

CITATION FOR SATISFAC-CEASA OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD - 2009

Adele Pring

This award is made to Adele Pring for her contribution to the profession and in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the South Australian Studies of Society and Environment (SASOSE) Council while serving as its President from 1999-2009.

Adele is an effective leader, instrumental in the establishment of the organisation as the peak body for the SOSE Learning Area, uniting 13 associations under one umbrella, encouraging each to send representatives to planning meetings and to share their expertise by presenting workshops at the annual conference, which she has convened for the past 8 years. She has done a great deal to maintain the spirit and unity of those working for the Council, particularly with the impending breakdown of the SOSE concept under the new National Curriculum. Her leadership style provides a great model for other organisations; she is positive, encouraging and inclusive and working with her is almost relaxing because of her organised, calm and focussed manner. Adele enables a lot to be achieved in a stress-free environment. She contributes and manages the SASOSE e-news which promotes SOSE professional development opportunities, SOSE curriculum issues and resources to its membership of over 1 000 teachers.

In 2000, Adele worked as the teacher co-author of the SOSE Learning Area for the SACS writing project and this has led to her overall extensive contribution to curriculum development and innovation in South Australia.

Adele has made an outstanding contribution to professional development within the SOSE Key Learning Area, particularly to Aboriginal Studies. Her commitment to Aboriginal education has been invaluable, for she has written, edited and provided expert advice for a number of key publications to support the teaching and learning of Aboriginal education, including *Women of the Centre (1990)*, *Aboriginal Artists in South Australia (1998)*, *Aboriginal voices (2000)*, *Ngarrindjeri People and Environment-Past, Present and Future (2001)*, *Ngadjuri: Aboriginal People of the Mid-North Region of South Australia (2005)*, and *Songs for Aboriginal Studies and Reconciliation (2009)*. Adele was instrumental in developing the popular and innovative historical role play entitled *Aboriginal History in South Australia since 1800*, based on Christobel Mattingly and Ken Hampton's detailed research, published in the book *Survival in Our Own Land*.

For the past 8 years Adele has convened the organising committee for the annual two-day SASOSE Council Conference. She has also organised, promoted and facilitated many field trips with Aboriginal people to Camp Coorong, Yorke Peninsula, the Mid-North and Flinders Ranges. These field trips are attended by teachers at all levels of schooling including pre-service teachers. They provide unique opportunities for reconciliation based on first-hand experience of aspects of Aboriginal life and culture, dialogue and time for personal reflection. As these field trips are generally held in school holidays, Adele willingly gives up her own holiday time to promote opportunities for cross-cultural exchange.

Adele represented SASOSE Council on the management committee of CEASA for 4 years, contributing to, and supporting high quality professional development in South Australia. She has helped to raise the profile of SOSE through presentations made to Council meeting showcasing the use of funds granted for PD programs offered by the organisation.

We honour Adele this evening as a valued colleague for the great contribution she has made to the profession, to the SOSE learning area and have much pleasure in awarding her the Satisfac-CEASA Award for 2009.