

SPEAKER BIO**Caroline Bowen PhD, CPSP, ASHA Fellow
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**

Well known for her **www.speech-language-therapy.com** web site, Caroline Bowen has four decades of experience as a speech-language pathologist. Her clinical specialty and research interests are in the area of children's speech sound disorders, and she serves as an Honorary Associate in Linguistics at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

Most of the time she practices in the world heritage listed *Blue Mountains National Park* in NSW, where she freely admits to being distracted at times by the beauty of her surroundings. Over the years her workload has become a delectable blend of hands-on clinical practice, research, teaching and writing – punctuated by bushwalking, gardening, reading and *very* amateur photography. Caroline /'kæ.ɪ.ə.laɪn/ has visited many parts of the world to give invited professional development presentations to a range of practitioner, student and consumer groups including audiologists, medical practitioners, psychologists, speech-language therapists and teachers. She is fascinated by child speech, family centered practice, clinical applications of information and communication technology, and continuing professional education. In 2009 her third book, *Children's Speech Sound Disorders*, was published by Wiley-Blackwell.

She was deeply honored to be elected as an ASHA Fellow in 2008, in recognition of having:

- Maintained a full and active private practice for 38 years working with children with communication disabilities and their families.
- Innovatively utilized technology to provided evidence-based SLP information and resources to professionals and consumers worldwide via discussion group at <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/phonologicaltherapy> and through her web site.
- Researched, and published in the peer reviewed literature on child speech disorders, and presented related CEU events in nine countries.

An enthusiastic ambassador for her profession Dr Bowen delights in international travel and the opportunity to meet dedicated colleagues with shared, complementary and different expertise and interests, especially when there is a mutual exchange of information, experiences and ideas. So she is *really* looking forward to meeting with NZAS members and other audiologists at the 34th Annual Conference of the New Zealand Audiological Society.

More information about Dr Bowen's work and publications can be found here:
<http://www.speech-language-therapy.com/caroline.html>