

## National Tour 2005 by Caroline Bowen, Ph D

An enthusiastic ambassador for her profession, Caroline Bowen PhD is a Speech Pathologist in private practice in the Blue Mountains outside Sydney, and an Honorary Associate in Linguistics at Macquarie University. In an uninterrupted career that has spanned over 30 years, her workload has evolved into a unique, absorbing and happy blend of hands-on clinical practice and research. Her interests include children's speech sound development and disorders, computer applications in speech-language pathology, information and communication technology (ICT), continuing professional education, and family centred practice – all of which will be reflected in this National Tour.

Dr Caroline Bowen completed two multi-Branch tours in 2005, with workshops in:

- April 2005 in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.
- July 2005 in NSW, Queensland (Brisbane and Cairns) and Northern Territory

All Branches offered the two-day workshop on *Children's Speech Sound Disorders: a practical update*, except in Tasmania which offered it as a one day workshop and in Cairns and Brisbane where it ran for 1.5 days, with Brisbane also including a half-day workshop on *The Internet for Speech Pathologists* to complete the two day program.

The National CPD Event in 2005 by Dr Caroline Bowen was very well attended with a total of 368 people attending the workshops nationally.

Evaluation results were very positive. Comments from all workshops were testimonials to Caroline's generosity and expertise and included:

- "Caroline combines the best of clinical practicability, evidence based practice and academic expertise with exceptional generosity." (NSW)
- "Everyone raved about the quality of the presentation and about Caroline as a speaker" (NT)
- "The best professional development I've been to. Very practical with inclusion of so many examples- very helpful" (Qld)
- "Great to get information on a wide range of speech sound disorders and treatment approaches. Liked info on therapy/options how to do it" (SA)
- "Fantastic information but would have liked more time. In fact I think I would like to spend a few weeks with Caroline. What an amazing person." (Tas)
- "Caroline Bowen was a magnificent choice as National Tour Speaker. She left us with so much information and places to go for more information. I feel empowered and exhilarated to get back to my phonological clients!"(Vic)
- "Well organized and excellent clinical application. Generous sharing of resources. Excellent. Best presenter in 25 years." (WA)