

Member Awards 2011

Council was extremely proud to present Awards in the following categories at the 2011 Annual General Meeting held in Darwin. These Awards recognise the considerable contributions our members make to the profession and to the Association. Council's appreciation goes to the many people who have taken the time to research and prepare the nominations that assists the Association in recognising some of our outstanding colleagues.

Life Membership

Life membership is the highest honour accorded by the Association and confers membership on a person for the rest of their life. It recognises outstanding leadership and committed service to the Association and the profession over many years. This year Council was very pleased to present two Life Membership awards.

Dr. Caroline Bowen

Dr Caroline Bowen is regarded

as a foremost expert in her clinical field of children's phonological disorders, both in Australia and internationally. As a clinician with a proven commitment to evidence based practice, her clinical, consultative and educational services are in very high demand within her field of specialisation.



Caroline's clinical career commenced in the public sector in the 1970s, before moving into private practice. Her commitment to the private practice sector is demonstrated through her role as a founding member of the NSW Private Speech Pathologists' Association. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Bowen has also worked as a lecturer at Macquarie University Department of Linguistics and is currently engaged in consultancy for several international projects in the areas of professional publication, web site content development and children's television. She regularly presents national and international workshops, tutorials and master classes to speech pathologists and teachers.

Dr Bowen is widely published. Her work reveals a wide knowledge of the research within her field, excellent communication skills, and a distinctive intellectual curiosity that invariably stimulates others to join her in her explorations. In 1996 she completed a PhD in Linguistics at Macquarie University, resulting in the publication of the Parents and Children Together (PACT) approach to the treatment of speech sound disorders in children. Dr Bowen has also been a pioneer in the use of the Internet in Speech Pathology. Her own website and her Phonological Therapy listserv have facilitated worldwide communication of the highest standard within the profession.

Caroline has often been a spokesperson and advocate for clients and professionals within the field of Speech Pathology, one of her most impressive contributions to the profession has resulted from her interest in the treatment of King George VI's stutter by Lionel Logue. Dr Bowen consulted on a play and two books about Logue and she is credited by Logue's grandson as 'starting the ball rolling' in relation to The King's Speech by putting the film's producers in touch with the Logue family.

Dr Bowen has an outstanding record of involvement in and service to Speech Pathology Australia (SPA) over many years. She has shared her expertise with members of SPA in the form of very highly regarded CPD workshops as well as the presentation of the 2003 Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture and the 2005 National Tour. Dr Bowen's 'Webwords' column in the ACQ, has appeared in every issue since 1999, providing topical, balanced and elegantly written critical information about internet resources on a vast range of Speech Pathology topics.

Dr Bowen has given freely of her time when asked to contribute her expert opinion to Association documents and to the media on behalf of the Association.

Caroline has received a number of awards throughout her career including Life Member of Private Speech Pathologists' Association of NSW, Speech Pathology Australia's Elinor Wray award for services to the profession, title of Honorary Associate in Linguistics at Macquarie University, and Fellowship of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Professor Isaac Brown

Speech Pathology Australia is honoured to award Aboriginal Elder and speech pathologist, Professor Isaac Brown with Speech Pathology Australia Life Member.



In a career spanning over five decades, Prof Brown has made an enormous contribution to advance the position and status of Indigenous people in higher education, as well as holding important state and national roles within Speech Pathology Australia for almost 30 years. These positions included Secretary of the South Australian Branch, Council Member and Secretary of the Association.

Awarded the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council Indigenous Elder of the Year Award in 2008, Prof Brown worked as a speech pathologist in Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory and at one time was the Victorian State Coordinator at the Health Commission, overseeing the need for speech pathology services within the state.

As a Clinical Supervisor for students at the Lincoln Institute (later La Trobe University) in acute general hospitals, rehabilitation centres and aged care centres, Prof Brown helped inspire and shape the careers of many of today's speech pathologists.

Prof Brown was also the Director of the Centre for Aboriginal and Islander studies, later the Dean Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies at Charles Darwin University and continues to work as an adjunct Professor with the School of Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

Speech Pathology Australia congratulates Prof Brown on a lifetime of achievement and contribution to both speech pathology and higher education.

Elinor Wray Award

Instituted in 1981 to honour the founder of speech pathology in Australia, the Elinor Wray Award is granted for outstanding contribution to the profession of speech pathology. The contribution of the nominee is essentially clinical or project orientated and will encompass one or more of the following areas: Innovations in diagnostic,

assessment or treatment procedures, Promotion of speech pathology to the government, the community or to other professionals, Research or Student Training.

Associate Professor Leanne Togher.

