

Many of you were concerned about international relations in the library and information services field, especially in our Asia/Pacific Region. The Association is currently developing a stronger program in this area, and with the Federal Government's focus on an internationally competitive economy and the export of education services, there should be much to write about in coming issues of *inCite*.

This brief coverage of your comments has only been able to mention the key issues. Likewise my 'Cook's tour' of how your Association and the National Office are responding is also necessarily brief. But if you would like more information on any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Peter Judge or Jennefer Nicholson. We would welcome your letter or call—and your suggestions on how you can contribute. ■

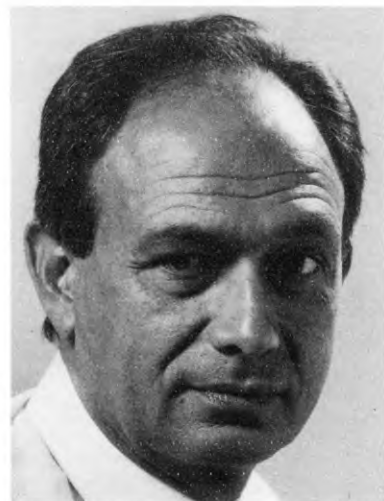
## Fellowship Citation

### George Earle Gow BA FALIA

**E**ARLE GOW has given over 30 years distinguished service to Australian libraries and the profession, since he entered it in 1961 at the University of Western Australia Library. He moved to the then Canberra College of Advanced Education Library in 1969, was appointed Deputy Librarian at the University of Queensland in 1982, and has been Chief Librarian at La Trobe University since 1986.

His impressive achievements at La Trobe University have included gaining enhanced funding for the purchase of library materials, the amalgamation of library services of La Trobe University and the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences in 1987-88, and major improvements in the library's computer facilities.

Both ALIA and the profession benefit from senior practitioners who exercise wider leadership in their employing communities. Earle has done this strongly throughout his career. He is a member of the Academic Board, the Finance committee, the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee, and the Budget Review Committee of La Trobe University, and recently has been a member of the University's Strategic Planning Committee.



Earle Gow

Earle has been an active member of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) since 1986, and was its Deputy Chairman from 1987-89. He has also been a Director of CAVAL Ltd., the Victorian Cooperative of Academic Libraries, for the last six years.

Earle has held many offices in ALIA, AACOBS and subsequently of the Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS), of which he was elected the first President in October 1988.

A Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association may be conferred by the General Council on a professional member who 'has made a distinguished and sustained contribution to the theory and/or practice of librarianship'. The General Council believes that Earle Gow well meets these requirements. ■

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