

Wendy Carss

Wendy has been a valued member of the Waikato Literacy Association since the 1990's and has provided outstanding service to NZLA. She has held many positions of responsibility, including local President, NZLA National President, and Chair of the Oceania Committee of ILA. During this time Wendy has been a key organiser of NZLA conferences hosted by the Waikato Council and the World Congress in Auckland in 2010. She has represented NZLA and presented at both ILA and ALEA conferences.

Wendy draws upon her work as a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Education at the University of Waikato, where she has produced some 21 published articles and presentations since the publication of her Masters' thesis in 2007. Wendy is currently working on her doctoral thesis.

We are indebted to Wendy for her leadership, her calmness, her willingness to be involved in any activity, her thoughtfulness and focus on the work of the wider association for educators. This award recognises the countless hours she has freely given to support the New Zealand Literacy Association and the many friendships she has made and people she has influenced. Wendy, we owe you a great debt of thanks.