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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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ECAWA President*



Welcome to term two's edition of Login. Where have the holiday's gone? It is for some, a time for the organisation of mid year portfolios or reports. This mix now reflects the reality of life within schools where schools choose their particular ways to report on student progress. Sometimes I wonder if we are not all creating and recreating in our own schools. Is there strong collaboration between schools or are we islands struggling?

We now have a plethora of organisations that can assist us in using ICT in classrooms. One such Organisation is Aussie School House which can found at <http://www.schools.ash.org.au>. Our National body the ACCE Australian Council for Computers in Education now runs this site. It is able to provide web space for teachers and students to develop innovative ways the web can be used in education. The work of one of our national members is displayed at the following site: <http://www.schools.ash.org.au/reachinreachout/default.asp> As members you also have the myinternet space to use and develop web pages for yourself. Email the secretary or myself if you are not able to access the myinternet space allocated to you.

## Professional Development

By the time you read this issue, a number of PD opportunities will have come and gone. The SIGfest was held very recently at Swan View High School under the watchful eye of our SIG co-ordinator Mr Mark Weber. Mike Leishman our secondary PD co-ordinator has been busy organising a number of presenters. Be on the lookout for further opportunities again mentioned in this edition of Login or connect to our web site.

## Value Adding Quest

One of the projects, which ECAWA is involved in, is the Value Adding Quest (VAQ). The Value Adding Quest is a competition run by the associations involved in the Technology and Enterprise Learning area. It is sponsored and supported by the Office of Science and Innovation and the Department of Education and Training. Brochures were sent to all members in the last mail out.

The association is sponsoring a prize in "Value Adding in an IT Context". A number of teachers provide interesting and stimulating learning experiences for their students. There is opportunity for you to promote the excellent practices that ICT teachers involve themselves in. Go to <http://members.iinet.net.au/~vquest/>

Information can be obtained at <http://www.iinet.net.au/~vquest> or by contacting the project officer on 9368 4179 or by email: [vquest@iinet.net.au](mailto:vquest@iinet.net.au). Closing date is the 19th September 2003.

## ECAWA Conference 2003

The most important event for our Organisation is our annual Conference in September. This year the Conference committee chaired by Lynley McKernan has chosen "Students in the Centre" as our theme.

There is an excellent introduction to the Conference in this edition of Login along with the exciting announcement that Mr Tom March will be our major keynote speaker.. On behalf of the ECAWA community I would also like to thank Mr Vic Gecas for his assistance in taking time out to design and produce the Conference logo for this year.

Please tear out the middle spread in this LOGIN, photo copy it and pass it among your colleagues.

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## Web Supplement

[www.ecawa.asn.au](http://www.ecawa.asn.au)

myclasses

Bede Ritchie - myinternet Limited



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These can be in the form of original articles, letters, reviews and reports.

## ECAWA Committee 2003

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Inside this edition of LOGIN you will find a pull out section in the centre which introduces our up and coming Conference in September. Also, please photocopy the nomination form for the ECWA Educator of the Year on page 10 and fill it in for a worthy nominee in your school. It may even be yourself.

## ECAWA Educator of the Year

During our annual conference the ECWA Educator of the year is announced. Consider nominating a fellow member for this important honour who has made a valuable contribution to using and promoting ICT in schools. Once again all the information including contacts and nomination forms are provided in this edition of Login. Our state nominee is forwarded for consideration in the National Arena. The Australian Computer Educator of the Year for 2002 is Nicola House a teacher from North Queensland. She has worked with the Indigenous communities using ICT. Further information can be found at <http://www.qsite.edu.au/default.asp>

## Life Membership and Constitutional Amendments

A reminder that our constitution requires written notice to the committee regarding the nominating of life membership. The committee meets once a month normally during the third week of each month.

- 5.2.7 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP may be conferred upon a person in recognition of outstanding service to the Association. Such status shall not be conferred until:
  - a) the person shall have been nominated in writing by two (2) Personal Members of the Association; and
  - b) the Committee shall have approved the nomination; and
  - c) the nomination shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

5.2.8 An HONORARY LIFE MEMBER shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

Constitutional amendments must be sent to the Secretary. Please refer to section 14 of the Constitution.

## Resignation

ECWA recently accepted the resignation of Sue Sneyd our Primary School Coordinator; and thank her for the time spent with the committee. Her work commitments have precluded her from taking a further active part in the association this year.

Enjoy the rest of the term.

# Data Recovery

*A Personal Experience by Trevor Galbraith - LOGIN EDITOR*

I managed to achieve the unforgivable, the one thing that you never would do with your data. Just as I was beginning to back up my 80GB external hard drive, I dropped it, before the first disk was burnt. Wow a lifetime of work – gone. First stop, I got my colleague to post a listing to the e-chalk community. Suggestions to put it in the freezer, not to drop it in the first place and many others didn't bear fruit. Next stop the Yellow Pages - Computer Repairs. There are a few listed under data recovery, all but one are located in the Eastern States.

Initial fees to check if the data was recoverable ranged from \$300 to \$800 with expected total recovery costs anywhere from \$1000 to \$4000. Then as an after thought I tried the one local Western Australian contact listed in the phone book. They required \$75 as an initial fee. I was swiftly off to Myaree and heartened when told that the data all could be recovered for a cost much less than any others I had been quoted.

Data has now been restored to another hard drive. If you ever have such an experience and CRITICAL DATA is involved you may like to try Andy at ELCOTRONICS. [[andy@iinet.net.au](mailto:andy@iinet.net.au)] Very friendly service and simply the best price that I could find in Australia.

If any other members have had a similar experience, drop me a line at [login@ecawa.asn.au](mailto:login@ecawa.asn.au) and I would be happy to share them with the ECWA community.

