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From the President

Welcome to the new committee for start the of a new ECAWA year. Thanks to all members who attended our conference "Need for Speed" this year. As we speed towards the end of another school year, with reports, TEE and end of year assessments, we thank all the unsung heroes who have worked with ICT to improve student outcomes.

Congratulations to Mark Stephens for his award as ECAWA Educator of the Year. Thanks must go to Brett Clarke for his work with myinternet deal. We need to support our sponsors. Give them a call first.

We look forward a productive year as an organization providing quality professional development. Your input to the professional development programme is most welcome. Contact one of the coordinators or visit our website.

This is the last issue of Login for the year I wish you all a great end to the year and look forward to meeting up with you in 2003.

Terance Pestana
President

Mark Stephens - Educator of the Year

Mark Stephens has been a technology educator and innovator for 14 years. In 2002 ECAWA saw fit to recognize his enthusiasm and achievements with the Educator of the Year Award.

As with his successful predecessors, Mark's state nomination will be forwarded to the Australian Council for Computer's in Education (ACCE) and Australian Computer Society (ACS) as Western Australia's entrant in the Australian Information and Communications Technology Educator of the Year.

If successful he will become the fifth ECAWA member to go on and win the national award, joining compatriots – Mike Leishman (1997), Jim Fuller (1999), Ray Cilia (2000) and Harry Clements-Shepherd (2001).

Mark is another example of a life-long learner who entered the education arena as a physical education teacher in the mid 80's having played 23 games of league football for West Perth.

While completing country service in Manjimup he extended his qualifications into information and communications technology by travelling once a week to the Bunbury Institute of Technology some 130 kms away to complete a Graduate Diploma in Applied Computer Studies. Mark then used this knowledge to develop a whole school sports carnival program called "Supercircuit" to maximize participation by incorporating a computer-based, personal results system.

As a curriculum leader Mark has developed and promoted cross-curricular projects both within and across education sectors. Using desktop publishing and interactive media technologies he has organized senior students to design and deliver personalized storybooks for primary school students; had students design multimedia resources for local community businesses and developed a prototype for on-line assessment and reporting.

His work has been recognized within his current school through the establishment of a special web mentors position; in the community through his work in technology based adult education courses and nationally via the inclusion of his resource material in the National Professional Development Project CDROM which was distributed to all schools nation wide.

As a member of the ECAWA executive for over 6 years Mark has helped design and deliver staff professional development opportunities within schools, district offices and at state



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