

President's review



Alan Bundy

The year of the Australia's Bicentenary, and the first year of the Association's second half century saw a number of significant developments for the Association.

Primary among these were

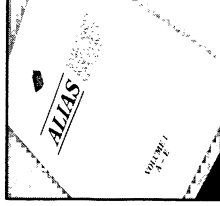
- * the approval on the very last day of the year, by the Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen, of a supplemental Royal Charter which allowed the adoption of the Association's new objects, and a title change to the Australian Library and Information Association, in recognition of the widening involvement of its members in other areas of information work.
- * a decision - after over thirty years of sporadic and at times intense debate - to relocate the Association's Head Office from Sydney to Canberra and to commence a major building for that purpose
- * the hosting in Sydney of the annual conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, back to back with the Association's own biennial conference
- * the conduct of Industrial Forum 88 in Melbourne which focused on the industrial concerns of members
- * the commencement of the Information For The Nation campaign, with a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce

* the approval of the first professional members admitted under the widened eligibility criteria

Other decisions made during 1988 included to publish *ALIA Alert* as a 'political' newsletter; to establish ALIA Press as an entrepreneurial publishing arm of the Association and the instigation of the Library Technician of the Year Award.

Publications

Among other developments of note in 1988 were, under the guidance of its energetic editor John Levett, an Australian Library Journal resurgent, and the publication of the first volume of the Association's most significant publication: *ALIAS - Australia's Library, Information and Archives Services: an encyclopaedia of practice and practitioners* which seems set to become the magnum opus of its much published editor and onetime President of the Association, Harrison Bryan. The publication was generously sponsored by Kilners.



The scope of *InCite* was extended with a series of short articles on different types of libraries and this will be completed in 1989.

The Publications Board was thus well employed during 1988.

Education

Similarly employed were other national committees of the Association. The Board of Education in particular grappled with a wide range of issues including the broadened provision for professional membership; the consequences for the education of library and information professionals of the restructuring of Australian higher education; and changes and needs in library technician education. The widened eligibility for professional (Associate) membership resulted in only 15 applications in 1988, with 11 being approved.

Activities

1988 saw the Association significantly involved in the

Australian Libraries Summit, and in many of its outcomes in association with ACLIS and ASLA. It also saw the Association continue its extensive involvement in industrial matters and support of its policy statements, particularly its most used 'Statement on Free Library Service to All'. The Association was required to take action about events in a number of libraries and was effective, with the assistance of individual members, in ameliorating proposed changes within the Department of Social Security and CSIRO libraries.

The end of 1988 thus saw the Association with the principal recommendations of the 1986 Corporate Plan and Review implemented. It saw the Association with a new name; new objects; a revised constitution, its by-laws and regulations under review; a decision on the relocation of its head office and a new building; the first local offices; and the largest increase in membership for many years. It was a year of achievement, against considerable difficulties, by Executive Director Sue Kosse, Head Office and local staff, by national and state office bearers and most importantly by the committees and individual members, who are the Association's main resource.

Awards

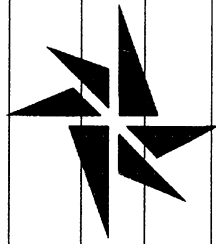


Marcie Muir

Among those members and other's that it was possible for the Association to formally recognise in 1988 were Warren Horton (HCL Anderson Award), Marcie Muir (Redmond Barry Award) and Alison Crook (Library Manager of the Year Award). Those added to the Association's role of Fellows were Judith Baskin, Anne Harrison, Diana Oliver, Michael Ramsden and Patricia Ward.

Frances Flynn received a Letter of Recognition.

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Australian Library and Information Association

THE AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION
(FORMERLY THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA)
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)

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STATEMENT BY TREASURER

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the accounts of the Association set out on pages 4a to 4b give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 31st December, 1988 and its profit for the year ended on that date, and are in accordance with the by-laws of The Australian Library and Information Association.



K Webb
Treasurer

Sydney, July 1989.

REPORT TO THE AUDITORS

We have audited the accounts set out in pages 4a to 4b in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In our opinion:

- (a) the accounts which are in agreement with the books and records maintained by the Association, are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association at 31st December, 1988 and of its income and expenditure and sources and applications of funds of the year ended on that date, and are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
- (b) the roll of members and other accounting records required to be kept by the Association have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws.



COOPERS & LYBRAND
Chartered Accountants

by: R.B. SCOTT

Sydney, July 1989.