

CITATION FOR SATISFAC CEASA OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD-2008

ROSINA (Rosie) ANTENUCCI

This award is made to Rosina Antenucci, who we all at CEASA, and in the association know as Rosie, in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to the profession and to ESL Educators while serving as President from 1998-2006.

As a committed educator, Rosie is a supportive leader, and her contribution to the profession is extensive through her advocacy and vision for the ESL educators association. Rosie has always been a strong advocate for the students that ESL Educators represent and has enacted her vision to see the Association change from a purely volunteer group to a future looking association that used technology and paid for webpage construction, auditing and financial support. She engaged the association in using the services of CEASA for electronic payment of fees, email communication, distribution of flyers and other documents contributing greatly to raising the profile of ESL Educators.

Rosie contributed to the writing of the new constitution at the amalgamation of SATESOL and ESLTA in the mid 90's and has written amendments as needed. Her work on Teacher standards has been extensive. Rosie worked with Jenny Barnett of the University of South Australia, and an ESL sub committee from 2004 -2006 in framing and clarifying the ESL teacher standards which ultimately were taken up by the national body, the Australian Council of TESOL Associations (ACTA) and became the national standards for teachers working with speakers of other languages. Rosie conducted numerous PD sessions particularly around the ESL Teacher standards and is currently the ACTA rep with Teaching Australia working on National Standards for all teachers.

Since 1992, Rosie has been the proactive South Australian representative on the national body and is currently the ACTA rep working on the National Curriculum.

At the local level, Rosie was a member of the CEASA Management Committee for 3 years and Vice President for 1 year, a Council member for 8 years and helped raise the profile of ESL Educators through being a voice in Council meetings. She has organised three National conferences for ACTA - two which were held in Adelaide and one recently this year in Alice Springs. She has also organised two state conferences for ESL Educators.

We honour Rosie this evening as a valued colleague and an outstanding ESL educator for the great contribution she has made to the profession and to the ESL learners who are the valued clients of her work and have much pleasure in presenting her with the Satisfac-CEASA Award for 2008.