

November 2019

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*John Graetz*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1992 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of John Graetz to Lutheran education over a period of 27 years.

John commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1992 at St John's Lutheran Primary School, Jindera. In 1994 he moved to Victory Lutheran College in Wodonga. During 1997 John worked at St Paul's Lutheran School, Henty then in 1998 at St John's Primary School, Gilgandra.

John was originally District Administrator with the District Office, then in 2010 was appointed Accountant at Lutheran Education VIC NSW TAS (LEVNT) where he retired in 2019.

John's clear, analytical and strategic thinking, as well as his determination, saw each position in which he served testament to an unfaltering work ethic. His ability to communicate with colleagues demonstrated his patience and willingness to always please. John's own commitment to his Christian faith and his ability to show this through his decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people. His devotions usually contained a piece of country and western music, which entertained and engaged staff with his delivery.

In the LEVNT office, John purposefully developed a positive and friendly environment and established a strong rapport with his colleagues. His interpersonal skills with colleagues and the wider community was apparent in his every day dealings. His natural ability to treat colleagues with respect is to be admired. John is honest, responsible and empathetic.

John will be remembered by his colleagues for his caring support. He was willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern whenever needed. John epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of his colleagues.

John's faithful 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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