

## Citation for Judith Butcher

### IPSHA Honorary Life Membership

Judith Butcher is an exemplary educator who has tirelessly contributed to IPSHA both at a State and Federal level throughout her long and distinguished educational career. She became a member of IPSHA (then known as JSHAA) in 1998 as she became Head of Hillingdon, the P-2 Preparatory School at Ascham. She later became Head of Junior School for all students Prep to Year 6 up to her retirement at the end of 2022. For 24 years she has led and been a highly regarded educator by her school community and by her IPSHA colleagues.

Throughout her career, a commitment to professional growth, excellence in everything undertaken and the wellbeing of all have been her impressive hallmarks. This has been so visible both in her school context and in professional networks more broadly. We at IPSHA – both in NSW and Federally, have indeed be in ordinally fortunate to have had a colleague of such integrity, loyalty and dedication in our midst. Her phenomenal contributions to IPSHA include:

1. Liaison Head - IPSHA NSW Branch Early Childhood Umbrella Group 2006-2010
2. Chair of the IPSHA NSW Branch Professional Development Committee 2008 – 2012 where she managed to secure the highest calibre of speakers for each meeting.
3. Member of 2014 IPSHA Federal Biennial Conference (Sydney) Planning Committee where she was responsible for securing Sir Ken Robinson as the Keynote drawcard speaker
4. NSW IPSHA State President Elect, President and Immediate Past President from 2012-2016
5. IPSHA Federal Secretary (Company Secretary) - 2016 – 2022 where she was responsible for overseeing the update of IPSHA's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Policies and Principles, to a new Constitution and Rules, adopted by IPSHA members at the BGM in May 2022.
6. Member IPSHA Federal Board from 2014 – 2022
7. Member IPSHA NSW Branch Executive from 2008 – 2022

Judith has been well recognised by her peers as a leader of outstanding calibre as evident by the following awards that have been conferred:

- John Laing Award for Professional Development from Principals Australia Institute presented by the NSW Education Minister in 2017
- IPSHA Fellowship in 2019 for her outstanding and enduring contributions to IPSHA at both state and federal levels
- SchoolAid Award in recognition and appreciation of significant support of SchoolAid in 2022

Beyond the positions held and work done for IPSHA, equally Judith's legacy will be about her warmth, moral integrity and ever willingness to mentor and be such a supportive and kind friend and colleague to all whom she has connected. Her wise counsel and preparedness to engage with such empathy, loyalty and confidentiality have been invaluable traits to many at IPSHA.

Judith Butcher has made an outstanding and sustained contributing to IPSHA over 24 years of membership. It is with great pleasure and confidence that that the IPSHA NSW Branch formally nominates Judith for Honorary Federal Life Membership of IPSHA.

*Sally Ruston*  
*Former IPSHA Federal President*  
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