



# CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM UPDATE

May 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 1. Multilingual Networking Morning

- Sunday 29 May 10am—12 noon
- Latin American Cultural Centre, 28 Astrolabe Street, Red Hill ACT 2603
- Free but booking required through [Eventbrite](#)
  - Fun activities for all ages - multilingual story walk, craft, storytelling and more
  - Share experiences with other families raising children in more than one language
  - Chat informally to linguists, language educators and other lovers of languages
  - Light refreshments provided

More details: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/events.html> or [canberrabilingual@gmail.com](mailto:canberrabilingual@gmail.com)

### 2. Sharing the Joy of Languages

- Free competition for students in Canberra and neighbouring NSW
- 3 categories: Preschool–Year 2, Years 3 –6, and Years 7–12
- \$100 first prize for each category, \$50 runner up prizes

To enter, students are invited to:

- Make a fun video (up to 2 minutes) featuring a language other than English
- Be creative and tell us about a game or sport that they enjoy or share a great story.
- Speak as much as they can in the other language
- Try to involve a friend or family member who speaks or is learning the same language

All entries must be received by 31 July 2022

More details: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html> or email [canberrabilingual@gmail.com](mailto:canberrabilingual@gmail.com)

*Both the above activities are organised by the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance with the support of ACT Government Participation (Multicultural) Grants 2020-21 and 2021-2022*

### 3. Multilingual Poetry evening

- Monday 27 June 2022, 7-9 pm
- Smith's Alternative, 76 Alinga Street, Canberra
- Cost \$10/\$5, performers free

An evening of stories of migration, cross-cultural life, nostalgia and belonging in Australia through multilingual poetry - poems in a language or languages other than English or in another language together with English.

Come along and enjoy the evening or submit an expression of interest to read or recite a poem at the event (preference given to poems you have written yourself).

More details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/698779624666305?ref=newsfeed> or email [belongingmag@gmail.com](mailto:belongingmag@gmail.com)

This event is a collaboration between Be:longing, and Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry

Be:longing is an online platform always looking to publish the work of migrant and cross-cultural individuals. Feel free to submit new pieces at any time, whether you perform them at a live event or not. For more info see [www.belongingmag.com](http://www.belongingmag.com) or email [belongingmag@gmail.com](mailto:belongingmag@gmail.com)

## OTHER NEWS

### 4. Community Language Schools

The 2021 Independent Review of Investment in ACT Community Language Schools found that these schools are under-resourced in comparison with other states in Australia. To add your voice to the schools' call for improved funding and support, you can

- have your say in the 2022-23 Budget Consultation process  
<https://www.budgetconsultation.act.gov.au/>
- add your own views to the letter you can see at <https://greens.org.au/act/campaigns/fund-community-language-schools-canberra> or
- Write directly to the ACT Treasurer and the Ministers for Education and Multicultural Affairs – using some of the wording in the letter if you wish. The relevant emails are: barr@act.gov.au, berry@act.gov.au, and cheyne@act.gov.au.

For a copy of the Independent Review see:

[https://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/report\\_on\\_independent\\_review\\_of\\_the\\_investment\\_in\\_act\\_community\\_language\\_schools.pdf](https://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/report_on_independent_review_of_the_investment_in_act_community_language_schools.pdf)

### 5. Canberra Academy of Languages

The Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) has prepared a submission as part of the 2022-23 ACT Government budget consultation process. The submission puts the business case for a centrally delivered, government-funded languages education strategy to supplement the ACT Education Directorate's language pathways plan, and proposes that the ACT Government takes over the delivery of CAL's languages education programs from the start of 2023.

The business case discusses the importance of languages education and provides an overview of the current context, an implementation plan, a summary of financial implications, some notes on possible future directions for CAL and a list of references, including articles on languages education.

For a copy of the submission see: [https://cal.act.edu.au/docs/CAL\\_Business\\_Case\\_for\\_2022-2023\\_ACT\\_Budget\\_v6.pdf](https://cal.act.edu.au/docs/CAL_Business_Case_for_2022-2023_ACT_Budget_v6.pdf)

### 6. ANU Language Teaching Forum (LTF)

This Forum provides a platform for language teachers and researchers in all areas of the ANU as well as teachers in mainstream and community language schools in the Canberra region. Meeting monthly on Mondays during semesters and starting at 4.15pm, the LTF offers an opportunity for the sharing of language teaching experiences and reflections, research studies, and pedagogical practices.

The May talk, 'Building the Turkish Program' was presented by Burcu Cevik-Compiegne, the Convenor of the Turkish Studies Program at the ANU. A recording of the talk is now available from <https://cloudstor.aarnet.edu.au/plus/s/VwVMZdR2r4zIz1k> (password t4\_O+P5H\_PU@)

To join the ANU LTF mailing list, or if you are interested presenting in second semester -- there are still some spots available -- please email [Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au](mailto:Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au)

## FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES WELCOME

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