

This will be a highly professional conference which will see you return to your workplace with renewed vigour and an expanded circle of friends. A limited number of places remain for librarians who respond promptly. Contact either the conference treasurer, Nola Schlegel on (03) 299 1434 or one of the following: Jo Leonard (03) 650 5622; Julia Nutting (03) 703 1266; Irene Meeuwissen (03) 792 9216; Pamela Taylor (052) 45 2222.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Royal progress

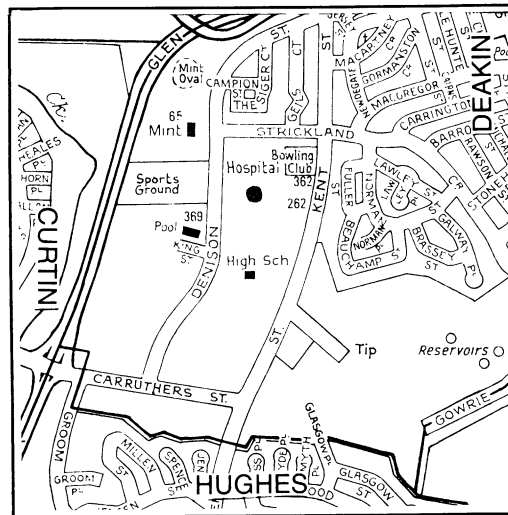
The Supplemental Royal Charter is on its way! The Governor General has been empowered to grant Royal Charters and Supplemental Royal Charters in Australia.

The procedure for approving Royal Charters in Australia has now been established by the Department of Administrative Services. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia was the first body to have its Supplemental Royal Charter granted using these new procedures.

The LAA's Supplemental Royal Charter is being re-styled, with the assistance of the LAA's solicitor, to fit in with these new procedures. A postal ballot of General Council will be conducted to approve this re-styling. The Charter will be forwarded to Canberra for approval. Final approval should only be weeks away.

Building update

The National Capital Development Commission (NCDC) has recently offered your Association a site for its proposed building in West Deakin. The site is located close to the Denison Street end of the development and is some 3363m x 3363m in area. The LAA has given preliminary acceptance to this offer, conditional upon suitable finance being available and upon the architectural concept plans meeting NCDC standards. This space will allow the construction of a two storey building and provide the regulation car park, as set by the NCDC. The building, as currently envisaged, will be of an economic size which



Land set aside for associations by the Government lies between Denison and Kent Streets, West Deakin.

will allow for the future growth needs of your Association and still provide a long-term financial return to the LAA.

The Executive Committee, at its meeting on 10 June, will be discussing the financing of the building project with the LAA's bankers. A number of other financial institutions will also be approached to ensure that the LAA has the most cost efficient finance available for this investment.

The next step in this major project is the development of the required preliminary architectural concept plans for the NCDC. A questionnaire has been sent out by the LAA to some 9 architectural firms to indicate their interest in, and suitability for, this project. Eight firms have responded with submissions.

The Executive Committee, at its 10 June meeting, will draw up a short list of firms from whom more substantial concept plans will be sought.

Sue Kosse
Executive Director

GEELONG REGIONAL GROUP

The group's program for 1988 is proving popular. The group supported 'The Informers', a team of librarians and friends in the National Aquatic Festival's Annual Dragon Boat Regatta. The team gained third place in a very competitive section.

A joint meeting with SLAV (Geelong) was attended by 80 members and friends who dined at the Davidson Restaurant. Dinner was followed by an informative tour of the Gordon Technical College's Learning Resource Centre, led by President Karen Kealy and Treasurer Elke Dawson.

The success of these two events should ensure an enjoyable, informal atmosphere at the evening of 'Wine, Wisdom and Wit' on 21 June. A bookseller and a vigneron will offer their knowledge and wares and members and friends can sample fine wines. The LAA's President, Alan Bundy, will be a special guest.

Planning is underway for a number of events ranging from a visit to CSIRO's Animal Health Laboratory Library, to a library promotion evening, to a workshop and seminar on software packages for small libraries. The year will culminate in 'Christmas Capers' with special guest Dr Magnus Clarke of ABC's 'University Challenge' television program.

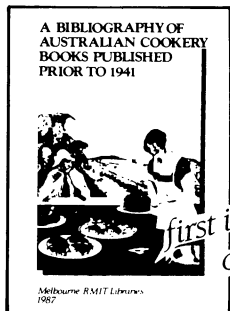
Sue Bone

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