

Citations of Fellows

At the Society's Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne in August 2000, Barbara Reed and David Roberts were made Fellows of the Society.

The Australian Society of Archivists recognises as Fellows professional members of the Society who:

- have achieved distinction within the Society and the profession;
- demonstrate sustained and documented service in at least two of the following fields – service to professional associations, service to research, writing or teaching, or service to archival development; and
- have appropriate education or training in fields of the ASA's interest.

Barbara Reed

The Council of the Society invites this Annual General Meeting to acclaim Barbara Reed as a Fellow of the Society on the following grounds.

Almost immediately after joining the Australian Society of Archivists in 1979, Barbara demonstrated her enthusiasm for, and commitment to, the archival profession and its practitioners when she took on the role of Secretary of the



Courtesy of Mark Stevens

New Fellows of the Society David Roberts (centre) and Barbara Reed (far right) are joined (from left to right) by Laureates Michael Piggott and Sue McKemmish and Fellow Bob Sharman.

Australian Capital Territory Branch. After two years in that role she became involved with the ASA at the national level in the first of her three periods on National Council. Barbara has also been a member of many subcommittees and working parties of the ASA and allied bodies, including four years on the Australian Council on Archives (ACA) Machine Readable Records Committee and is the current Chair of the ASA/ACA Joint Committee on Descriptive Standards.

Barbara contributed substantially to the development of the records continuum thinking during her tenure at Monash University. In conjunction with Frank Upward and Don Schauder she developed the Information Continuum Model which has become so important to the development of recordkeeping in Australia.

Her published output and presentations are recognised internationally. Most notable amongst these are her chapters in the two internationally successful editions of the Society's *Keeping Archives* and her recent articles on electronic recordkeeping and metadata. A mark of her stature in the field is her membership of the Editorial Board of the internationally respected journal, *Archives and Museum Informatics*.

She has had a significant and sustained impact on the education of recordkeeping professionals. Barbara has been intensely involved in our profession's education sector since her first stint as guest lecturer at the University of New South Wales in 1984. Aside from the countless conference presentations and training programs she has delivered she has lectured or been involved with program development at three Australian universities including a significant contribution to the information management programs at Monash University.

Perhaps Barbara is best known for her tireless efforts in the development of standards relating to the recordkeeping professions. Many of the committees and groups she is involved with relate to this sphere, including the Records and Archives Competency Standards Working Group and her role in bringing to fruition the Australian Standard on Records Management (AS 4390) and the subsequent development of that standard as an International Standard (ISO TC46 SC11). With Sue McKemmish she facilitated the workshop in December 1997 that led to the development and adoption by all Australian governments of the Australian Government Locator Service (AGLS) metadata standard. Since that time she has been an expert member of the AGLS Working Group and her efforts have contributed to the recognition and mandating of AGLS as a major enabler of the Commonwealth Government's Government Online Strategy.

Barbara has been, and continues to be, an expert adviser to a range of research projects including the University of Pittsburgh's Working Meeting on Electronic

Records and, more recently, the SPIRT collaborative research project on recordkeeping metadata.

In just over 20 years in the profession, Barbara Reed's passion for the advancement of recordkeeping has had a remarkable influence on the national and international archival community. She has provided theoretical expertise and, perhaps more importantly, inspirational practical leadership in the application of that theory to a vast array of colleagues, students and clients.

Colleagues, I invite you to join the Council of the Society in recognising and congratulating Barbara Reed as a Fellow of the Australian Society of Archivists.

David Roberts

The Council of the Society invites this Annual General Meeting to acclaim David Roberts as a Fellow of the Society on the following grounds.

David is recognised at Branch and Council level for his achievements as a result of his long involvement with the Society. A member since 1983, he has participated in the Society at a number of different levels, including as Convenor of the New South Wales Branch and as a member of Council. David has also been a member of a range of committees, either within the ASA or as an ASA representative on outside committees. These committee memberships have included:

- the ASA's Editorial Committee;
- the ASA Accreditation Panel for the Graduate Diploma in Archives and Records Management at Monash University;
- the Joint ASA/ACA Committee on Descriptive Standards; and
- the Standards Australia Committee IT/21, Records Management.

David has written on a wide range of topics in the professional literature, including in books, professional journals and conference proceedings. Areas he has covered in these works include the use of technologies and their impact on recordkeeping, recordkeeping and accountability, and standards for records management and recordkeeping. David has contributed to the development of tertiary level courses in records and archives at both the University of New South Wales and Edith Cowan University.

There is a large body of evidence of David's influence and impact on the records and archives field at both the national and international levels. This includes his

contribution to the development of the Australian Council of Archives' *Corporate Memory in the Electronic Age: Statement of a Common Position on Electronic Recordkeeping* (1996), and the Australian Standard AS 4390–1996 *Records Management* (which has since been used as the basis for the development of an international standard on records management). David was also solely responsible for the development of Tabularium: Series System Control for Archives software.

In 1997, David received the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA International) Britt Literary Award for an article he co-authored with David O Stephens, 'From Australia: The World's First National Standard for Records Management'. In 1998 he was awarded the Australian Society of Archivists' Mander Jones Award for the publication making the greatest contribution to archives in Australia written by a person in their own right for Tabularium: Series System Control for Archives.

This award of Fellow also recognises his significant and sustained service to archival development for the conception, articulation and application of a whole of government approach to improving government recordkeeping in New South Wales, particularly for the work he has done in advancing understanding of recordkeeping in the electronic environment, and in leading the development of the collection of rules and guidance contained in State Records NSW's *Government Recordkeeping Manual*.

David not only established the structure of this new recordkeeping regime for New South Wales government and provided it with clear direction, he also either authored or led the development of many of its components. David authored *Documenting the Future: Policy and Strategies for Electronic Recordkeeping in the New South Wales Public Sector*, published in 1995, and the *Policy on Electronic Recordkeeping*, originally issued in 1996 and issued with the *Policy on Electronic Messages as Records* under a Premiers' Memorandum in 1998. In order to support requirements articulated in the new State Records Act, David developed the *Standard on Full and Accurate Records* and oversaw the development of the *Standard on Records Management Programs*. As mentioned above, he also made a major contribution to the development of the Australian Standard AS 4390–1996, *Records Management*, which was adopted as a code of best practice for the New South Wales public sector.

Since its initial publication, the *Government Recordkeeping Manual* has received two awards:

- the bronze award in the Ethics category of the NSW Premier's Public Sector Awards (1999); and

- the Australian Society of Archivists' Mander Jones Award in the category of 'publication making the greatest contribution to archives or a related field in Australia written by or on behalf of a corporate body' (1999).

David's development of a recordkeeping regime for the New South Wales public sector constitutes a significant contribution to and model for the theory and practice of recordkeeping on a national and international scale.

His active commitment to the profession has been characterised by generosity of spirit, rigour of thought and analysis. His writing and teaching has been influential nationally and internationally and his service to archival development of enormous substance and wide reach.

Colleagues, I invite you to join the Council of the Society in recognising and congratulating David Roberts as a Fellow of the Australian Society of Archivists.