Lynne joined ALEA in the early 1980s. During this time, she has made many significant contributions to the association at local, state and national levels. Throughout this period, she has consistently been a driving force of ALEA in Victoria.

Lynne’s passion for literacy and the ALEA community is evidenced by her continuing and dedicated involvement in ALEA Victoria. She has had an active role on the Victorian State Council, has served as Secretary and is now an executive member of the ALEA State Committee. Lynne was the ALEA State Director for Victoria from 2004 until 2011. She has been an active ALEA member on three Victorian National Conference planning groups and is currently Secretary of the 2019 National Conference Committee. Lynne is also a member of Melbourne Local Council and served as Secretary of Melbourne Local Council in 2018.

Lynne displays exceptional skills in administration and organisation. She has organised a wide range of Conferences, workshops and Professional Learning sessions in Victoria over the last twenty years and works hard to ensure that they are successful and effective in helping teachers meet student needs.

Lynne is a great ambassador for ALEA and has recruited many members and Committee members. She has presented numerous times at both National and State level over the last two decades, regularly encouraging and supporting classroom teachers to present with her. She encourages and mentors Victorian teachers and educators to join ALEA and share their professional expertise to participate in state and national professional learning communities. Lynne strongly believes in supporting and building capacity within the ALEA community.

Lynne has worked across many different contexts and brings that knowledge and expertise to discussions and decision making. She has a number of professional advisory roles and has worked in a range of government schools, in school clusters, in the Department of Education Offices and in tertiary education. She has also worked alongside many associations including the Victorian Association for the Teaching of English (VATE), the Children’s Book Council Victoria (CBCV) the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), the Australian Children’s Television Foundation (ACTF) and the Melbourne Writer’s Festival (MWF). ALEA Victoria has excellent relationships with these organisations and Lynne has played a significant role in establishing and maintaining these relationships. Lynne is always striving for the best in literacy education, evidenced by her continuing research; currently investigating the close relationship between Literacy and Science.

Lynne has a clear vision for ALEA and for its members: to develop a literacy community that provides excellent professional learning opportunities and support for educators in the area of literacy education. This vision guides her actions, decisions and discussions. Lynne is known and loved for the care she shows towards others. She ensures that, whenever possible, those she works with feel valued for their contributions. She encourages regular engagement between members, building strong connections that help ensure maximum member retention. She plays a vital role in our organisation and is greatly valued by all involved.

It is with great pleasure that ALEA awards Lynne Bury the ALEA Medal.