

November 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Roger Bruce

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1980 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Roger Bruce to Lutheran schools for 39 years.

An accomplished musician and composer, Roger has devoted his professional life to sharing his passion for music with woodwind students. Every Tuesday and Wednesday of each school year since 1980 Roger has attended Luther College to tutor students in flute, oboe and bassoon. He has brought his wealth of knowledge and musicianship to his work as well as his ever growing performance record.

Roger's composing prowess was an extra boon for flute students at Luther. He often wrote melodies with his particular students in mind ensuring the pieces were enjoyable yet incorporated a stretch challenge. Such was Roger's gift that his compositions were commissioned and published as part of the student flute exam syllabus throughout the 80s and 90s and a number of his original compositions are held at the Australian Music Centre (AMC).

Roger's love for music – its ability to move people, to transcend language, culture and time, to unite players and inspire audiences has been positively contagious and a gift to cohort after cohort of students. Many students have talked about the unifying experience of playing together, of learning from each other within and across year levels, of creating something special and really beautiful together as part of a team of musicians.

Roger's faithful service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education at Luther College, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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