



# Australian Association for the Teaching of English

## Citation for AATE Life Membership: Wendy Morgan 2005

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Wendy was a member of AATE Council from 1992-1996 as Assistant Editor of *English in Australia* and a member of the Publications Committee. During that time Wendy was responsible for the 'Resources' section of the journal which focused directly on teaching in the English classroom. She also contributed significantly to an evolving and somewhat revolutionary format and focus for the journal, as well as to the extremely taxing and focused debates on strategic planning, structure and policy directions of an evolving national association. Wendy was the leader on behalf of AATE of a nationally funded literacy professional development program on critical literacy. This resulted in the first of AATE's resources packs, *Critical Literacy* which was published in 1996. She also represented AATE at the International Federation for the Teaching of English Conference in New York in 1995.

Wendy has been a regular keynote presenter at AATE National Conferences over many years, as well as presenting numerous workshops, seminars, and in-service professional development presentations around Australia where she has been a strong advocate of theory and practice which promotes critical literacy. She has published a number of books and many articles on critical literacy and more recently the world of hypertext and the related impact of ICT's on the English classroom both in Australia and overseas.

A gifted, creative and dedicated teacher, Wendy has made an outstanding contributions to the professional life of many Australian English teachers. Her willingness to act as a critical friend and mentor with schools and individual teachers on the implementation of critical literacy is highly regarded.

Wendy has, in addition, made a significant and ongoing contribution to English teaching in Queensland

It is in recognition of this contribution and of her services to the Association that AATE proudly awards this life membership.