 2024 Plan Your Own Enterprise competition

This competition, sponsored by BEA will take place again this year. As yet the flyer outlining details is not available but it will be very similar to the 2023 flyer, with entries closing in mid-September.

## 2024 BEWA Exams

These exams are for sale to 2024 financial BEWA members only, **with no exceptions**. The cost for each exam is \$80 (past exams are \$50). The exams will be delivered to you electronically, making it easy to tailor them for your particular school. As you would appreciate, the production of these papers, and their sale at this price, is only possible when BEWA has a critical level of membership. If you pass the exams on to others, it may well result in their production being unviable and BEWA will cease writing them. You may order your exams now, at the same time as you renew your membership. The exams will be delivered to you as per the schedule on the Exam Order Form attached to the email with this Newsletter. Please send exam orders to [bewaexams@iinet.net.au](mailto:bewaexams@iinet.net.au).

**Please also ensure that you keep a copy of your order so that you do not order Semester Two exams twice!**

### **EST Practice tasks for ACF and BME**

Students enrolled in General courses are required by SCSA to complete an EST (Externally Set Task) early in Term 2. Their teacher then marks the Task against the marking key provided. Schools are required to send some or all of the marked students' Tasks to SCSA where they are cross marked. Many teachers who are not experienced in exam marking have indicated that they would appreciate some additional practice at interpreting and applying marking keys.

Attached are the BEWA EST Practice Tasks and marking keys for:

- Year 12 General Accounting and Finance (General)
- Year 12 Business Management and Enterprise (General).

These cover the nominated syllabus dot points as published on the SCSA website for the relevant 2024 EST. We hope you find these useful both for student assessments and for additional practice for you to apply marking keys.

### **2024 BEWA Annual General Meeting**

Details for the BEWA Annual General Meeting will be sent in the Term 2 Newsletter. The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 8 May 2024.