Associate Professor Leanne Togher is an internationally regarded expert in the field of communication disorders following brain injury, with over 68 published works to her name, and numerous invitations to present nationally and internationally. She has supervised in excess of 15 Masters and PhD students and has been awarded 32 competitive grants to a value of over

\$7 million in the past 5 years. Assoc. Prof. Togher is a Senior Research Fellow of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), a Principal Research Fellow of the University of Sydney and one of the chief investigators on the Aphasia Rehabilitation Research Team at the Clinical Centre for Research Excellence (CCRE).

Assoc. Prof. Togher led development of speechBITE™, a highly successful product for searching and evaluating evidence, which is now used by clinicians in Australia and around the world. She is a member of the innovative multimedia database, AphasiaBank which provides researchers with a large corpus of systematically collected, analysed and coded data, used to guide improvements in the treatment of aphasia.

Assoc. Prof. Togher boasts a number of international roles and memberships, including President Elect of the Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI), member of the Program Committee for the Clinical Aphasiology Conference (USA), member of the editorial board for the International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, Aphasiology, Brain Impairment and Brain Injury, member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and of course, member of Speech Pathology Australia.

Assoc. Prof. Togher has generously shared her expertise with Speech Pathology Australia over many years, as a Module Coordinator for conference, media spokesperson, participant in the CBOS review and, most recently, as the 2011 National Tour presenter.



Recognition of Service

The Recognition of Service award is granted by the Association to members in recognition of ongoing, valuable and voluntary service to the Association at either a National or Branch level. Council was pleased to recognise three outstanding recipients for this award.

Jessica Andrianakis

Jessica Andrianakis has been a dynamic, passionate and energetic member of the Victorian Branch Executive for the past six years. She has held the positions of Student Representative, Secretary, Public Affairs Portfolio Leader, Treasurer, Scientific Affairs Portfolio Leader and most recently, Vice President. Jessica provides ongoing practical and moral support to the Victorian Branch President and has played a leading role in recruiting members to Branch Executive roles.



Jessica's contribution to the Victorian Branch has been integral in ensuring the ongoing sustainability of the Branch. Despite her relatively few years in the profession Jessica volunteered to carry a number of senior roles concurrently and played a key part in reviewing the Branch Strategic Plan in order to make it more deliverable and marketable to the membership. Her keen mind, tireless energy and infectious enthusiasm has been instrumental in developing a now vibrant and sustainable Branch Executive team. Jessica is a reliable and consistent contributor to Association business, generating new and exciting ideas for the Branch. Jessica has been described as a 'future leader' in the profession and in the Association.

Diana Bleby

Diana Bleby was the hard working and committed Branch President of the South Australian Branch from 2006 until 2010. During this time, she led the Branch through a National Conference and a Book of the Year ceremony, whilst maintaining the branch focus on their strategic direction. Diana worked hard to increase attendance at branch meetings, fill Branch executive roles and to engage South



Australian speech pathologists in Association activities. Diana performed a number of important representative roles, including meeting with key political figures in the lead up to the South Australian state election and appearing on television to promote our profession. The support provided by Diana to members of the South Australian Branch has not wavered. In addition to her work as Branch President, Diana has also held positions as the South Australian Branch Mentoring Leader, South Australian Branch Practice, Workplace and Government Portfolio Leader and Association Eligibility Assessor. Diana also represented the Association on a working group for the South Australian Single Service Model for Paediatric Speech Pathology.

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Gillian Dickman

Gillian Dickman has made significant contributions to the Association at both a Branch and National level. Gillian's senior experience, corporate expertise, mature leadership style and excellent decision making skills have benefited the Association immeasurably.

Gillian is a mentor to less experienced members and provides ongoing support to Branch Executive and Council. She is generous with her time, knowledge and skills and will go to great lengths to assist any person who requires it.

Gillian brings perspective to difficult discussions and has been described as 'the voice of reason'. She provides clear and consistent leadership with a strong focus on governance and is able to use her skills to 'think outside the square' and come up with strategic ideas and solutions.

Gillian has held several Branch Executive roles in Victoria, including Practice Workplace and Government and Professional Standards leader positions, and has recently concluded her second term as the Victorian Councillor. During her time on Council, Gillian was initially the National Practice Workplace and Governance Portfolio Coordinator and has most recently held the role of National Vice President-Operations.



Student Awards

Speech Pathology Australia provides student awards to recognise final year speech pathology students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievements and/or excellent clinical achievements throughout the course. In 2011 student awards were presented to:

- **Charles Sturt University**
Bachelor **Marissa Stone**
- **Curtin University**
Bachelor **Kate Brown**
Masters **Sally Wall**
- **James Cook University**
Bachelor **Lyndsay Channon**
- **La Trobe University**
Bachelor **Katherine Sanchez**
- **Macquarie University**
Masters **Maria Nisbet**
- **University of Newcastle**
Bachelor **Helen Blake**
- **University of Queensland**
Bachelor **Jessica Topp**
Masters **Clare McMeniman**
- **University of Sydney**
Bachelor **Monica Charles**
Masters **Leanne Ruggero**