



## **\$60,000 IN PRIZES FOR THE BEST PAPERS PUBLISHED IN TJA IN 2009/10**

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TJA is delighted to announce that it has generous industry sponsors for two major cash prizes of AU\$20,000 each for the best papers offered to the Journal in 2009/10 on the themes of supporting the environment, and people with disabilities, respectively; plus a further \$20,000 of advanced network services to one of the winners. See further details below.

### **THE 2009 ALCATEL-LUCENT BROADBAND CHALLENGE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT (THE \$20,000 ECKERMANN-TJA PRIZE)**

This year represents the third annual round of competition for the Eckermann-TJA Prize. The Prize will be sponsored again by Alcatel-Lucent Australia, who have generously doubled the previous prize money to AU\$20,000 in 2009. The competition is known as the Alcatel-Lucent Broadband Challenge for the Sustainable Environment, and is open to authors around the world.

The 2009 Eckermann-TJA Prize will be awarded to the best original paper offered to TJA by the deadline of 3 November 2009, demonstrating the tangible benefits of applying broadband telecommunications to supporting the sustainable environment. The best entries, including the winning paper or papers, will be published in the February 2010 issue of TJA. The Prize was instigated by TJA in 2007 at the suggestion of Robin Eckermann, in the course of his 2006 Charles Todd Oration, published in TJA.

The Judging Panel will be chaired by TJA's Managing Editor, Professor Peter Gerrand (University of Melbourne), and includes Robin Eckermann (former Chief Architect, TransACT), Dr Mike Dennis (Australian National University), Associate Professor Craig McDonald (University of Canberra) and Mr Ric Clark (Chief Technology Officer, Alcatel Lucent Australia). Panel members do not vote or provide ratings on entries in which they have any conflict of interest.

In addition, thanks to the generosity of AARNet (Australia's Academic and Research Network), \$20,000 worth of AARNet's advanced network services, such as high definition video conferencing and international light paths, will be made available for one year to the organization employing the winning authors, to advance their research work.

For more information on the 2009 Alcatel-Lucent Broadband Challenge and the AARNet offer, go to the relevant news items at [www.acs.org.au/acstsa](http://www.acs.org.au/acstsa).

The winning papers in the 2007 and 2008 Broadband Challenges can be found at the following online issues of TJA: TJA Vol. 57 Nos 2&3 and TJA Vol. 59 No 1.

### **THE \$20,000 2010 TELSTRA-TJA CHRISTOPHER NEWELL PRIZE**

The inaugural Telstra-TJA Christopher Newell Prize for Telecommunications and Disability – launched in June 2009 – commemorates the ground-breaking work that Dr Christopher Newell undertook within the Australian telecommunications industry from 1990 to 2008 in representing the needs of people with disabilities. A tribute to Dr Newell by Professor Gerard Goggin was published in TJA Vol. 58 Nos 2&3.

The AU\$20,000 prize will be awarded to the best original paper offered for publication to the Telecommunications Journal of Australia (TJA) by 15 January 2010 that demonstrates the tangible benefits that the innovative use telecommunications technology can deliver to assist individuals with disabilities. The best entries, including the winning paper or papers, will be published in TJA in 2010.



**Figure 1** Revd Canon Dr Christopher Newell AM (1964–2008)

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The Telstra-TJA Christopher Newell Prize competition is managed by TJA on behalf of the ACS-TSA (Telecommunications Society of Australia; a Special Interest Group of the Australian Computer Society) using a Judging Panel of independent experts to evaluate and rank the competition entries. The deadline for receipt of entries is 15 January 2010.

For more information about the Telstra-TJA Christopher Newell Prize competition, go to the ACS-TSA website [www.acs.org.au/acsts](http://www.acs.org.au/acsts) and click the relevant news item.