

## **Citation for Dr Michael Shepherd on election as Honorary Life Member of the New Zealand Geographical Society**

On behalf of the NZGS it is my pleasure to bestow Honorary Life Membership on Dr Michael Shepherd. This award recognises sustained and outstanding contributions and service in activities and roles directly or indirectly under the auspices of the New Zealand Geographical Society by a member of the Society.

Dr Shepherd has served both the Manawatu Branch and the Society as a whole in an exemplary fashion since his appointment to the then Department of Geography at Massey University in 1973. He held the position of Branch Treasurer from 1974 to 2006 and is applauded for his astute management of Branch finances over this substantial period. Between 1976 and 1980 he edited 'Perspective' the branch publication which was produced annually as a teacher resource. Other editorships for the Society include The 'Stewart Lecture Series' and Proceedings of the 14th and 20<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Geographical Society Conferences. He has played a valuable official role in the organisation for three of the Society's conferences, including the successful International Geographic Union Regional Conference in 1974.

Dr Shepherd's organisational activities have been complemented by an enthusiastic contribution to the running of fieldtrips for the Society, University and schools. He has enhanced the practice of the discipline by his willingness to share his understanding of the landscape as a physical geographer and expert coastal geomorphologist.

Dr Shepherd has demonstrably made a long-sustained and outstanding contribution to the Society in many capacities. In recognition, The Society hereby elects Dr Michael Shepherd as an Honorary Life Member of the New Zealand Geographical Society.

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