

The horrors of transportation



The Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Mr Harrison Bryan, is shown studying a letter from Charles Dickens recently acquired by the Library.

In the letter, written in 1840, Dickens outlined a possible deterrent for criminals, suggesting that a 'strong and vivid description of the terrors of Norfolk Island' should be produced in a 'cheap and easy form' and distributed to prisoners. He felt that it should also reach untried prisoners and those held in 'houses of correction' and that it would produce a 'tremendous fear of the higher penalties of the law'.

The letter will soon be available to researchers and others in the Library's manuscripts reading room.

LAA publications

A NUMBER of publications are in various stages of production at present.

Almost completed is the third title in the series *Readings in Australian Librarianship*. This one is *School Librarianship*, and has been compiled by John Cook. His selections from writings published by the LAA provide a fascinating overview of the development of school librarianship in Australia.

Also nearing completion is *LAA22 Conference Proceedings*. This is not a head office production, but has been in the hands of the LAA22 Conference Committee who have experienced some problems, but copies should be coming off the press by the time this copy of *InCite* reaches you.

Vol II of the *Australian Librarian's Manual* (this one is on Legislation) is at the stage of quotes for typesetting and the preparation of a typesetting sample, following considerable work by a designer and copy editor. Many long hours of scrupulous checking lie ahead before the scheduled publication date of mid December 1983.

On a much smaller scale, but certain to be of great value to an important section of the community, is the *Directory for the Disabled: Tertiary Library Services in NSW*. The very considerable amount of work involved in compiling this guide was undertaken by members of the Project Mind committee, resulting from an undertaking made during IYDP. This was going to press as this issue of *InCite* was in preparation and *InCite 11* should carry details of availability.

A publication of special interest is the *Report of the Children's Literature Research Collection of NSW Establishment Committee*. *InCite* readers will recall earlier reports of the work being undertaken on this important issue. This report, outlining progress to date, will be available very shortly. Watch the next *InCite* for further details.

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Catalogue of commonwealth electoral maps

Map Catalogue

Over the last couple of years, the Australian Electoral Office has prepared a catalogue of Commonwealth electoral maps since federation, which gives information on redistributions, Divisional names, maps produced and how to identify them, and the holdings of major Australian libraries and similar institutions.

It is intended to publish the Catalogue in loose leaf form so that it can be updated after each redistribution. It should be available about the middle of the year.

Microfiche Project

While researching the Catalogue of Commonwealth Electoral Maps, it was discovered that no single institution or library has a complete set of these maps and that some are in a poor state of preservation. The Office therefore has undertaken a project to produce a set of microfiche of all proclaimed Commonwealth electoral maps since Federation.

The project is nearly complete and sets should be available for purchase soon. Each set includes approximately 1100 microfiche with one map per fiche. It is organised chronologically by State and will be supplied packaged and with an index. It is intended that following redistributions in future, microfiche of new maps will be available.

Latrobe Colourlab of Melbourne which has done the filming advises that the fiche is best viewed on a fiche reader with a low magnification lens such as 14.8 or on an overhead projector.

Each complete set of fiche will cost about \$400, and the Australian Electoral Office is now seeking expressions of interest in buying sets of the microfiche or in obtaining copies of the Catalogue.

If you are interested in doing so, or if you would like further details, please contact Ms Susan Cabbage, Australian Electoral Office, PO Box 291, Civic Square ACT 2608, Ph: (062) 435416

Keeping the WIP

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY has decided to establish the Works-in-Process (WIP) as a fully operational system. This follows a pilot trial conducted during 1982 with eight organisations producing library materials for the handicapped.

The primary function of WIP will be to provide up-to-date information about special format library materials in production in Australia. The system will cover the 'intent to produce' and the 'in progress' stages of production. When production in a special format is complete the work will be listed in the National Union Catalogue of Library Materials for the Handicapped. By checking the information in WIP and the union catalogue, organisations will be able to reduce unnecessary duplication in the production of braille and audio works and thereby increase the range of titles available to readers of these formats.

All organisations producing special format library materials for the handicapped will be invited to report titles to WIP. A report of the pilot trial will be sent to participants in the trial. Copies of the report will also be made available to others with a special interest in library services to the handicapped upon request.

For further information contact Cliff Law, Chief Librarian, Library Services for the Handicapped, National Library of Australia.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VICTORIAN BRANCH SECRETARY

The Association's *Guide to Office Bearers and Staff 1983* incorrectly lists the secretary of the Victorian Branch.

The secretary is:
Ms Janet Lindner,
c/- Book House,
199 Cardigan Street,
Carlton, Vic. 3053.
Phone: (03) 819 8407

Please note that this is the mailing address for the Victorian Branch *only*. Orders for LAA publications and interlibrary loan vouchers are to be sent to the Association's office, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007.

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