

December 2019

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Graeme Kluske*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
2000 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Graeme Kluske to Lutheran education over a period of 20 years.

Graeme began his service in Lutheran education in 2000 at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker where he continued until February 2007. Graeme then commenced as the Finance Manager at Lutheran Schools Association (SA/NT/WA) in North Adelaide prior to becoming the Business Manager at Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa in 2010.

He faithfully served on the LSA's Finance Committee between 2013 and 2019, has been a Member of National Institute of Accountants since 1984 and advanced to Fellow Status in 2004. In his role as Finance Officer he prepared the accounts for 5 kindergartens, the LSA and schools as needed.

Graeme's experience, wisdom, financial literacy and business acumen has been instrumental in helping schools he has worked in to be in a strong financial position. He has demonstrated empathy, compassion and justice and been very understanding of the balancing act needed in schools to be financially responsible and maintain the Christian ethos.

Colleagues of Graeme have always had strong confidence in his financial knowledge and business expertise. He has provided ongoing support and experience to a wide range of Business Managers across the region.

In more recent years Graeme has overseen significant building projects that have ensured state-of-the-art facilities for students and staff to thrive. Graeme's dry sense of humour, attention to detail, his servant heart, and passion for seeing Lutheran schools flourish will be missed. Graeme has demonstrated a strong commitment to his Christian faith, actively involved in a number of Lutheran congregations across the state.

Graeme's faithful, humble and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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