

ALIA's Royal Charter

Distinctions and Awards

10.1 The General Council may with the consent of the Board of Education confer a distinction on a member proficient in library and information science.

2 The General Council may confer such other awards as are prescribed by or under the by-laws.

By-Laws

11.1 The General Council may, in accordance with this article, make by-laws, not inconsistent with this Our Charter or the Laws of Our Commonwealth or any State or Territory thereof, prescribing all matters which by this Our Charter are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Our Charter or the objects of the Association.

2 Without limiting the generality of paragraph (1) of this article the General Council may, in accordance with this article, make by-laws on any subject matter covered by the by-laws in the Schedule to this Our Charter.

3 The General Council may, in accordance with this article, make by-laws repealing, rescinding, revoking or varying any by-law.

4 The General Council may make a by-law by a special resolution of the General Council.

5 No by-law shall have any force or effect until it has been approved by Our Governor-General in and over Our Commonwealth of Australia or by the Administrator, for the time being, of the Government of Our Commonwealth of Australia.

6 The General Council shall cause all by-laws when allowed to be printed and published, together with the formal allowance, in the official Gazette published by Our Commonwealth of Australia.

Alterations to Charter

12.1 Subject to this article, the General Council may apply for a new or Supplemental Charter, or an Act of Parliament of any State of Our Commonwealth of Australia.

2 The General Council shall not apply for a new or Supplemental Charter or Act of Parliament unless the application has been approved by a special resolution of a general meeting of members of the Association.

AND LASTLY WE do grant and declare for US, Our Heirs and Our Successors that this Our Supplemental Charter shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to its true intent and meaning and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the Association as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all judges, justices, officers, ministers and other subjects of US, Our Heirs, and Our Successors any non-recital, mis-recital or other omission, defect or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

WITNESS under my hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 31 December 1988.

Maria Sjöberg

Governor-General



Library and information services for people with disabilities

THE year just passed was the third year of operation of the national special interest group LISPD. The group has 139 financial members representing every State of Australia, with four overseas members. Members of the group cover every branch of librarianship, an interest in library and/or information services for people with disabilities being their common bond.

The LAA/IFLA Conference was the focus of activities in 1988. The Round Table discussion on 'Information for Independent Living' organised by LISPD was the only LAA session directly concerned with the needs of people with disabilities and was very successful. There were many IFLA sessions of interest to LISPD members and a brief account of these was circulated for the information of those not able to attend.

The Sydney group held three other meetings during the year, one in

co-operation with the health librarians section on library services in mental health. The other topics were the Disability Thesaurus sponsored by ACROD/DPI, and the services provided by a large municipal library (for people with disabilities).

The Sydney group was also responsible for the first edition of the Guide to Resources for Providers of Information Services for People with Disabilities. The Guide lists Australian publications in this field since 1981 under the headings commonly used in community information services. Preparation of the Guide was a very time-consuming initiative but the result provides a very valuable check-list. The group is grateful for a special recoupable grant of \$1,000 from the LAA towards preparation of the Guide.

The Melbourne group, formed in 1987, has gone from strength to strength. Three successful meetings were held in 1988, on the subjects of access to libraries, audio books for people with

intellectual disabilities, and the Australian Disability Thesaurus. The group also co-ordinated with LISAD in an extremely well attended seminar on service delivery.

National headquarters for the LISPD group will be in Melbourne from 1989. Jan Murray (03) 555 9049 will be the Convenor. The Sydney sub-group will be convened by Allan Kamaralli (02) 893 1000 (Tues, Wed).

Maureen Webb
LISPD Convenor 1988

Workshops in Bunbury

BICENTENNIAL year 1988 was an eventful one in Bunbury, W.A. Associate Professor Patricia Layzell Ward of Curtin University of Technology, arranged for Professors Tom Wilson and Maurice Line to give lunchtime workshops at the Bunbury Institute of Advanced Education.

Topics discussed included, Information for the 1990s: the integration of automation and traditional information systems, and Lateral Thinking in Small Libraries.

These workshops attracted much interest, with participants attending from throughout the south-west of W.A. The opportunity to hear such noted speakers was appreciated. It is hoped similar interest will be generated for the 1990 conference.