

Speakers at LAA 22

FIFTEEN YEARS IN Papua New Guinea well qualify Sir John Yocklunn to speak on Library Service in Papua New Guinea, his topic at LAA22.

After three years at the National Library of Australia, including a period as Secretary to AACOBS, Sir John was appointed Librarian-in-Charge of the Administrative College in Port Moresby in 1967. There he was concerned not only with establishing a collection of library materials relating to administration, politics and government unequalled in the Pacific, but also with the establishment of formal courses in subprofessional librarianship.

In 1972 Sir John was awarded the James Cook Scholarship and studied at the University of Sheffield for his master's degree. After this, he returned to Papua New Guinea, where he was appointed acting National Librarian, with the task of establishing a National Library. Much of the credit for the choice of a national library building as Australia's gift to Papua New Guinea on independence, is his.

Since his confirmation in the position of National Librarian, he has played an important role in establishing the National Library as the central co-ordinating body for public and school library services and for national library policies.

As well as his work in librarianship, Sir John Yocklunn has played an important role in politics and government in Papua New Guinea, having served as Executive Officer of the PNG Public Service Board and as Principal Private Secretary to Michael Somare when he was Chief Minister.



Sir John Yocklunn

Another speaker with links with Papua New Guinea is Leigh Baker who will take part in a session in Information Services Networks at LAA22. He has published widely on this topic, with particular emphasis on library and information networks in the Pacific.

Leigh Baker was Deputy Librarian of the Papua New Guinea University of Technology from 1974-79 and was closely involved with network activities in the Pacific region, including the PEACESAT project.

After completing his second master's degree at the University of Aston in 1980, Leigh Baker returned to Australia and took the position of Manager of ACI's ORBIT service.

Perhaps this may be regarded by some people as a departure from the profession of librarianship, but Leigh Baker is keenly aware of the need to accept and use the new information technologies at both the national and international level. Find out more about his ideas at LAA22!

LAA Education Policies

OVER THE YEARS the Association has published policy statements on various aspects of education for librarianship. These are revised from time to time to ensure that they embody current views and take into account current practices and developments.

In 1979 the Board of Education began a review of all Association policies relating to education. During 1980 and 1981 the Board circulated draft statements to divisions of the Association, to schools of librarianship, to other professional bodies, and to the profession generally. Comments received were considered in the preparation of a series of draft statements which were adopted by General Council in November 1981 as draft statements of Association policy.

These statements have been published in the 1982 *Handbook* so that members and other interested parties may have an opportunity to consider them before they are ratified as Association policy. The statements will be given final consideration by the Board of Education at its meeting on 21 October, and the Board will then make recommendations to Council on their adoption as policies of the LAA.

Members who would like to make comments on the drafts are asked to do so by 31 August 1982. Additional copies of the statements are available from the LAA office. The Board would emphasise that as there has been considerable opportunity for input at various stages of this review process, it would not expect to make major changes to the drafts before their final consideration by Council.

Sue Phillips
Assistant Executive Director

Clearing house for library research reports

THE AACOBS WORKING Party on Research and Development has examined several proposals aimed at furthering interest in, and providing information on, library research.

Among these was a proposal to establish a clearing house of unpublished library research reports. Following discussions with the National Library of Australia in November last year agreement was reached that the National Library will take on the function of a clearing house of unpublished Australian library research reports.

Material in the clearing house will consist of reports that the authors have agreed can be copied and made available on demand. The National Library is prepared to provide this service on a cost recovery basis.

Where access to a research report is restricted it will not be included in the clearing house, though the National Library will endeavour to list those research reports in Australian Library and Information Research from time to time. Readers will be advised that the availability of these reports will be through direct negotiations with the authors.

Should you seek further details, or wish to deposit your research reports in the clearing house, please contact Mr. Gints Stipnieks, Chief Librarian, Research Registration, National Library of Australia, Parkes ACT 2600.

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LAA Handbook for 1982

The Association's official handbook contains the constitution, policy statements, lists of executive officers and information on courses in librarianship as well as a membership directory.

Available from Library Association of Australia, PO Box M371, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012.

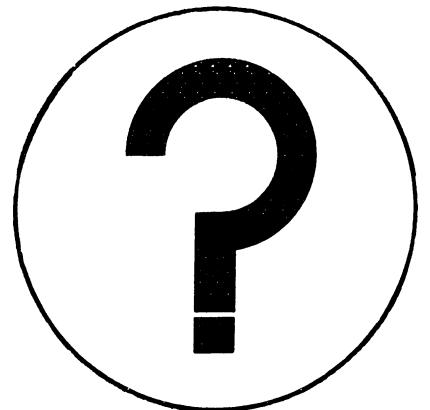
Cost: \$15 non-members
\$10 members

Button up!

JUNE 30 IS the closing date for the LAA22 Button Slogan competition. Post remaining entries NOW!

Slogans received so far vary from snappy and serious to flippant and fun – and the frankly ribald! The Publicity Committee is grateful for them all – and for the moments of hilarity interspersed with 'that's good' and 'that's very good' that have enlivened its meetings.

Sheena Grant



ENTER the
BUTTON SLOGAN COMPETITION
NOW!!

Replace the questionmark with a meaningful slogan which identifies with the aims of the
22nd L.A.A. Conference
to be held in Adelaide, South Australia,
August 22-26, 1982.

The four Conference themes are:

Libraries in a time of economic crisis – Networking; who benefits? – Libraries and the Community – The social impact of the new technologies.

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Closing Date: June 30, 1982.