

## GEM OF TIME RECIPIENT – Graham Bown 2013

We are delighted to announce that Graham Bown is our Gem of Time for 2013.

Graham Bown as a member of Friends of Battye Library joined our Committee contributing with his wide knowledge and even filled in as Minute Secretary on many occasions. He has also contributed to our General Meetings, greeting members and visitors alike. He became President of the Western Australian Genealogical Society even while being on our Committee and at present is Past President of that Society.

Graham joined the Western Australian Genealogical Society (Inc.) more than 30 years ago and has contributed to many publications which are held in the Battye Library.

Some include the AGCI (Australian Genealogical Computer Index) with his contribution of the WA information held on this CD.

The WA Cemeteries Index on microfiche for which he was responsible for much of the original transcriptions of gravestones in cemeteries and burial registers held by local authorities around Western Australia.

Not least of which the Friends of Battye Library (Inc.) publication of the Colonial Secretary's Office, Western Australia *CSO 1829-1830* for which he painstakingly transcribed the microfilm held in the State Records Office of Western Australia.

Graham retired as Principal of Lakeland High School and has continued to voluntarily support many Western Australian organisations. He has also contributed to other Western Australian societies by his voluntary work at the Perth Zoo and Swan River Pioneers Group.

Through the Gem of Time award, the Friends of Battye Library (Inc.) acknowledges the contribution of outstanding men and women to the recording, collection and preservation of Western Australia's history.

Graham's honour would have been conferred on him earlier, but he was busy globe-trotting so the publication of his award was delayed until he could attend the AGM in September.