



Australian Association for the Teaching of English

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David was a member of AATE Council from 1994 to 2003 including a period as President in 1998. During that time David negotiated the Association's participation in the STELLA project to establish professional standards in English and Literacy teaching. He was a member of the STELLA research team from 1999 – 2000. He also co-wrote the initial proposal to DEETYA which led to the *MyRead* website and CD. He was a key member of the steering group which organised the 1999 joint Annual Conference of AATE, ALEA and the AFMLTA held at the Adelaide Convention Centre in July of that year.

David also represented AATE on the executive of the Australian Literacy Federation (ALF) during this time. In 1993 David was a member of the steering committee which organised the Annual Conference of AATE held at Brighton High School, South Australia. David has published a large number of articles over a number of years including at least ten in *English in Australia*, more recently he edited with Brenton Doecke and Helen Nixon *English Teachers at Work: Narratives, Counter Narratives and Arguments* a joint publication of the Wakefield Press and AATE.

David has made a significant contribution to the International Federation for the Teaching of English. As President of IFTE from 1999 – 2003 he was largely responsible for the rejuvenation of the Federation. He organised and chaired meetings of IFTE Council in Vancouver (2001) and Melbourne (2003). He attended the Council meeting in Johannesburg (1997) as AATE's International delegate. In his role as President of IFTE David was an active member of the steering group for the management of the Eighth International Federation for the Teaching of English conference held across several venues in Melbourne (July 5-8 2003).

David has, in addition, made an outstanding contribution to English teaching in South Australia.

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