

Three Fellowships Awarded

General Council at its meeting on 5 September endorsed 3 recommendations for Fellowship Awards which were made by the Board of Education. Fellowships have been awarded to Margaret Cameron, John Levett and Barrie Mitcheson.

Margaret Cameron is currently the Chief Librarian at Deakin University in Victoria, a position she has held since 1977. She has had a distinguished career in Australian academic librarianship.

Following some years' service in the then Public Library of Queensland and the Australian Reference Library at the Australian Consulate-General, New York, she was appointed to the staff of the Queensland University Library in 1964-65 as Librarian of the Thatcher Memorial Library. From 1965-69 she was the Assistant Librarian in charge of Reference Services in the Flinders University Library and from 1968-77 the Reader Services Librarian at Macquarie University Library.

Ms Cameron has developed Deakin University's Library to a point where it is now a source of pride for both its academic staff and students. She has also made significant contributions to other facets of university life and in 1987 accepted a three year appointment as Pro-Vice Chancellor (Staffing and Academic Affairs).

Margaret Cameron has participated widely in a variety of professional forums. These have included membership of the National Library of Australia Advisory Committee on the Humanities, Chairman of the Victorian Regional Committee of AACOBS, Victorian representative on the AACOBS National Council. She has had a long-term involvement in assisting the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Department of Librarianship and has served as one of the judges for the Thomas Woodrow Award, presented each year to students of librarianship of outstanding potential from RMIT and/or Ballarat CAE.

Ms Cameron has been one of the key participants in the continuing debate over appropriate national strategies for interlending operations. She has also been a very active participant in the discussion of national strategies for the development of the Australian Bibliographic Network.

Margaret Cameron is a tireless advocate of libraries and has been vocal, through letters to politicians, statements to the media and informed public advocacy, on major issues in

Barrie Mitcheson ►



◀ John Levett



Meg Cameron ►



Victoria in the last 10 years. She has also been an active member of the LAA, having served on Branch Councils in Queensland and Victoria and on the Executive of the University and College Libraries Section. She was President of the Victorian Branch in 1979 and General Councillor for Victoria in 1981-82. She was President of the Geelong Regional Group in 1985-86.

Ms Cameron has published extensively, including three articles in *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*. Her report in association with Winter on *External Students and their Libraries* is accepted as the definitive statement to date of the problems and possibilities for the development of effective library services in this area.

John Levett has had a distinguished career in public and academic libraries as well as in education for librarianship. He began his career in librarianship at Lake Macquarie Shire Library, as the Children's Librarian and later became Chief Librarian. He went to Tasmania as Deputy State Librarian in 1968. In 1970 he was appointed Foundation Librarian at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education, eventually becoming Head of the Division of Education Services.

In 1977 he became Head of the School of Librarianship at the Tasmanian CAE. The School was transferred to the University of

Tasmania in 1981 and he has remained Head of School since this time. Mr Levett's leadership has been instrumental in this successful transition and in the continuing role of the School within the University. Mr Levett is regarded as an inspiring teacher who challenges students to think critically about professional issues.

John Levett has been an active contributor to the work of the Library Association of Australia. He has held Executive offices in the Hunter Regional Group and the Tasmanian Branch, including Tasmanian Branch President, General Councillor for Tasmania and General Councillor-at-large. He has also served as an examiner for the Registration Examinations and on the Publications Board and ALJ Editorial Board of the LAA. He has been editor of the *Australian Library Journal* since 1981. Through his editorials he has reached virtually all of the LAA membership, encouraging members to think about issues of importance to the profession and the Association.

Mr Levett has produced a number of publications. He has maintained an active involvement in public library issues and is currently working on research projects on the role of laypeople in library services.

Barrie Mitcheson has had a distinguished career in academic librarianship. Following four years' employment at the Lake Macquarie Shire Library, he worked at the University of Newcastle Library from 1964-74, becoming Assistant University Librarian, Serials.

Mr Mitcheson was appointed to the Australian National University Library in 1974 as Head Cataloguer. He was concurrently appointed Acting Assistant Librarian, Administration and Technical Services, Acting Life Sciences Librarian and Technical Services Librarian. He was appointed Assistant Librarian at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 1976 and was promoted to Institute Librarian in 1981, a position which he still holds.

Under Mr Mitcheson's leadership, RMIT library has come to be recognised as a well planned and forward thinking institution which has achieved much in a difficult resource situation.

Mr Mitcheson has participated widely in professional activities. He has been a member of the National Committee, Standing Committee and Sub-Committee on Library Automation of the Association of Librarians in Colleges of Advanced Education. He was one of the key figures in the foundation of the Victorian Association for Library Automation and its Chairman in 1976. He has been a member of the Victorian Standing Committee of AACOBS since 1981, the AACOBS National Council since 1984 and the AACOBS Standing Committee since 1985. To all these activities he has brought energy, enthusiasm, strong professional commitment and wise counsel.

Mr Mitcheson has made a distinguished contribution to the work of the LAA. He was President in 1983 and a member of General Council in 1980 and again from 1982-84. He was a member of the LAA's Futures Committee and an Associate Examiner for the Registration examination. Mr Mitcheson was instrumental in inviting the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) to hold its conference in Australia in the Bicentennial year and was subsequently appointed Chairman of the conference organising committee. He has made a major contribution to the work of the committee and has represented the Association at several IFLA conferences.

Mr Mitcheson has published over 15 papers. In conjunction with Vanessa Bourne and Michael Hill he produced *Library and Information Work: the Employment Market* a major survey of the library work force in 1983.

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