

FOR A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

AN EDUCATION AWARD

As the President of the Textile Educators' Association of NSW, Wendy Herbert successfully rallied home science teachers across NSW to halt plans of the NSW Minister for Education to 'axe' Home Economics from the high school curriculum. Instead, the subject morphed into Food Technology and the faculty was renamed Technological & Applied Studies.

Wendy's efforts not only saved the jobs of home science teachers, most of whom were women, but ensured that these traditionally 'female' skills maintained their presence and representation as a legitimate field of study in secondary education.

In a world where women's unpaid labour is undervalued, Wendy has extended women's knowledge and skills, inspiring them to be proud of a traditionally female endeavour. She has committed herself to building their esteem and confidence, and has made a particular contribution to the education of young women.



WENDY HERBERT

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