

April 2017

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Pattie Neideck-Collins

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1990 – 2016**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Pattie Neideck-Collins to Lutheran education over 27 years.

Pattie's service to Lutheran schools commenced in 1990 when she was appointed to the staff of Prince of Peace Lutheran Primary School (now College), Everton Hills Qld. She served as a teacher aide providing administrative support to the principal, secretary and teacher/librarian as well as educational program and classroom support to academic staff, particularly in the learning support areas. Pattie also served from September 1995 to December 2016 in a voluntary capacity on the Council of Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Qld. She held the positions of council member, council secretary, executive member, education committee member, nominations committee member and also served on principal interview panels.

During her time on the Grace College Council, Pattie's quiet and thoughtful manner, insightful comments, strong sense of ethics and her ability to focus on core issues have all been of immense value to the council. She is highly respected for the manner in which she is able to gently and positively influence debates towards achieving constructive outcomes. With her caring nature, Pattie has always been alert to the welfare of council members and their families.

The role of council secretary has been managed in an extemporary manner. Pattie has a particular skill in expressing appropriate wording to suit the occasion. Attention to detail, accuracy and ability to work collaboratively ensured quality college council minutes. Pattie's participation as council delegate to conferences not only contributed to enjoyable social experiences for Grace representatives, but also enhanced lively discussions post sessions and offerings. Importantly her conference reports to council always identified aspects useful to the governing body.

As a consequence of her retirement, council will lose a long corporate memory. Pattie has always had an important role in informally supporting the orientation of new members giving background to culture, policy and procedures. Her strong Christian foundation and depth of faith have been powerful factors in enhancing the strength of the council.

Apart from her school based service, Pattie has served the Lutheran church as secretary of the Management Committee for the Nazareth Senior Citizens Home in 1986 and has supported the Prince of Peace Congregation with the Sunday School program and as a member of their pastoral care ministry tea.

Pattie's faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia through her service in Lutheran schools has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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