

7 June 2011

## Media Release Australian College of Educators NSW Branch

### Wyndham Medal – Dr Brian Croke honoured



Dr Brian Croke, Executive Director of the Catholic Education Commission, NSW, has been announced as the recipient of the Australian College of Educators highest NSW state award, the Wyndham Medal.

President of the Australian College of Educators (New South Wales branch), Dr Frederick Osman, said the medal is named after Sir Harold Wyndham, a great NSW and Australian educator'. 'As Director General of Education from 1952 until 1968 he presided over the transition from the Leaving Certificate to the Higher School Certificate. As the first president of the Australian College of Educators NSW Branch, he saw the need to recognise outstanding educators'. The medal is awarded annually to an educator who has made an outstanding, significant contribution to NSW education.

Dr Brian Croke graduated from Macquarie University with a first class honours degree, and became the first Macquarie graduate to be accepted into the University of Oxford where he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1978. Dr Croke is Adjunct Professor in History at Macquarie University and an Honorary Associate in Classics and Ancient History at the University of Sydney.

Dr Croke has played a significant national role in education through his participation in various government boards and committees. Dr Croke has been the Director of the Catholic Education Commission and a member of the NSW Board of Studies since 1994, where he currently holds the position of Deputy President. In recent years Dr Croke has been a key player in the movement towards national curriculum and national assessment for all Australian schools. Dr Croke is an educator who has successfully balanced a senior management and leadership role with a strong and productive commitment to education in his area of scholarly pursuit. In recognising his considerable achievements and contributions to the field of Australian education and scholarship, the Australian College of Educators (NSW Branch) is honoured to present its highest state award to Dr Brian Croke.

The Australian College of Educators (ACE) is a national professional association which represents educators in all sectors and systems. With over 5,000 members, the college provides a forum for Australian educators to share expertise, provide analysis of educational policy, and maintain and promote professional standards among educators.

The Wyndham Medal will be presented to Dr Brian Croke at a ceremony in Sydney on 5 August 2011. ACE NSW will also acknowledge and recognise ten new ACE Fellows who will receive their Fellowships at this ceremony.

#### Media enquiries



#### Dr Frederick Osman FACE

NSW President  
Australian College of Educators  
fred\_osman@exemail.com.au  
PO Box 649, Moorebank NSW 1875

