

Honorary Life Member Nomination

Citation in support of nomination

Member nominated for Life membership: Shirley Campbell

Professional career

Shirley graduated with a degree in applied science and worked as a medical microbiologist at the Royal Hobart Hospital and at the University of Western Australia Medical School. She completed a postgraduate qualification in librarianship intending to pursue a career in medical librarianship, but was sidetracked into school librarianship, working in school libraries in Perth and Canberra. Shirley was the Foundation Teacher Librarian, later Head of Library at Radford School in Canberra, from January 1984 to December 1999, then served as Foundation Archivist for Radford from October 2000 to December 2010.

Shirley has been active in the Australia Library and Information Association (ALIA) and other library forums. A few examples of her contribution are:

- Discussed online access in school libraries in an interview in *Access* magazine in November 1991
- Presented school librarians' perspectives of new technology and electronic service delivery at a seminar organised by the University, College and Research Libraries Section of ALIA ACT Branch, October 1998
- National Council of Independent Schools' representative on the Australian Schools Cataloguing Information Service (ASCIS)
- Member of the ALIA ACT Branch Council
- Attended ALIA's National Policy Congress 2001
- For *Orana*, ALIA's refereed journal of school and children's librarianship and related issues: ACT Schools representative on the editorial committee, Treasurer to the Committee of *Orana* Management, and Production Editor, until *Orana* ceased publication in June 2005.

Shirley particularly enjoyed reference work, and took the opportunity to extend her skills and learn more about indexing at a workshop run by Alan Walker in Canberra in the early 1990s. Shirley joined the newly-established ACT Region Branch of the Australian Society of Indexers (AusSI) in March 1993 and has been a member of AusSI/ ANZSI continuously since then.

Shirley has been a freelance indexer since 2000. She is a currently-practising indexer and has indexed many technical reports, annual reports and scholarly books.

Membership of AusSI and ANZSI

Member since March 1993; Registered/Accredited Indexer since 2008.

AusSI/ANSZI Society committee positions held

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| November 1995 to February 2002 February 2002 to March 2003 | Secretary, ACT Region Branch Member, ACT Region Branch Committee |
| February 2002 to October 2006 March 2003 to November 2004 | Secretary, ANZSI National Committee (as the Council was then known) Member, with Alan Walker, of the working party which developed revisions to the Constitution following the GAMES meeting in March 2003 (see below) |
| October 2006 to date | Returning Officer, Accreditation (formerly Registration) |
| 2006–08 | Member, Website Redevelopment Working Group |
| October 2007 to date: October 2009 to November 2014 2011 to 2014 December 2014 to date | Member ACT Region Branch Committee President (and ex-officio member of the Council) Shared Secretary's role Secretary |
| 2014 | Member, Working Party on the Re-structure of ANZSI |

Outline of service to AusSI/ANSZI

Shirley has made a significant and sustained contribution to AusSI/ANSZI, as indicated by her committee memberships set out above.

In her capacity as branch and national Secretary, Shirley has organised numerous topical meetings as well as formal Annual General Meetings. In addition, Shirley participated in the organisation of many seminars and conferences for AusSI/ANSZI and other professional bodies, including:

- 'Metadata Unravelling: Developments for the Information Professional', 26–27 August 1988, National Library of Australia, Canberra
- 'Indexing in the Electronic Age', a Conference for the Information Industry, 20–21 April 1996, held at Ranelagh House, Robertson, NSW
- 'Partners in Knowledge', joint editors and indexers conference, Canberra 2001 (joint ANZSI/Canberra Society of Editors conference)
- ANZSI National Committee's Outlook strategic planning meeting in March 2003
- GAMES (Guidelines, Archives, Mentoring for the Society) meeting, May 2006. ANZSI's Committee convened for a two-day working bee to examine and codify ANZSI administrative guidelines and procedures to ensure that ANZSI operations are fair, transparent and accountable. Shirley subsequently participated in the drafting of procedures and guidelines to incorporate the decisions and sentiments of the GAMES participants
- Several Annual Report Indexing workshops presented by the ACT Region Branch
- Joint ACT Region and NSW Branch seminars at Bowral, NSW
- Write | Edit | Index Conference, the recent very successful joint conference of ANZSI and the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd), Canberra, May 2015 (the biennial conference of each organisation).

Shirley has been a regular participant in Branch workshops and seminars, and she regularly attends ANZSI conferences. Shirley has also chaired or spoken at branch meetings on topics as diverse as how a school library could use the Internet as a curriculum resource, the British indexing training course, post-conference summaries, 'What's in a name?' sessions on indexing, the cumulative index to the Lu Rees Archive, and discussions of 'essential ingredients' for indexing. Newsletter items contributed by Shirley include reports or comments on a workshop on multiple-index publications, indexing software (Cindex), the GAMES meeting 2006, Constitutional amendments, Registration/renewal of Registration, annual report indexes, and 'Show and tell' indexing sessions.

In April 1998 the then Branch President, Geraldine Triffitt, wrote

... where would we be without the executive skill of Shirley Campbell? Actually we found out when she was away and we went into a somewhat dormant period.

(AusSI Newsletter, April 27(3) 1998, p 27)

Lynne Farkas, President 2002–06 wrote in her final annual report that:

... our Secretary Shirley Campbell has been instrumental in maintaining strong liaison links between the Committee and the Branches and in promoting the Society through responding promptly and fully to all enquiries about indexing. Shirley has worked tirelessly at the often thankless task of ensuring that agendas and minutes are prepared and circulated, and that administrative details are followed up and acted upon. In addition, she has been a willing volunteer for the two major projects outlined above [administrative policies and procedure, and website redevelopment], spending many hours rewriting guidelines and assisting with visits to our web developers. Shirley has been the foundation upon which this Committee has built for the past five years, and without her input we would not have accomplished many of the tasks we undertook. I believe all the Committee members will agree with me in giving her special acknowledgement and heartfelt thanks for the contribution she has made to the Society.

(ANZSI Newsletter 2(10), Nov-Dec 2006, p 5)

Contribution to indexing

Shirley has been (and still is) an advocate for professional indexing through her networking with other groups such as the Canberra Society of Editors and the Australian Library and Information Association.

In her capacity as an office-bearer of the Society she has regularly answered questions from authors, publishers, and government employees about the value and processes of indexing, and how to locate and select an indexer.

Shirley's expertise and knowledge of indexing theory and practice have made her a very effective mentor for members of the branch/Society. She is enthusiastic about indexing, and has been generous with her time and common-sense advice in an informal mentoring capacity to both new and more-established indexers.

Conclusion

Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to members in recognition of outstanding service to the Society and significant contributions to indexing.

Shirley Campbell satisfies both criteria with distinction. Shirley is a long-time member of the Society who has served on branch and national committees over almost the entire period of her membership. During this time she has also been a very effective advocate for indexers and indexing, and a helpful mentor.

The ACT Region Branch nominates Shirley Campbell for Life Membership of ANZSI for outstanding service to the Society and for services to indexing.

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