

# News from the Divisions

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

The Christmas Dinner of the New South Wales Public Libraries Section may well turn into a wake this year.

Current committee members have for some time been attempting to coerce and/or beg LAA members to nominate for the 1985 Committee. The reaction tends to be one of annoyance that the current committee is somehow 'letting the side down' by opting out next year.

Most of us have given several years of hard work to the Committee (to say nothing of social deprivation, and, at least for some, a fairly hefty financial contribution in travelling etc.), and for various reasons, some personal, some professional, have found it necessary to decline renomination.

Unless a mere seven people nominate, the committee will fold.

I urge all NSW members of the Public Libraries Section to seriously consider nominating. You will thereby ensure that the Christmas dinner (to be held again at Tharen, Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst, on 30th November, 7.30 pm, \$22.50 per head, limited (though inspired) menu, style French influence creative with a hint of nouvelle cuisine, (buy your own drinks) is a happy social occasion.

(And if that has whetted your appetite even if it hasn't pricked your conscience contact Murray Love (047) 32 2279 or Tanya Whitmarsh 623 1440. Members and friends welcome.)

*Jenny Cram*  
President

LAA Public Libraries Section,  
NSW Group

## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP

Following the LAA Conference in Brisbane, the Regional Group held a meeting on 26 September to discuss the major issues embraced by the Conference theme of Libraries: After 1984.

Held at the Dixon Library of the University of New England, the meeting consisted of short reports arising from the Brisbane Conference, with a special emphasis on the impact of technological change on library services.

Issues addressed included information technology, OPACs and networking, full-text

retrieval databases, publishing in Australia, and special collections. A number of on-line demonstrations were organised — e.g. ABN dial-up procedures.

The audience comprised more than 25 people — including library science students — and was drawn from distant centres (such as Tamworth and Gunnedah) as well as from Armidale.

*Karl G. Schmude*

## LIBRARY TECHNICIANS SECTION ACT BRANCH

The 3rd National Conference of Library Technicians will be held from 28-30 March 1985 at the Canberra Rex Hotel, Northbourne Ave, Canberra. The programme on Friday 29 has been drawn up in order to be of special interest to everyone involved with school libraries.

### Speakers include:

**Georgina Cane**, Executive Director, ASCIS, Melbourne. She is to speak about ASCIS and the next two to three years' planning.

**Sally Fraser**, Resource Services Officer, Secondary Programs, Library & Resource Services Branch, Queensland Department of Education. Sally has implemented a network between outback schools in Queensland and this will be the topic of her paper.

**Jim Dwyer**, Principal Education Officer, South Australian Department of Education. The title of his paper is 'Sharing resources, services and facilities'.

**Glenn Sanders**, Director, Sanders Information Management Services, Narrabeen, NSW. An expert in library automation. His paper is entitled 'Tasks, technicians and tenosynovitis: the impact of technology on job design in libraries'.

Other related topics to be discussed on the same day will encompass the future of professionals and para-professionals in the workplace — the relative requirements of both groups for education and training and the effect of automation on the working environments of all library employees.

For further information contact: Registration Secretary, National Conference Planning Committee, PO Box 96, Belconnen 2616. Phone: C. Edmonds (062) 52 0749 (w) (062) 51 3067 (h).

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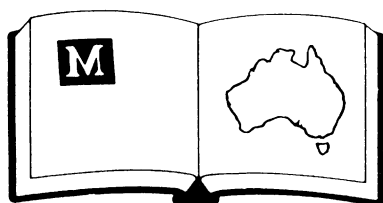
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