

December 2021

## LEA SERVICE AWARD

*Rod Wearn*

**For service to Lutheran education  
1997 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Rod Wearn to Lutheran education for 25 years.

Rod commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1997 at Concordia College, Highgate SA where he served until 2010. Rod then moved to the Lutheran Schools Association SA/Lutheran Education SA/NT/WA where he has remained until 2021.

At Concordia, Rod was a key driver and innovator in Information and Communication Technologies. His consistent vision was for the College to be a leading school in ICT education. This vision led to such things as laptops being issued to all teachers in 1999, the increasing integration of ICT into the curriculum and encouraging individual students to pursue their dreams in this area.

Rod's experience, analytical ability and vision in ICT led to periods of part-time secondment to the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AHISSA), Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) and Lutheran Schools Association (LSA). His capacity for 'big-picture thinking' in ICT led to Rod being offered the position of ICT Advisor at LSA full time.

Throughout Rod's professional life as an educator, he was strong in his convictions about teaching and learning and had a wonderful way of facilitating discussions to provoke and deepen others' thinking to ensure that the outcome was going to be better for learners and their learning.

Rod's ability to gauge where people are at with their skills and abilities and to then know where and how to assist them was always greatly valued and appreciated. Throughout, Rod was friendly, caring and very personable.

A passion for First Nations culture and perspectives saw Rod significantly involved in shaping the LESNW Regional Office Reconciliation Action Plan. This legacy will continue into the next RAP.

Rod's deep and living faith was very evident and lived out in his interactions with LESNW team members and colleagues across LESNW learning communities. Rod was a deep and reflective thinker.

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

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