



IN THE NEWS

Ask a librarian

Librarian Ian Tweedie of Murdoch University won more than \$233,000 in the TV quiz show 'Sale of the Century', late last year.

Champion for more than eight shows, his prizes included two BMW cars, a stereo system, a solar water heater, two TVs, a dishwasher and a holiday in Fiji as well as substantial cash prizes.

Two years ago Ian was a competitor in Mastermind, reaching the semi-final before being knocked out.

Business survival

February will see preview screenings in Sydney and Melbourne of four financial management films. They have been produced by Millband Films (London), with the co-operation of Lloyds Bank and are designed to provide a basic understanding of business finance to all levels of management.

Entitled *Managing to Survive*, *Planning for Profit*, *Micawber Equation* and *The 5Ms*, the films are of relevance to all levels of business as they face the challenge of survival in the eighties.

See Happenings for further information.

Guess who's coming to dinner!

Great news from IBBY! Famous British children's writer, Alan Garner will be the guest of honour at the Hans Christian Andersen dinner on Tuesday, March 29

Usually the dinner is held on April 2, which is International Children's Book Day and Hans Andersen's birthday, but this year it falls on Easter Saturday, so the dinner was moved to March 29.

Further enquiries to 32 5075, 36 7818 or 36 4307.

Second DIALOG Trainer



Jane Bollands, training specialist joins DIALOG

A new full-time DIALOG training specialist, Jane Bollands, has recently joined Insearch Ltd., the Sydney-based Australian and New Zealand agent for the DIALOG Information Retrieval Service. Jane has a BSc Honours degree in Chemistry from the University of London and has worked as an information scientist for eight years. Her experience has

included setting up, inputting to and maintaining data bases and she has used the DIALOG system since 1977.

Jane will be conducting DIALOG Seminars throughout Australia and New Zealand and will assist with customer support. For DIALOG queries the mailing address is: Insearch Ltd./DIALOG, PO Box K16, Haymarket, NSW, 2000 and the telephone numbers are (02) 264 6344 and (02) 218 9790.

An illustrious name

Name the location of the following libraries: the Mitchell library, the Fisher library, the Bodleian library, the Whitlam library, the Denis Wolanski library, the Menzies library, Christ's College library.

Some readers may have all the answers, but it's likely that a few are still puzzling over the Whitlam library.

Which is not really surprising as it has been the official name of the former Fairfield City Library only since last November. It is an excellent choice, as the library owes much to the Whitlam years and is now one of the state's finest, located in an attractive, functional building designed by no less than Harry Seidler.

The library was officially named the Whitlam library in a ceremony at which Mr Gough Whitlam also launched their splendidly produced local history, *Fairfield - a history of the district* written by local archivist Vance George. Beautifully bound and full of fascinating photographs, it costs only \$15 and is available from the Whitlam library (02) 609 0358.

Nothing CLANN destine about this!

The *CLANN Reciprocal Borrowing Scheme for Libraries in NSW* was launched in March 1982. By Christmas almost all CLANN members had signed up. Most participating institutions are colleges, but two government departments and one public library give the scheme a heterogeneous character.

Nominations for membership of non-CLANN members will be considered.

The designers of the CLANN scheme are indebted to its precursors in Victoria and Queensland. The CLANN version involves libraries in a minimum of extra record-keeping. All a borrower generally needs in order to register with a participating institution is a current ID card from his or her home institution. (Members may insist on further documentation if they wish, but few have exercised this option).

Borrowers must live by the rules of host institutions, which are free to impose special terms of use on outside borrowers. To date the scheme has encountered only very minor problems, and aroused a surprisingly high level of interest. One large library signed up over 150 reciprocal borrowers in the first 5 months.

A directory of participating institutions is now available. Some members plan to distribute copies to all registered borrowers, and this should encourage even wider use of the scheme.

This initiative illustrates CLANN's willingness to involve itself in ventures of library co-operation not necessarily involving automation.

Details are available from Frances Love, City Art Institute, P.O. Box 259, Paddington. Telephone: (02) 339 9513.

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