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### EDUCATION NEWSLETTER, TERM 4, 2018

Dear Teachers—welcome to POWA House, the Parliament of Western Australia's quarterly newsletter. The Parliamentary Education Office (PEO) welcomes all educators back from the break and hopes you are refreshed and ready to engage, inspire and inform your students throughout the final term.



### Student Parliamentary Poetry Competition

### POWA OF POETRY State Finalists Announced!

Judging is now complete in the Student Parliamentary Poetry Competition. With entries being received from across Western Australia, the panel, headed by Dr Harry Phillips, had a very difficult job choosing the three state finalists. Congratulations to **Taylah Drazic**, **Ria Cutt**

and **Emily-Rose Lochore** for having their poems selected for the final. Each of these talented poets will be invited to a parliamentary reception in November, where the overall winner will be announced. Dr Phillips commended all other individual school finalists.

#### Education Resources



Check out all of our resources  
[www.parliament.wa.gov.au/education](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/education)

### PARLIAMENT HASS THE ANSWERS

When planning your next Civics and Citizenship program as part of the wider Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) curriculum, check out the wealth of interactive and engaging learning resources available on our website. It has teacher and student learning resources specifically created to link to the Western Australian Civics and Citizenship curriculum, where you are certain to find information and activities that will help to enliven your lessons.





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## TEACHERS TAKE OVER PARLIAMENT

Another series of highly successful Teacher Professional Learning Workshops for both primary and secondary educators has been held in 2018. The most recent series saw participants explore reasons for the '**Democratic Disconnect**', how to counter learner ambivalence and the sharing of strategies to better engage learners in active and dynamic ways. All participants received a POWA-pass, the Parliamentary Education Office's interactive data card, which is packed with learning resources and lesson planning ideas.

to find out more about the Teacher PL sessions at Parliament House.



## HASS WEEK CONFERENCE

Presenters from the Parliamentary Education Office recently had the pleasure of presenting a Professional Learning Workshop to secondary educators as part of the HASS Week Conference held at the State Library of Western Australia. Apart from showcasing Parliamentary Education's new resources, the session generated a very engaging group discussion on how to effectively improve civic literacy.



## REGIONAL OUTREACH TO ALBANY

In August, students, teachers and wider community members in Albany and Denmark had the opportunity to participate in the Parliamentary Education Civics and Citizenship program. Our Parliamentary Educators delivered numerous workshops to over 850 students throughout the week, as well as a Professional Learning Workshop to local teachers. A community workshop held at the City of Albany gave community participants the opportunity to meet their local member, Hon Peter Watson, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and other members of State Parliament and ask questions about parliamentary democracy and how it operates in Western Australia.





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## DEMYSTIFYING DEMOCRACY

Learn about the Parliament of Western Australia  
and how to get your voice heard!

### A Community Seminar

Presented by the  
Parliamentary Education Office  
and supported by the  
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**4.00pm - 5.30pm**

**City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**  
**Councillors Conference Room**

City Administration Building - 577 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

Secure your **FREE** reservation by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** with  
Parliamentary Education Office on (08) 9222 7259  
or email [education@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:education@parliament.wa.gov.au)  
Please note places are strictly limited.

## KALGOORLIE, NEXT IN THE PIPELINE

The Parliamentary Education Office is about to embark upon another regional outreach program. This October, we will be visiting Kalgoorlie-Boulder and presenting '**Pop-up Parliaments**' in both primary and secondary schools. The regional outreach program also provides teachers working outside the metropolitan area the opportunity to attend free parliamentary professional learning sessions and receive a POWA-pass containing all our new resources.

Goldfields teachers looking to enhance their knowledge and skill in delivering Civics and Citizenship are invited to attend our Professional Learning Workshop to be held at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School on Thursday, 18 October from 4:00pm - 5:30pm. Please RSVP by calling (08) 9222 7259.

For the wider community, we will be presenting '**Demystifying Democracy**' at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on Tuesday, 16 October from 4.00pm - 5.30pm.

## NEXT EDITION .....

Be sure to keep an eye open for the 2019 POWA House newsletter as the expanded regional outreach program will be announced covering more of the state. A Statewide Student Parliament will also be announced, and more education resources will be developed for both ATAR and general Politics and Law students. We commend all Civics and Citizenship educators on your commitment in encouraging young citizens to be active in our parliamentary democracy. See you in 2019.

