Editorial

Welcome to Volume 26 Number 1 of Australian Educational Computing. It is anticipated that this will be the last "hard copy" edition of AEC for the foreseeable future. Volume 26 Number 2, due in December, will be an online publication only, available at www.acce.edu.au/journal. You will need to "register" to be able to read the latest version. Registration will be free and open to all. I understand that this will not please everyone however it does help us to keep editorial and production costs down, streamline the review process and, perhaps more importantly, enable us to bring you more up-to-date and relevant content and the ability for you to have your say about important issues. AEC will continue to be a channel for the publication of Australian ICTE research, policy and practice, and will continue to be the refereed journal of the Australian Council for Computers in Education. We hope that you will continue to support AEC, subscribe to our various feeds and enjoy the new AEC.

TTF Project

The TTF (Teaching Teachers of the Future) project ramps up this semester. The project has placed ICT pedagogy officers (ICTPO) in each of the 39 Higher Education institutions offering teacher education. The project focuses on enabling pre-service teachers to achieve and demonstrate (upon graduation) competence in the effective and innovative use of ICT to improve student learning. It aims to achieve this through the systematic embedding of an ICTE dimension in - pre-service teacher education curriculum, pedagogies, assessment, professional experience; university classroom and self-study resources; the national program accreditation framework and the Graduate Teacher Standards; and, national professional learning networks of ICT and curriculum methods experts within and across the Institutions.

This is a nationally significant project that for the first time has brought together Education Services Australia (ESA), the Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE), the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), the Australian Council for Computers in Education (ACCE), the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC), and the 39 Australian higher education institutions with pre-service teacher education programs as partners. Please support the project where you can - you may be asked to share what is happening in your class/school with the project or if you would like to contribute without being asked contact geoff.romeo@acu.edu.au.

A special mention for Professor Toni Downes – President of the Australian Deans of Education, it was through her inspired leadership that the TTF project got off the ground and survived when things looked grim.

ACCE Leader of the Year

Congratulations to Dr Donna Gronn from the Australian Catholic University (School of Ed Vic). Dr Gronn was this year’s winner of the ACCE (and ICTEV) ICT Leader of the Year.

Dr Gronn was recognised for her work as Chair of ICTEV’s conference committee, her commitment to ICTEV over many years and at present, her commitment to the role of vice-president of ICTEV, her co-chairing of the program committee for the 2010 ACCE National conference, her chairing of the Volunteer Committee for the same conference, her work in primary and secondary schools, her commitment to the development of ICT at ACU and her work as co-editor of the ACCE journal, Australian Education Computing.

Dr Gronn was presented with her award and cheque at the ICTEV state conference on May the 21st.