I was fortunate enough to participate in the WASRA conference along with Anne, Sue, Wendy, Lorraine and Heather P.

**Highlights**

Our warm welcome by the Western Australians and being assigned an ambassador.

The bus tour to the Lesmurdie Senior High School.

Lesmurdie Senior High School is a beautiful school just outside of Perth in the hills. It has about 1200 students with many learning areas spread across the large site.

Our bus tour around Perth and a walk around Kings Park.
On day 2 the welcome from the MC Andrew Horabin followed by a piano solo performance from a wonderful musician Callum Wilson a student from Lesmurdie Senior High School.

The presentation of the WASSRA SSO awards – all nominees received a certificate and the 3 finalists received in each of the 2 categories received a plaque and flowers.

The effective team leadership session presented by a Principal from a Western Australian School. This was a very interesting and useful session giving ideas on how to work as part of a team and be a good leader.

My 2nd breakout session a hands on session on intermediate excel. I found this very interesting and will be a help when doing my assessments on developing and using complex spreadsheets which is part of the Certificate 1V in Government – Finance.

Day 3 – The AAGSA welcome from Lorraine followed by the AGM and state reports. A new committee was formed and Wendy and Sue are our new representatives on the AAGSA committee.
A few of us attended the session with Andrew Horabin titled Queens, Warriors, Magicians, Lovers and Registrars.

This was a very entertaining session and looked at how we all fall into different “categories” which showed us all how we see things and problem solve differently. We were all asked to analyse the way we think and stand in separate groups of Queens, Warriors, Magicians or Lovers. Our committee members were represented in each of the groups. It certainly had us all talking and helped us understand each other more.

The fun session with Andrew if You’re Crazy and You Know it, Clap your Hands. A light hearted session which made you look at yourself and why we shouldn’t take life too seriously and prioritise the important things.

On Saturday we had an enjoyable day in Freemantle catching a boat down a trip to the markets and the train back to Perth.

I had a great time at the conference and it was lovely to get to know other committee members on a more personal level.

I would like to thank the SASSAOA committee for giving me the opportunity of attending the conference.

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