

## National President Honoured

The National President of the Society, Patrick W Medway JP, was honoured in the 2003 Australia Day Honours. He has been made a **Member** in the General Division of the **Order of Australia (AM)** for his service to Australian wildlife conservation and the environment through environmental education and a range of organisations and committees concerned with the preservation of Australian wildlife and nature particularly for his outstanding leadership work for the Wildlife Society Preservation Society of Australia.

Patrick has been a tireless worker for conservation and the environment all his life. He was an active member of the Gould League at primary and secondary school taking out the birdcall championships in 1954. He was particularly active in promotions, community relations and environmental education as a senior education officer with the NSW Department of Education as well as a number of special conservation committees and organisations.

Patrick was a former Director of the Currumbin Bird Sanctuary on the Gold Coast in Queensland where he re-organized the wildlife sanctuary for the National Trust of Queensland in 1986.

Patrick has been actively involved with the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia for many years and was made a Life Member in 1985. He worked closely with Dr Vincent Serventy AM as Executive Director of the Society for over fifteen years before being elected National President of the Society in 2002.

Patrick has been closely involved with the National Parks and Wildlife Service staff on a number of conservation matters including conservation work on the Towra Point Nature Reserve in Botany Bay, Sydney. He is Chairman of the inter agency Steering Committee planning rehabilitation work for Towra Point and is President of the Friends of Towra Point Nature Reserve and has assisted in raising funds for this conservation work. He has been a member of the NSW Pest Animal Control Council since 1998. He is a member of a number of professional conservation, educational, zoological and botanical associations and societies at both state and national levels.

Patrick was educated at Bega High School; studied criminology at University of Sydney Law School; gained a Bachelor of Arts in Communications at the University of Technology, Sydney in 1974 and holds a Master of Educational Administration degree from the University of New South Wales as well as number of diplomas.

Patrick was made a Fellow of the Public Relations Institute of Australia (FPRIA) in 1985 and is a Member of the Australian College of Education (MACE). He is an Honorary Life Member of the Australian National Section of the International Police Association from his earlier career in the NSW Police Service and the United Nations Forces in Cyprus.



*Patrick W Medway AM*



*Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, Governor of New South Wales presented Patrick with this medal*