



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

**HAROLD WHITE FELLOWSHIPS  
AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY:**

**APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR**

**Fellowships in 1989**

The Council of the National Library of Australia has called for applications for Harold White Fellowships at the National Library for 1989. The Fellowships are to enable established scholars, librarians and writers to work for periods of between three and six months on materials in the Library's collections. This work would lead to the publication of original research based on the materials, or a description or listing of them, or of a study of the methods and techniques used in acquiring, listing, cataloguing, arranging or using them.

The National Library has outstanding collections of primary materials relating to Australia and the Australian people. These include printed materials, manuscripts, pictures, maps and music. Areas of special strength include artists of Captain Cook's voyages, convict artists, artists of the goldfields, Australian fauna and flora, early maps and atlases recording European discoveries in the southern hemisphere, and early maps and charts of Australia.

Non-Australian fields of interest where the Library's collections have strength include Indonesian publications, 18th-century English literature, the French Revolution, 18th-century French popular drama, British social, political and economic history; English philology; and United States history and politics. The collections of Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Thai publications are the largest in the country.

Harold White Fellows will be expected to work at the National Library during their Fellowships. Each Fellowship will cover the Fellow's travel costs to Canberra and include a grant-in-aid towards living expenses in Canberra. Fellowships will not normally be awarded to candidates who are working towards a higher degree.

Prospective applicants should write to:

**Director-General  
National Library of Australia  
Canberra ACT 2600**

For application form and further particulars before submitting application.

Applications will close on 30 April 1988.

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**OBITUARIES**

**David E. Pownall**

David E. Pownall was Chief Librarian at the Melbourne CAE Carlton Campus (formerly Melbourne State College) from 1976-1986. Due to ill health David left work in 1986 and died on 2 January 1988 aged 62. He began his career as a cellist culminating in a year with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington DC before changing career paths to become a librarian. David's early professional experience was in Reader Services at various North American universities between 1958 and 1969. He rose to the position of Director of Library Services at Hofstra University in 1973 before accepting the position of Chief Librarian at the Melbourne State College in 1976.

David was known in the library profession generally for his initiatives in the area of reciprocal borrowing and for his many publications. In 1977 David proposed that Victorian academic libraries should co-operate to improve the sharing of resources through a reciprocal borrowing scheme. The project commenced under the aegis of CAVAL in 1979 with 14 Victorian tertiary libraries participating in the scheme. The CAVAL reciprocal borrowing scheme now involves all Victorian Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education.

The most significant of David's publications is his 'Articles in Twentieth Century Literature: an annotated bibliography', in seven volumes. A three-volume supplement was due for publication in 1988. David also wrote various reviews and articles for professional journals.

Those who knew David were immediately aware of his professional commitment. He was a member of the LAA from 1976 and the American Library Association as well as the Modern Language Association of America. David was a member of the Board of Directors of CAVAL from 1978 to 1983. He participated in conferences both in Australia and overseas and maintained a network of library colleagues in the United States with whom he kept up a lively correspondence. He was known at Melbourne CAE for his dedication to

the library where he was instrumental in raising the standard of its collections and services to become a major strength among Victorian academic libraries. David's death is a sad loss to his many colleagues and family.

*Helen Hayes*  
Melbourne CAE

**Robin O'Mara**

Until August 1987 Robin O'Mara was Divisional Librarian (Technical Services) at the NSW Institute of Technology, a position she had held since 1979. She died peacefully on 25 November 1987 and is remembered and greatly missed by all who worked with her.

In 1957 Robin graduated as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney. In 1964 she completed the LAA's Registration Certificate. In 1971, after spending some years in the reader services area, most of which were at the University of NSW, she moved into the field of automated library systems and implementation, and it was in this area that she was to make her major contribution. She introduced computerised systems at the University of NSW, the University of Sydney and finally at the NSW Institute of Technology. Robin published several papers in LASIE (Library Automated Systems Information Exchange) which covered all aspects of her systems work.

She was fully committed to the idea of networking and made many contributions to the successful operation of the CLANN-GEAC system, not least of which was her work as convener of the working group dealing with circulation policies of CLANN libraries.

Robin was a person who always took a friendly interest in her colleagues at work and their doings, she remembered the good things about them and was tolerant of the failings. Throughout her long illness her courage and cheerfulness were remarkable, and it is very sad that such determination could not prevail.

*Dorothy Peake*  
NSW Institute of Technology



**LOCAL STUDIES  
COLLECTIONS**

*Guidelines and Subject Headings for  
Organising and Indexing Resources*

By John Flint  
& Anne Berry  
2nd edition

A reprint of this work is now available. It covers the setting of objectives, arranging and housing materials and indexing problems, and it includes a list of subject headings for use in indexing local collections. It also provides simplified guidelines for those faced with organising a collection of materials with little or no experience in the field.

Recommended retail price: \$18; \$15 LAA members plus \$2 postage.

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376 Jones Street  
Ultimo NSW 2007

**LAA Officers for 1988**

Pending changes to the Association's constitution the General Council has elected two of its members to be General Secretary and General Treasurer for 1988.

Anne Harris, South Australian General Councillor and Manager of the Library Resources Branch, South Australian Department of Education is General Secretary.

The General Treasurer is Alex Cutts, Library Advisor in the State Resource Materials Centre, Division of TAFE, Queensland Department of Education, and Queensland General Councillor.

The General Council has resolved to abolish these two positions in line with the recommendations of the Corporate Plan and Review Committee. However until the constitutional changes are formalised, the positions will be retained and filled from within Council. Regulations to allow this election were adopted by Council in September 1987.

*Sue Phillips*  
Assistant Executive Director

**NOT THE LAA DIARY**

The LAA is disappointed to have to advise that there is no 1988 LAA diary, despite widespread publicity for one.

An order for the diary was placed in March 1987, and delivery was promised in September. The LAA was forced to cancel the order when the diaries had not been delivered — or even printed — by mid December.

We apologise to everyone who placed an order. Payments are being refunded.

*Guide to Collections in Victorian Special Libraries* a companion to *Directory of Collection Strengths in Victorian Libraries* is now available. Over 400 entries provide information on subjects covered in Victorian Special Libraries including information on holdings, when the collection commenced, level of collecting, retention policy, special features etc. LAA members \$20; \$30 non members (\$2 postage). Order now!