

DE LAETER MEDAL WINNER 2015

■ John Clarke

Mr. Geoff Lewis was awarded the prestigious de Laeter medal in recognition of an outstanding contribution to science teaching in WA at Future Science 2015. Geoff epitomises the qualities that the de Laeter medal was established to recognise. Congratulations Geoff.

Mal Johnson, Head of Science, Mazenod College, nominated Geoff. The following quotes have been taken from testimonials supporting Geoff's nomination.

"Geoff Lewis is an exceptional and gifted leader in science education. He possesses an energy and vision that sets him apart from his peers. In the science classroom Geoff creates an environment full of challenge and excitement. His classes involve a real focus on scientific enquiry. Geoff is able to easily incorporate evolving technologies and understandings into the laboratory and his students excel in this setting. He has mentored both staff and students over a number of years. We are a well-respected department that has been guided by Geoff who has been selfless in his contribution to the College."

Mal Johnson, Head of Science, Mazenod College

"I believe that Geoff Lewis is an outstanding science educator. He has shown leadership in the profession in his work through STAWA. He has encouraged science teachers to become

involved with this professional body. I have on many occasions witnessed his teaching - he is innovative and actively engages students in science. He takes special interest in the students who find science difficult and through practical applications opens them to the world of science."

Father Peter Daly OMI, Rector, Mazenod College

"His passion for teaching and his determination to ensure students are equipped with relevant science for the real world is apparent in all he does. Personally, I regard him as a colleague who has significantly impacted my teaching in terms of content knowledge and delivery."

Liam Mallon, Science Teacher, Mazenod College

