

Sharon McLean with Tom Alegounarias, President of the NSW Board of Studies.

## PTC NSW Outstanding Professional Service Award 2012

The award is presented by PTC NSW on behalf of professional associations in recognition of the voluntary work undertaken by committee members of the professional teachers' associations.

The award recognises individual committee member's outstanding professional contribution to education in NSW made through a professional teachers' association.

The PTC NSW Presentation Evening was held on the evening of Tuesday 27 November at the Sydney College of Arts auditorium. 140 Guests comprised of award recipients, representatives from Dept of Education, Association of Independent Schools, the Catholic Education sector and community representatives including John Kaye MLC attended the function.

The Awards were presented by Tom Alegounarias, President of the NSW Board of Studies. The Hon. Adrian Piccoli was unable to attend the presentation ceremony.

Congratulation to our GTA NSW award recipient Sharon McLean.

## **Award Citation**

In recognition of the significant and continuous contribution by Sharon McLean to the support of geography teachers and education in NSW through the Geography Teachers' Association, as a committee member since 2000 and Vice-President since 2009.

Sharon has always actively and publicly promoted the cause of teacher professionalism in Geography. In addition, she has freely given her time and expertise through teacher in-service workshops, particularly the Geography Teachers' HSC Examination review and the Associations' Annual Conference. She has encouraged the members of the association to develop resource material to assist them to introduce new teaching strategies in the classroom.

Sharon has helped raise the profile of Geography through her work with teachers in NSW schools.