

Shirley Nalder

-a quiet achiever

LOCAL COUNCIL

- member for thirty years.
- secretary for more than five years.
- member of the publications sub-committee for several years.
- currently convenor of the publications sub-committee (more than 5 years) which includes the preparation of newsletters and monographs. This work involves writing many articles, editorial work, computer formatting, proof reading, liaison with printer and distribution. Our newsletter, *Reading Today for Tomorrow*, contains professional development articles and ideas for teachers, reviews of children's and teachers' books, professional comment, and life member profiles. There are accompanying photographs and illustration.
- publication of the Young Authors' Conference magazine.
- presentations at local council seminars over many years.
- member of organising committee for local council seminars, workshops and Young Author's Conference.

NZRA

- writer of articles for NZRA *Reading Forum NZ*.
- leader of subcommittee that prepared the *Reading Forum NZ* issue in term 3 1999.
- member of the NZ local arrangements committee for 2000 World Congress responsible for the proof reading and organizing for the printing of the programme.
- national conference presentations concerned with children's reading strategies sometimes including her own research (eg Hamilton, Wellington).
- Presentations at international conferences eg Brisbane (ALEA), South Pacific Conference on Reading (Rotorua).

NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Reading Adviser for 12 years.
- involved in the development of the Early Reading Inservice Course (ERIC) in the 1970s and the 1986 update of some units.
- involved in very early Reading Recovery research.
- involved in the development of the Resource Teacher of Reading Service (RTR) (both as an adviser and as an RTR).
- RTR at North Shore Reading Centre for 12 years.
- National RTR Association (a professional organisation of RTRs) involvement: founding member, inaugural president, inaugural chairperson of the professional developments subcommittee.
- author of *Teaching Children Who Make Slow Progress in Learning to Read*, Dept of Education 1976; revised, Kohia Teachers Centre, 1986.
- author of *Reducing Literacy Difficulties: The New Zealand Way. A practical guide for classroom teachers, teacher-aides, senior teachers and principals*, 1999.
- presentations at national inservice courses eg Lopdell house courses, holiday courses for teachers, Reading Advisers' conferences.
- wrote 1981 AST paper on teaching children with reading difficulties.

In her absence, the Auckland Reading Association executive has voted unanimously to nominate Shirley Nalder for an NZRA Citation of Merit.

Shirley has given exemplary service. She is a quiet achiever who does not seek personal glory, but collaboratively promotes successful completion of tasks. Her knowledge of reading matters ranks among the best in New Zealand.

Shirley has a long and productive involvement with the Auckland Reading Association and her participation in matters relating to the wider issues of reading development has a high correlation with the purposes of NZRA. Her activities with children, teachers, colleagues, inservice training, development of guidelines and materials and the promotion of the Resource Teachers of Reading Association as a voluntary professional organisation far exceed the tasks for which she received a salary. Her influence with experienced and inexperienced teachers has encouraged reflection, enhanced skill and instilled confidence.

Attached is a brief summary of Shirley's contributions.