



## IN THE NEWS

### Amalgamation moves

Three of the large colleges created by the amalgamations initiated by the Commonwealth Government in 1981 have recently appointed their Chief Librarians.

The Western Australian College of Advanced Education (WACAE) has appointed Dr Chris Mulder as its Principal Librarian. Chris was formerly Principal Librarian of the Churchlands College of Advanced Education. WACAE is an amalgamation of the Claremont, Churchlands, Nedlands and Mt Lawley Colleges of Advanced Education.

The South Australian College of Advanced Education (SACAE) has appointed Dr Alan Bundy as its College Librarian. Alan is currently Chief Librarian of the Footscray Institute of Technology, and will take up duties at SACAE in November. With over 600,000 volumes, SACAE is the largest college library in Australia and is an amalgamation of the Adelaide College of the Arts & Education, and Sturt, Salisbury and Bartley Colleges of Advanced Education.

The Brisbane College of Advanced Education (BCAE) has appointed Dr Brian Cook as its Head of Learning Resources. Brian is currently Director of the Information Resources Centre at the Riverina CAE, and will take up duties at BCAE in August. BCAE is an amalgamation of the North Brisbane, Kelvin Grove, and Mt Gravatt colleges of Advanced Education.

### Caulfield No. 11

The City of Caulfield is the eleventh library in Australia to appoint Libramatic Systems to install the LIBS 100.

Others are Peninsula Regional Library Service, Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library, Eastern Regional Library, North Central Goldfields Regional Library Service in Bendigo, Sunshine-Melton Libraries, Wollongong City Library, RMIT Central Library, Moonee Valley Regional Library, Caulfield Library University of Melbourne and the Melbourne CAE.

Four of these have selected the 'Touch' Screen Public Access Catalogue (PAC) feature which enables the borrower to search the on-line catalogue of library materials on a touch sensitive terminal screen, without using a keyboard.

PAC will also enable Caulfield, which has 10,000 members, to provide the public with access to the real time computer catalogue. This not only indicates the titles held by a library but whether they are on the shelf, on loan or on order.

Caulfield has selected the entry level System 23 enabling considerable growth in system capabilities as the need arises. Caulfield and its three branch libraries that have selected PAC will access the central LIBS 100 Database to enable loan and return functions using machine readable bar coded labels in books and on borrower cards.

### Dr Livingstone's map, I presume?

The State Library of SA may have a new record for the longest time that an item from the Lending Services went missing before it was returned.

Two rare volumes in the State Library Reference Collection are *The Last Journals of David Livingstone in Central Africa* (Published in London in 1874). In 1884 one of the maps showing Dr Livingstone's explorations in Central Africa from 1866 to 1873 became separated from the original book. This meant that the journals were incomplete for almost 100 years as the original journals were transferred to the newly formed Public Library of South Australia. The map must have remained in the Adelaide Circulating Library.

In May, a member of the public came to the Library with the original map. Her mother had purchased it from a library sale many years ago. Research easily showed that it was indeed the original Livingstone map and it has now been restored to its correct volume.

After nearly 100 years the missing map is now back where it belongs. It sets a record for the State Library, but unfortunately it is not a world record. The University of Cincinnati Medical Library had a copy of Dr J. Currie's *Febrile Diseases* borrowed in 1823 by Mr M. Dodd. It was returned to the library on 7 December 1968 by his great-grandson. It had accrued fines estimated at \$2,646, though it is understood that the grandson was not required to pay them!

### Adult Literacy

The seventh National Conference of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy will be held in Canberra from 7-11 October 1983.

A full and interesting programme has been organised with Pablo Foster of the Scottish Adult Basic Education Unit as the Keynote Speaker. He has had broad experience in many aspects of adult literacy, including working in radio and television programmes and being involved in literacy programmes in India and Africa.

Enquiries should be directed to the Conference Convenor, Margaret Craig, 10 Ijong Street, Braddon ACT 2601 (062) 47 9003.

### SA databases

A comprehensive list of online databases available for access by the public in South Australia has been compiled by the South Australian Library Advisory Committee. It is expected that revised editions of the list will be issued from time to time.

Enquiries should be directed to R.K. Olding, Chairman, Library Advisory Committee, Department of Local Government, 44 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

### Co-operative library microfilming project

Four North Shore public libraries have been involved in a co-operative venture to microfilm the *North Shore Times*.

The libraries are Lane Cove, Stanton, Willoughby and Kuring-gai and money for the project was provided by a special grant from the Library Council of New South Wales. Issues from 1960 to 1981 have been microfilmed.

The State Library of New South Wales will house the master negative and each of the four public libraries will retain their own copy. The project will be extended to microfilm issues for 1982 and it is hoped that the libraries will continue to participate in the future.

The microfilming project will ensure that a valuable local history research source is more widely available in municipalities of the North Shore region and is preserved for future use.

Chris Henderson  
Chief Librarian

### Oz writes Pom history

Gay Sussex, an Australian librarian, ex-Sunshine Library, ex-RMIT, ex-WAIT, and presently working at Longsight Library in Manchester, England, has just written a history of Longsight, a hitherto obscure Victorian suburb. The locals seem to have forgiven an outsider for writing the first history of their neighbourhood and are buying it enthusiastically.

Homesick Poms should rush their orders to Gay at Longsight Library, Stockport Rd, Longsight, Manchester, M12 4NE. The cost of the booklet is £1.20, with an extra 80p for surface rate postage.

### Tips from "

Your local bookie"

**The Disabled Child in the Library: Moving into the Mainstream**, by L. Lucas and M. Karrenbrock. Libraries Unlimited, US, 1983. 288p. ISBN 0 87287 355 2. **\$US22.50 approx.**

Designed to assist librarians in successfully implementing services for the disabled child. Part 1 explores attitudes toward disabled children and the disabilities themselves, including mobility, dexterity and chronic health problems; hearing, vision and speech impairments; and "mental" disabilities. Part 2 offers practical approaches such as needs assessment; materials and equipment; environmental design; and planning.

**The Era of Online Public Access Catalogs**, by E. Fayen. Knowledge Industry Publications, US, 1983. 150p. ISBN 0 86729 054 4 (c) **\$US34.00 approx.**; ISBN 0 86729 053 6 (p) **\$US27.50 approx.**

Start-up and maintenance costs, staffing needs and training for both staff and patron users are all considered in this report. Case studies of academic, public, corporate and special libraries are included together with several approaches to the creation of an online catalogue data base and integration of subsystems.

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