

Bronwyn Hession - 2018 Business Educators Australasia (BEA) Award of Recognition

Award Citation

Bronwyn Hession is an outstanding educator and has had a long and distinguished career in education in NSW and beyond. Her contributions include Economics teaching experience in schools, leadership of teacher professional associations (both at a state and national level), leadership positions at Catholic Schools Head Office (Diocese of Broken Bay, NSW) and Senior Inspector at the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). Bronwyn has also held the position of Supervisor of Marking for the NSW Higher School Certificate Economics Examination for NESA.

Bronwyn has worked passionately to highlight the role and importance of professional teacher associations throughout her career. Bronwyn is a past president of Economics and Business Educators NSW (EBE NSW) and Business Educators Australasia Inc. (BEA). Before the roles of President she was a Board member of both organisations. In these roles she worked tirelessly over a sustained period of time to build teacher capacity and ensure quality teaching and learning in relation to the learning areas of economics, business and law. Bronwyn's leadership of these associations were instrumental in ensuring the goals of professional growth, networking and advocacy were achieved for members, both at a state and national level.

Bronwyn's leadership of BEA as President ensured that economics, business and legal educators across Australia continued to have a proactive and competent peak national organisation, acting as a common voice for all members.

Bronwyn has also represented EBE NSW as a Director on the Board of the Professional Teachers' Council of NSW, the coordinating and consultancy body for teacher professional associations in NSW, where she worked passionately for all professional teacher associations and ensured they were valued and supported.

Believing that "to lead is to serve", Bronwyn has a generosity of spirit that has seen her contribute across a wide range of contexts and use her own learning to develop others through mentoring and guidance. Her contributions have been across national partnerships, consumer, financial and economic literacy, teacher quality and as a Member of the Expert Reference Group for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) Australian Curriculum for Economics and Business. Bronwyn is an outstanding leader of educators and has worked with energy and passion for the betterment of all students. Her deep knowledge of student learning, the way that education systems work and the role of educational leadership in promoting and enhancing student learning has been applied to advance quality teaching and learning in schools.

Bronwyn has used her involvement in EBE NSW and BEA to champion consumer, financial and economic literacy. This was highlighted when her work with EBE NSW was acknowledged in the NSW Parliament by Barry Collier MP, who noted on 12 November 2010 in a speech on economic literacy: "I particularly congratulate and acknowledge the work of my former colleague, Ms Bronwyn Hession, for her consistent hard work on behalf of the EBE over so many years".

Bronwyn has spent her life determined to make a difference to the lives of young people through education. She is a dedicated educator with a strong passion for teacher professional associations and the significant impact they can have with regards to increasing student learning outcomes. Bronwyn is a very worthy recipient of the 2018 Business Educators Australasia (BEA) Award of Recognition.