

More than that he developed the role of the research library—and, naturally, added to the burdens and difficulties of the Chief Librarian in the process—in what, for want of a better phrase, I can only call a triangular direction. The first plane of that triangle has been to reinforce the links between scholarship and the research library, by bringing the library's and its endowment's support to scholarship. As editor, patron, host of seminars, conferences, and distinguished visitors, Jim and the Turnbull have in the last seventeen years promoted a wealth of scholarly activity and enrichment in this country. Secondly, Jim has been eager to bring scholars into the Turnbull from here and overseas. Thirdly, he has been conscious of the need to keep the activities of a scholarly culture in contact and dialogue with the values of what is still in many respects an egalitarian and anti-hierarchical bicultural society. The response here, under Jim's leadership, has I believe been imaginative and successful.

The Turnbull does, to a degree hard to parallel elsewhere, combine still the functions of a resource and support for scholars with that of a national treasure, a peoples' library. There are strains and tensions, inevitably so, and they are undoubtedly exacerbated by resource and staffing constraints. But, through all the difficulties, the vision has been sustained and developed. It is there, intact and challenging, to be taken up for another generation. For that we must be exceedingly grateful to Jim, and to Julia who has supported him through the years of stress, hard work and achievement at the Turnbull.

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