



## FEEDBACK

### LOCAL STUDIES SECTION SA GROUP

This new LAA Group was formed in late '87 and has got away to a good start with the election of a small, but enthusiastic committee.

The committee comprises the following persons:

**President:** Ruth Grgurich,  
Noarlunga Public Library

**Secretary:** Jo Ryan,  
Enfield Public Library

**Treasurer:** Blan McDonagh,  
Tea Tree Gully Public Library

**Minutes Secretary:** Gillian Pearson,  
Munno Para Public Library

Committee Members are Joy de Roos and Ted de Roos, Woodville Public Library; Helen Hennessy, Gawler Public Library; Vanessa Caterall, Noarlunga Public Library; Margy Burn, Mortlock Library of South Australia.

The Group's first activity was a trip to the historic copper mining town of Burra in the mid-north of South Australia on 11 November 1987. A minibus of local historians and friends travelled to Burra and spent an enjoyable day viewing the excellent local history collection in the Burra School/Community Library, followed by a tour of the town with Tourism Officer, Jenny O'Connor.

Other activities organised for this year include visits to the State Conservation Centre, the Museum of Migration and Settlement, and a National Trust property.

*Jo Ryan*  
Secretary

### TASMANIAN BRANCH

#### John Levett honoured

The Tasmanian Branch concluded 1987 with a dinner at the CSIRO Marine Laboratories, which overlooks the Derwent River in Hobart. At this function Alan Bundy presented John Levett with his Fellowship along with a collection of John's *ALJ* editorials. Alan recounted some of John's more prophetic editorials, his challenges to members and the Association and thanked John for his valued contribution.



Many of John's friends and colleagues attended this splendidly catered function and Denis Abbott offered some (cautious) anecdotal observations on John's career, plus well-deserved congratulations.

1988 promises to be a busy and challenging year and the Tasmanian Branch has placed the issue of advocacy as its first priority, particularly with regard to the provision of public library services.

*Christine Frey*  
President

### GEELONG REGIONAL GROUP

The Geelong Regional Group is supporting a team in the 1988 National Aquatic Festival's Annual Dragon Boat Regatta, which will be held on the Barwon River during the evening of 4 March 1988.

Dragon boats are three metre canoes adorned with fearsome dragon heads and tails. Originating in China, the Dragon Boat Festival commemorates the death of Chung

Yuan, a poet and statesman who protested against corruption by throwing himself into a river. His friends and local fishermen took to boats and attempted to distract monsters from the hero.

The team comprises 22 members and friends from the broad range of libraries in the area — a range which encourages the committee to offer diverse meetings and events!

In 1987, members and friends were able to hear author/illustrator Robert Ingper explain his theories of Australia's discovery: insight was gained into acquisition policies and practices of academic, school and public libraries and research into psychological barriers inherent in library use was reported. Other meetings dealt with personal computer applications, national information policy, emergency first aid procedures and correct meeting format. Social occasions were successful, particularly a dinner meeting at a local catering college's restaurant.

The 1988 committee, with Karen Kealy as President, is working towards creating a stimulating program. Further information is available from Sue Bone on (052) 26 4849.

*Sue Bone*

### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

A national seminar is being organised on Co-operative Borrowing to be held on 12 May 1988 at the Holme Centre, University of Sydney. This full-day seminar will focus on resource sharing at tertiary institution libraries, examining the issues involved and possible outcomes.

Speakers will include Max Borchardt (CAVAL), Christine Crocker (Deakin University), Prof Richard Johnson (CTEC), James O'Brien (CLANN), Dr Neil Radford (Sydney University) and Enid Roberts (OL). The registration fee is \$50 for LAA members and \$75 for non-members (including lunch and teas). For further enquiries contact Margaret Sheppard at Sydney CAE, (02) 690-4159, and see *InCite* this issue for registration forms.

Other activities planned for early 1988 include evening meetings; the first of these, on March 14, concentrates on the importance of public relations for libraries and enhancing the public image of libraries. The Dawkins Report will be examined on 11 April in the second evening meeting for 1988 entitled 'Living with Dawkins'. Watch the 'Happenings' column for further details of these topical meetings.

*Julie Sweeten*  
Committee Member

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**Name of Library:** Plymstock and Lipson Libraries, Devon

**Position available:** Librarian in Charge

**Position required in exchange:** Similar in public or education library service

**Duration:** 6 months — 1 year