



The Business Educator

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Welcome to the first issue of “The Business Educator” – BEA’s quarterly newsletter to update our affiliate members on everything Business Education.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we welcome 2026, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all affiliates and stakeholders who continue to support and strengthen Business Educators Australasia. Together, we form a vital network dedicated to advancing quality business education and inspiring the next generation of young people in the areas of Accounting and Financial Literacy, Business, Civics and Citizenship, Economics, Law-related education, and Work-related education.

This year, BEA looks forward to working even more closely with our affiliates, educators, industry partners, curriculum authorities, and policymakers to promote excellence in teaching and learning. By sharing ideas and expertise, we can ensure that business education remains relevant, forward-thinking, and impactful across Australia.

We are excited to be welcoming business educators from across Australia to Melbourne in June for the 2026 BEA Biennial Conference. Hosted by the VCTA at the Monash University/Monash College Melbourne City (Docklands) Campus on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June 2026, the 2026 conference will carry the theme “Educate for Impact: Shaping Civic, Economic and Financial Futures.”

The conference is designed as a call to action to ensure every Australian student has equitable access to high-quality Economics and Business, and Civics and Citizenship education. It will also spark a national conversation about how we educate for impact and shape success for students in their future lives, work and participation in the community. In a time of cost-of-living pressures, economic uncertainty and growing challenges to democratic principles, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship education matters more than ever!



Business Educators Australasia (BEA)
2026 Biennial Conference

Educate for Impact:
Shaping Civic, Economic and Financial Futures

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 June 2026
Melbourne

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AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Business Educators Association of Queensland Inc. (BEAQ)
Business Educators Australian Capital Territory (BEACT)
Business Educators Australasia Tasmania (BEAT)
Business and Enterprise Teachers Association of South Australia Inc. (BETASA)
Business Educators of Western Australia Inc. (BEWA)

Economics and Business Educators New South Wales (EBENSW)
Economics Teachers Society of South Australia (ETSSA)
Queensland Economics Teachers Association Incorporated (QETA)
Victorian Commercial Teachers Association (VCTA)

We encourage you to promote this conference to your members. It will be one not to miss! More information is included in this newsletter about BEA Travel Grants that will be available to eligible members of affiliate members.

Thank you for your continued commitment and enthusiasm. Here's to a productive and inspiring year ahead as we continue to grow the influence and reach of our curriculum areas nationally.

We wish you every success in the year ahead and look forward to your contributions as we work together towards shared success — success that is vital to the advancement of all our organisations.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Perrett

President


BEA NEWSLETTER

Born from an idea at the 2025 BEA Council Meeting, the BEA newsletter will be published each term to showcase the work of the BEA and its affiliate members. Affiliates are encouraged to share the newsletter with their members to highlight their association's national affiliation and collective role in supporting Business Education across Australia, including the curriculum areas of Accounting, Business, Civics and Citizenship, Economics, Financial Literacy, Law-Related Education, and Work-Related Education.

Affiliate members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter – showcasing updates of professional learning events, teacher and classroom resources and advocacy efforts for your association. Please submit your contributions by the following dates:

- **Issue 2: Term 2, 2026:** Due Friday 27 March 2026
 - **Issue 3: Term 3, 2026:** Due Friday 26 June 2026
 - **Issue 4: Term 4, 2026:** Due Friday 11 September 2026
 - **Issue 5: Term 1, 2027:** Due Friday 4 December 2026
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PYOE Competition 2026



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Across the two days, you'll experience an inspiring blend of high-profile keynote speakers, industry insights, and teacher-led sessions packed with take-away resources you can use immediately. Plus, on 19 June, enjoy an exclusive site visit to local enterprises, bringing learning beyond the classroom walls.

This is the only national conference dedicated to Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship teachers, supported by the BEA and its affiliate associations across Australia. It is an opportunity not to be missed.

Program and registrations will be launching in early March 2026.

Spots will be limited, so don't wait to secure your place when registrations open and be part of one of Australia's leading education events.

Visit <https://bea.asn.au/2026-bea-biennial-conference/> for the latest updates and information!

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BEA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2026 - PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL GRANT

Your opportunity to travel to Melbourne and attend the 2026 BEA Biennial Conference

Join us at the 2026 BEA Biennial Conference in Melbourne to be part of a national conversation about how we educate for impact... shaping success for every student's future in life, work and the community.

To assist early-career teachers to participate in this national conference, BEA in conjunction with the VCTA, is sponsoring two professional learning grants worth over \$1,100.

