

## **SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE**

*In November each year, at the General Meeting and Christmas breakup, the QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History is presented to 10 deserving members. These members are nominated by their fellow members and usually there are just two Awards per year. Approval of nominations is by an ad hoc committee of members on the Management Committee who have themselves received the Award. Recipients are given a commemorative plaque on a rosewood stand and their names are inscribed on one of our Honour Boards displayed in the QFHS Library. In 1999, there was just one person who qualified for this Award:*

### **SHAUNA HICKS, MEMBER NO. 7**

Marie McCulloch nominated Shauna for this Award and presented it to her when she returned to Brisbane for the Christmas break last year. At the November meeting, Marie told us:

Shauna has given continuous dedicated service not only to the Society, but also to family history in general, ever since becoming a founding member in 1979. Shauna was also a founding committee member.

Shauna was the original cemetery co-ordinator and besides doing the extractions at the cemetery she started indexing these records, which became the foundation of the very extensive holdings we have today. Shauna worked so hard and so diligently that she had the Secretary of the day continuously scouring secondhand shops looking for boxes to hold the massive number of cards.

Whenever Shauna went for a drive or an extended trip she could be found at a cemetery somewhere recording the tombstones. She managed to find the lone graves 'just off the road,' which she also recorded.

Shauna also set up the exchange with GSQ Inc. for recording cemeteries without duplication taking place.

The Education Workshops were conducted by Shauna at Griffith University and she continued with them until pressure of work and study had her hand them over to Ann Swain.

Amongst other things Shauna has done has been cataloguing when the Library was at the Griffith University. She was always at the monthly meetings of the Society to help with research questions and became an accomplished speaker. Her latest efforts have been to find speakers for our meeting every month for the benefit of our members.

Her work at the Queensland State Library and the Queensland State Archives has really benefited all family historians as she recognised the value of records that others would not even know were there let alone their significance to a researcher. Shauna set up many of the guides to be found at the Archives, which lead us through the maze of records. She has made the Archives very user friendly.

All this time she was also studying for her degree and then her Masters.

As most of you will know Shauna has moved to Canberra to work at the Australian Archives and although she is a long way away she is still helping. If I have a problem it only takes a simple e-mail to get the answer. Our loss though is a gain to others as she has already joined the Canberra Society and I am sure her work at the Australian Archives will end up being of great benefit to all family historians.

Shauna we salute you!

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## **LOST, STOLEN, OR STRAYED?**

In March this year, one of our interstate members was visiting our Library and left behind a magnifying lens. This was to be left in the members' mail basket for her but at the beginning of April when she came to collect it, it was nowhere to be found. This is a photographic magnifier lens and is a keepsake. If you picked it up inadvertently, please contact Mrs Renee MacFadyen (member #3160) on 0412 745 127, or Dawn Montgomery on 3822 6569, to arrange return to its owner. Thank you.