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Karen Moni has been a significant contributor to the work of AATE over many years, most notably during her 15 years of service on the AATE national council. Karen joined the council in 2000 and served as ETAQ delegate for five years, during which time she was also President of ETAQ and co-convened a successful joint national conference. She was subsequently elected to the position of Editor, *English in Australia* in 2005, and during the six years of her appointment was instrumental in raising the profile of the journal. Karen was elected President-Elect of AATE in 2011, serving as President from 2012-2013, and Past President in 2014.

During her time on AATE Council, which included ten years at Executive level, Karen made an outstanding contribution to English teaching through her involvement in a number of areas.

While Editor of *English in Australia*, Karen's management of the journal's Review Board gave her a high national profile within the profession. She initiated the change of numbering to volume and issue in response to a new system for evaluating quality publications within universities, which resulted in increasing the academic submissions to 70% of content. She also moved the journal from peer review to blind peer review. Another of her focuses was ensuring that *English in Australia* was included in important academic databases, giving the publication greater reach nationally and internationally. These efforts led to the A ranked listing in the then ERA rankings, placing it on a par with other highly regarded international journals in the field of English education. Karen's work over six years in raising the profile of the journal ensured it was well-positioned to sustain its place as the premier journal in Australia for English education into the future.

While President of AATE, Karen provided clear leadership and managed the deliberations of council in an inclusive and harmonious manner. Provision of feedback on the senior level of the Australian Curriculum, co-ordination of AATE's response to the Copyright Reform agenda and oversight of the development of AATE's new branding and web facility were just some of the key areas of activity during her term.

Karen co-convened the AATE/ALEA joint national conference held on the Gold Coast in July 2005 titled *Pleasure Passion Provocation: pleasurable learning, passionate teaching, provocative debates*. This event was highly successful both educationally and financially.

It is in recognition of these services to the Association and to the profession that AATE proudly awards life membership to Karen Moni.