

Preface

On December 11, 1992 colleagues and friends of Geoffrey Charles Fletcher gathered at Monash University to honour him on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The photograph on the next page of those able to attend was taken during a pause for lunch during a busy day of formal presentations and fruitful discussion. The Festschrift Symposium ended with an evening dinner at which Professor Geoff Wilson presented his personal reflections on the beginnings of condensed matter physics at Monash University, and on Geoff Fletcher's emergence as an electron band theorist.

This special Festschrift issue on Electrons in Solids reflects the content of that symposium. It is an honor and a pleasure to acknowledge Geoff's distinguished contribution to Australian physics in this Festschrift. On behalf of the contributors to the present Festschrift and of the participants at last year's symposium, we would like to express our appreciation to a highly respected colleague and to an individual of great humanity. We offer Geoff our fondest wishes for the future, in the knowledge that his enthusiasm, good natured humour and expertise will continue to be a source of inspiration to colleagues and students.

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Participants at the Festschrift Symposium entitled 'Electrons in Solids—The 1990s and Beyond', held at the Department of Physics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, on Friday, 11 December 1992.

Standing (1 to r): Drs Victor Maslen, Peter Norman, Peter Robertson, David Mills, A/Prof. Stewart Campbell, Prof. Jaan Oitmaa, Dr John Riley, Ms Teresa Lennie, Barbara McKinnon, Drs Robert Fleming, Madan Kaila, Charles Osborne, Prof. Robert Leckey, Drs Trevor Hicks, Tuck Choy, Mr Frank Mattea, Dr Gordon Troup, A/Prof. Don Chaplin.

Seated, centre (1 to r): Profs John Pilbrow, Fred Smith, Geoff Wilson, Bert Bolton, Dr Geoff Fletcher, Prof. Geoff Opat, Drs Guy White, Alex McLaren, Michael Morgan.

Seated, front (1 to r): Messrs Peter Derlet, Torgny Josefsson, Don Lowe, Dr Mao Liu, A/Prof. Trevor Finlayson.