

# Member Awards

Council was extremely proud to present Awards in each category at the 2008 Annual General Meeting held in Auckland, New Zealand. These Awards are a valuable way of recognising the considerable contributions our members and others make to the profession and to the Association.

Council's appreciation goes to the many people who have taken the time to research and prepare the paperwork required to complete the nominations to assist the Association in recognising some of our outstanding colleagues.

# 2008

## Recognition Of Service

The Recognition of Service award is granted by the Association to members in recognition of ongoing, valuable and voluntary service to the Association at either a National or Branch level. This year two members gain the honour of being granted this award.



**Dr Patricia McCabe** received the Recognition of Service award in acknowledgement of her significant contribution to the Association in the last five years. Her contribution has been both intensively at a National level in her proposal and implementation of a new National Conference structure and also consistently over time at a Branch level in her role as Scientific Affairs Portfolio Leader for NSW.

In 2006 Tricia submitted a discussion paper that outlined possible changes to the National Conference organisational structure, particularly in terms of the review and acceptance of papers. Tricia's proposal was utilised in 2007 for the Sydney Conference. Tricia volunteered to chair the first Scientific Program Committee, an enormous contribution given the level of organisation and policy development that was required to get this off the ground. It is a measure of Tricia's good standing within the profession that she was able to call in many favours to fill the positions of the inaugural Scientific Program Committee. Tricia's contribution to the Conference was extended to her enthusiastic support of the Conference Planning Committee and many of us would remember Tricia's competent and energetic presence at the 2007 conference registration desk.

Tricia's contribution has had a significant impact on the selection and quality of papers presented at the National Conference and is greatly appreciated. Her foresight has been to the benefit of all members.



**Loraine Fordham** received the Recognition of Service award in acknowledgement of her sustained and significant contribution to the Association at both a state and national level, including roles as National Councillor, Branch Portfolio Leader, member of the Ethics Committee and the Fellowship Committee. Loraine has provided outstanding leadership in these key positions over a period of 11 years.

In her role as Vice President Operations, Loraine's skill and professionalism ensured the Association maintained a strong fiscal position whilst substantially expanding membership numbers. As a long standing member of the Fellowship committee, Loraine advocated for a review of the Fellowship appointment system and was a key contributor to the new system that was adopted in 2007.

Loraine has been a strong advocate for all members and is a sought after mentor. She is renowned for her good humour, compassion and ability to engender enthusiasm in others. Her intellect and boundless energy make her greatly admired within the profession.



## Elinor Wray Award

The Elinor Wray Award was instituted in 1981 to honour Miss Elinor Wray who is regarded as the Founder of the speech pathology profession in Australia. The inaugural Award was made in February 1983.

The Elinor Wray Award is granted for outstanding contribution to the profession of speech pathology. The contribution of the nominee is essentially clinical or project oriented and will encompass one or more of the following areas:

- Innovations in diagnostic, assessment or treatment procedures
- Promotion of speech pathology to government, the community or to other professionals
- Research
- Student training.



**Mellanie Sherwood** received the Elinor Wray Award for her very active role in the profession since her arrival in Australia 20 years ago. During that time she has made an outstanding contribution to speech pathology through developing clinical innovations in diagnostic and treatment procedures for children with developmental verbal dyspraxia and semantic language difficulties. Mellanie is skilled at devising treatment and management practices based on current research and disseminating this information to the wider professional community.

Mellanie has presented a range of Continuing Professional Development events and workshops, including the 2006 Speech Pathology Australia National Tour. One of Mellanie's most outstanding qualities is her willingness to share her expertise with others in the profession and her workshops regularly receive evaluation scores of 4.5 and above.

Mellanie's commitment to her area of professional expertise and her generosity in sharing her insight has made her a worthy recipient of this year's Elinor Wray award.

## Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the Year award is granted by the Association to a new graduate practising member in recognition of ongoing, valuable and voluntary service to the Association at either a National or Branch level.

**Alison King** received the inaugural Rookie of the Year Award for her contribution to the Northern Territory Public Affairs portfolio. Alison was nominated for her ability to initiate new ideas, work independently and for her knowledge of the portfolio. Alison's enthusiastic management of the Speech Pathology Week Colouring In promotion was a significant contribution in her first year as a qualified speech pathologist and while settling in to her new tropical home.



## Fellowship

Fellowship of Speech Pathology Australia is a public professional honour awarded to a person with considerable experience, responsibility and standing within the speech pathology profession.



**Patricia Bradd** has been a member of Speech Pathology Australia for almost 20 years and throughout her membership has contributed significantly to the Association. She has contributed in a range of roles: as a member of the NSW Branch Executive from 1997-2001 Trish filled the roles of Branch President, Vice President, Treasurer and Portfolio Leader. In 1999 Trish was a member of the National Conference Planning Committee. She has represented the Association in many state and national Allied Health forums. Trish is a co-founder of the NSW Evidence Based Practice Network and has been a strong advocate of the use of Evidence Based Practice in the workplace. She has presented a number of workshops to promote this. In 2003 Tricia was awarded the Speech Pathology Australia Recognition of Service Award.

From 2005-2007 Trish assumed the role of National President. Trish's calm and thoughtful leadership, in conjunction with her astute strategic thinking, was appreciated by all who were fortunate to work with her during this time in the progression of the Association.

Trish's professional contribution has also been significant, being a leader in the profession as a senior manager in Allied Health services in NSW. Trish has proudly promoted the role of speech pathologists in Community Health and Acute settings and demonstrates the proficiency of speech pathologists as managers through her outstanding contribution as a senior manager.

Trish's sense of humour, caring nature and approachability has been appreciated by her colleagues and peers throughout her career. Her generous contribution to the Association continues this year as a member of the Conference Planning Committee.