

Australian Libraries Summit



Margaret Trask will be chairing the Australian Libraries Summit to be held in Canberra in October 1988.

The Steering Committee at its meeting on the 3-4 August moved further towards defining the topics to be discussed and how they are to be approached at the final Summit. The sessions will be a mixture of plenary and concurrent sessions, dealing with such topics as national co-ordination; collection development; document delivery; the national database; user pays; school library resources; public libraries; users with special needs; access to government information; preservation; technology; education for librarianship. The complete agenda papers for the Summit will be made available to participants and State and Territory Groups by the end of August.

A final list of attending delegates will also be available at the end of the month. To date the delegates who have been invited are: State Territory Librarians, 8; University Librarians, 22; CSIRO, 1; Schools of library education, 7; CAE, 8, TAFE library services, 8; public libraries 17, special libraries 14; heads of school library services, 8; LAA School Libraries Section, 6; ASCIS, 1; parliamentary libraries, 3; information industry, 6; local government, 1; LAA, 4; Australian Council of Archives, 1; literature and cultural bodies' 5; personal invi-

tations' 6; authors of issue papers, 9; Steering Committee members, 8; state and territory committee representatives, 7.

Further information on the names of delegates and the agenda will be available at the National Library stand at the IFLA/LAA Conference or can be obtained by phoning Megan Curlewis, Secretary, Australian Libraries Summit, (062) 62 1518.

Irish gift to NLA

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, presented Ireland's Bicentennial gift, convicts transportation records, to Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister. The presentation, on 12 July, took place at the National Library of Australia where the archives enabling Australians of Irish descent to trace their ancestors, would be kept.

The records, some 105 rolls of microfilm, relate to 39,000 Irish men, women and children sent as convicts to Australia during the period 1788 to 1868. The gift includes a computerised index which provides easy access to information on individual prisoners. The index constitutes the centrepiece of the exhibition mounted to mark the arrival of the gift. The National Library's exhibition, 'The Harp and the Southern Cross' will be open to the public until September.

Mr Punch, Australian Minister for Arts, took the opportunity to present the two Prime Ministers with facsimile editions of three rare pamphlets on convict transportation. On the occasion, the minister said that copies of the Irish Bicentennial gift would be distributed to all state libraries.

Nominations for LAA Committees

There will be a number of vacancies on LAA committees, and for LAA representatives on other bodies, for 1989. Vacancies will be filled by the General Council or the Executive Committee later in the year and members who are interested in nominating are invited to advise the Assistant Executive Director, Sue Phillips, of their interest by 1 October 1988. Expressions of interest should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae.

The Following positions will be vacant in 1989:

LAA Committees	Term of Office	Vacancies	Retiring Members	Continuing Members
Audiovisual Services Committee	2 years	3	Paul McNally (C) Herbert Cornelius William Linklater	Martha Heeren Marjorie Roe William Stinson Pamela Dunlop (NLA rep)
Standing Committee on By-Laws and Regulations	2 years	3	Averill Edwards Jeanette Knox	General Secretary
Publications Board	3 years	2	Judith Baskin David Jones (C)	James Henri Neil Radford Patricia Ward Kerry Webb

LAA Representatives on other bodies	Term of Office	Vacancies	Retiring Representatives	Continuing Representatives
Australian Book Trade Committee	2 years	1	Derek Whitehead	William Cations 2 reps each ABPA and ABA
Australian Committee on Cataloguing	3 years	1	Helen Hoffmann	Olivia Abbay J. Rosengren 3 reps each of ACLIS and NLA
Commonwealth Library Assoc.	1 year	1	Sir John Yocklunn	

(NOTE: Nominations for Australian Committee on Cataloguing to go to Cataloguers Section.)

The LAA meets travelling and accommodation expenses of committee members and representatives. Terms of reference of each of the committees appear in the 1987/88 Handbook, or may be obtained from the Assistant Executive Director, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007. Phone (02) 692 9233 or (008) 22 1481, fax (02) 692 0689.

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