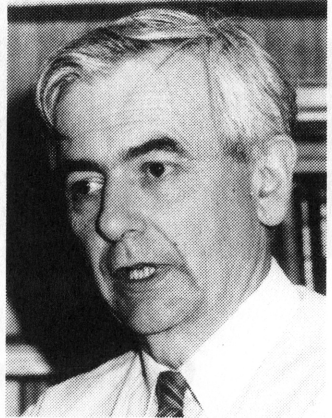


# Honorary Memberships

*Citations delivered to the Biennial General Meeting of the Australian Society of Archivists Incorporated on 5 July, 1985, recommending the conferral of Honorary Memberships.*

## Michael Saclier



Mr Michael Saclier recently completed 20 years as an archivist, having begun his career in the Archives Office of New South Wales in 1965. Apart from an interval in 1967/68 to pursue his academic work on the administration of Governor Darling in New South Wales from 1825 to 1831, he has remained deeply involved as a working archivist since then. He moved in May 1968 to the post of Principal Archivist of the Archives Office of Tasmania, and in August 1972 he succeeded Robert Sharman as Archives Officer of the A.N.U. Archives of Business and Labour.

In 1973 it was Michael who took up the challenge issued by Robert Sharman when the future of the Archives Section of the L.A.A. and its journal, *Archives & Manuscripts*, were languishing for lack of support. His writing and organising speeded the initiatives which saw a Steering Committee appointed in August of 1973 to lay the groundwork for this Society.

As Convener of the Steering Committee he worked harder than anyone in the complicated process of weighing proposals and counter proposals and winning consensus from the profession as a whole. Within the Committee his discussion papers and energetically argued views stimulated the other Committee members to think through the issues involved very thoroughly, and it was Michael who undertook the time-consuming task

of preparing newsletters for circulation to prospective members and organising the extensive canvassing of their views.

His enthusiastic commitment was continued as first President of the Society from 1975 to 1977, and subsequently as a member of Council and of committees. Over the last few years his contribution has been crucial in developing the concept of a National Archives Forum.

Michael's visions for the Society and for the profession he has chosen, and his willingness to go into the firing line, constitute a challenge to those of us who are less adventurous. I hope he will continue to challenge and goad us. He has already made a unique contribution to this Society and to the archival profession and I warmly endorse Council's recommendation.

PATRICIA QUINN

## Peter Scott



I am afforded a great deal of personal pleasure in acceding to Council's invitation to deliver this citation for two reasons: *firstly*, it has been my privilege to have enjoyed a personal and professional association with Peter over the past twelve years, and to have received from him, formerly as Senior Archivist, and latterly as Director of the N.S.W. Regional Office of the Australian Archives, the closest co-operation and strongest support in relation to the graduate diploma programme for the training of Archivists at the University of New South Wales; and, *secondly*, I have long had a deep respect for his intellectual capacity for, and scholarly contribution to our professional knowledge of the management of archives in Australia.

Peter is perhaps best known to us for his contributions to the professional literature of archives on the subject of the 'series control concept', an innovative development in archival theory with far-reaching implications for the practice of archives management, which is distinctively Australian in its origins and in its practical ramifications. Robert Sharman, whose long experience as an Australian archivist commands our respect, has ventured the opinion that 'it may well be

wealth Archives Office as a part-time officer in Canberra in 1963, but shortly afterwards (in 1964) was appointed to a full-time position in Central Office. In 1972 he was appointed Senior Archivist, Registration and Disposal in Central Office. Following the visit of Dr W. Kaye Lamb, the Dominion Archivist of Canada, to Australia in 1973, and the publication of his *Report on the National Archives*, an Archives Task Force was constituted to examine and plan for the implementation of Dr Lamb's recommendations. Peter was appointed as a Senior Project Officer with the Archives Task Force. In 1974, he was appointed as Senior Archivist in the NSW Regional Office of the Australian Archives, concurrently with which he continued to serve as Senior Project Officer by commuting regularly between Canberra and Sydney, until 1977, when he relinquished his position as Senior Projects Officer. He became the Regional Director of the Australian Archives in NSW when the designation of his position was changed, and it has been in that capacity that he served for the past few years previous to his relinquishing the position on the 4th March, 1985 for a period of extended sick leave, in order to recuperate his health.

The Society's Rules provide that the members, in general meeting, and upon the recommendation of Council, may confer upon any person honorary membership of the Society 'in recognition of services to the Society or to the profession'.

It is, accordingly, my privilege and honour, to commend to you the service which Peter Scott has rendered to this Society, to the National Archives in this country, and to the body of professional knowledge which has been enriched by his unique and valuable additions to the literature of archives.

It is therefore, my sincere hope that you will endorse the recommendation of the Council that the status of Honorary Membership be accorded to Peter Scott in accordance with Rule 4(4) of the Society's constitution.

PETER ORLOVICH

#### FOOTNOTES

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