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A Tribute for Dr Paul Brock

Educators across the country will be very saddened to hear that much loved, highly respected and passionate member and supporter of ACEL, University of Sydney Honorary Professor Paul Brock AM, FACE FACEL died on Good Friday 25 March 2016.

ACEL sends sincere condolences to Paul's wife, Associate Professor Jackie Manuel and his daughters Sophie, Amelia, Larissa, son-in-law Matt and all members of the Brock and Manuel families.

Dr Paul Brock was recognised for his contribution to education through numerous awards from ACEL. In 2008 Dr Brock was elected a Fellow of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. In July 2012 he was awarded ACEL's Patrick Duignan Award. In October 2012 he was awarded ACEL's Hedley Beare Award for Educational Writing. In 2013 he was awarded ACEL's 2013 Gold Medal Award.

As well as an Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Sydney, Paul was an Honorary Associate in the Centre for Values Ethics and Law in Medicine within the University's Faculty of Medicine, an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of New England, and Vice Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, NSW.

Paul held several positions in the Department of Education, New South Wales since 1996. As the Director of Learning and Research Development since 2004, Paul provided departmental leaders with high quality strategic advice on school education policy based on research, scholarship and experience.

Paul's achievements are even more notable given that almost two decades ago he was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Despite a long and debilitating battle with this disease, Paul has been a constant, passionate and courageous advocate for people with MND especially promoting the need for research into its causes and finding a cure.

The memorial service held at the Grand Hall in the University of Sydney last night was attended by a large number of educators, family and friends who had been impacted personally by Paul and his work.

Paul will be sadly missed and ACEL will continue to honour his work and his legacy.

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