Each grant includes:

- Two-day registration to attend the conference, including morning tea and lunch on both days.
- \$650 (including GST) to put towards travel and/or accommodation.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, please see the application form issued by your State/Territory BEA affiliate association.

Applications must be submitted by **no later than 27 March 2026** to your [local BEA affiliate association](#), of which you are a financial member.

2028 BEA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE – INVITATION TO HOST

The BEA invites Expressions of Interest from BEA affiliate associations to host the 2028 BEA Biennial Conference, the national professional learning event for Business educators which includes Accounting, Business, Civics and Citizenship, Economics, Financial Literacy, Law-Related Education, and Work-Related Education.

Hosting the Biennial Conference offers an affiliate association the opportunity to showcase leadership, strengthen its national profile, highlight local expertise and partnerships, and contribute to shaping the future of business education in Australia.

All BEA affiliate associations are eligible to apply, either independently or in partnership with another affiliate. Prior conference hosting experience is welcome but not essential.

Expressions of Interest should briefly outline the proposed theme and program structure, preferred location, indicative timing, and local organising capacity. EOIs should be submitted via email to office@bea.asn.au by **Friday 5 June 2026**.

BEA JULES ALDOUS AWARD OF RECOGNITION – NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

The BEA call for nominations for the BEA Jules Aldous Award of Recognition each year.

The criteria for the award are –

- Outstanding national service to BEA

AND

- Significant contribution to one or more of the BEA affiliates representing our learning areas at a national and state level.

Proposer and seconder for these nominations must be a current BEA Councillor or BEA affiliate President.

Nomination forms are available by contacting office@bea.asn.au. Nominations close **Friday 1 May 2026**.

SAVE THE DATE – BEA AGM AND COUNCIL MEETING

- 2026 BEA AGM – Friday 19 June 2026 at 4:30pm (Monash University City Campus Melbourne)
- 2026 BEA Council Meeting – Saturday 20 June 2026 in Melbourne.

More details to come.

CONNECT WITH THE BEA ON LINKEDIN

For the latest news, resources, professional learning opportunities and advocacy updates, connect with the BEA on LinkedIn at: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/businesseducatorsau/>



BEA CONSTITUTION – UPDATE AND REFRESH

The BEA executive has engaged Governology Pty Ltd to assist with drafting a new constitution and conversion to Company Limited by Guarantee.

Background.

- The BEA is currently an incorporated association pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT).
- The BEA is seeking to transfer its legal structure from an Australian Capital Territory incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee pursuant to the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
- This process requires the development of a new constitution fit for a company limited by guarantee, approval by members of the new constitution and transfer of incorporation and subsequent application to the relevant regulators.

The BEA council met for a workshop led by Governology on 11 December 2025 to inform the briefing paper for Governology to enact when developing the proposed new constitution.

Further details will be shared with affiliate members closer to the 2026 AGM where the new, proposed constitution will be voted on by affiliates.

BEA SPONSOR and STRATEGIC PARTNER:



Your 2026 starts with student resources at your fingertips from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand! The team at CAANZ pulled all their resources into one place for your easy reference. From guides to support your teaching, brand new career cards and posters for your classroom, to stories designed to inspire your students, there's something for everyone!

Visit [CA ANZ Attractiveness of the Profession Resources Flyer.pdf](#) for all the links!

BEA STRATEGIC PARTNER:



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Start the year in your Economics classroom the right way with the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Subscribe to their Education newsletter at [Subscription | Education | RBA](#) to make sure you don't miss out on key updates.

Request an Education Talk with an RBA economist for your students at [Request an Education Talk | RBA](#).

Save the date for the RBA's Teacher Immersion Event on Friday 10 July 2026 in Sydney. Further details will be shared closer to the event.

BEA STRATEGIC COLLABORATION:



The BEA thrilled to continue building stronger ties with the SCEAA (Social and Citizenship Education Association of Australia), our friends in Civics and Citizenship education. We share a common commitment to empowering young Australians with the knowledge, skills and values to participate confidently and responsibly in civic and economic life.

In Civics and Citizenship, the BEA's focus centres on the Knowledge and Understanding strands of 'Government and Democracy' and 'Laws and Citizens', connecting these foundational ideas to senior secondary studies in economics, business and legal education.

Together with the SCEAA, we see great potential to strengthen national collaboration, amplify teacher voice, and advance advocacy to ensure these essential areas of learning remain vibrant, contemporary and valued.

We're excited about what our organisations can achieve together to promote active, informed and economically literate citizens ... young people ready to shape a fair, sustainable and democratic future.

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