

ALIA and the Australian Libraries Summit

InCite series

The following is a continuation of the article begun in the last issue of *InCite* (27 November) on the implementation of Summit resolutions related to school libraries. It is extracted from an article in *Orana* 25(3), August 1989.

Resolution PP7

That strategies for the further development of cooperative networks between school and other libraries be formulated by education authorities and library authorities.

Response

1. The Cooperative Activities Committee of ACLIS, through contact with the coordinators of school library services within the Education Departments/Ministries.
Contact: Cooperative Activities Committee, c/o PO Box 39971, Winnellie, NT 0821 (Naida Tattersall, Coordinator).
2. Statewide School Library Support Centre, Victorian Ministry of Education, 67 High Street, Prahran, Vic. 3181.
Contact: John Marsh (03) 521 1721.

Resolution PP8

That ALIA/ASLA lobby education authorities to implement the ALIA policy on professional qualifications for teacher-librarians.

Response

1. The Geraldton Branch of ALIA is lobbying the WA Minister of Education and others regarding the need for people working in school libraries in Western Australian primary schools and small district high schools to have appropriate librarianship/teacher-librarianship qualifications.
Contact: Heather Parker, Geraldton Senior High School, Carson Terrace, Geraldton, WA 6530.
2. A representative committee from WASLA will coordinate the preparation of submissions to the WA Ministry of Education and WA tertiary institutions. (See attached action plan.)
Contact: Norma Jeffery, WASLA, PO Box 1272, West Perth, WA 6005.

Action plan

- (a) Gather information on current position here and in the other States in relation to professional staffing in primary school Library Resource Centres (by December 1989).
- (b) Prepare a submission for the Ministry of Education.
- (a) Gather information from the tertiary institutions as to what units they

provide for primary teachers in librarianship in undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate courses.

(b) Collate information and document what is available.

(c) Prepare the submission to be given to the tertiary institutions based on the information received.

Time line

On-going, July to December 1989.

Resolution PP9

That ALIA/ASLA in each State review ways of bringing teacher-librarians into more professional contact with colleagues in other library sectors.

Resolution PP10

That ALIA/ASLA develop and promulgate statements on the role of the teacher-librarian and the role and functions of school libraries to the State education and non-government education authorities and teacher training institutions.

Response

1. The ALIA School Libraries Section (WA Group) will prepare and publish a booklet that collects relevant statements of roles and functions, and provides an analysis of them.
Contact: Margaret Phillips, President, School Libraries Section (WA Group), 150 Colin Road, Wembley Downs, WA 6019; telephone (09) 4051300(w), (09) 341 4029(h).

Resolution PP11

That ALIA/ASLA negotiate agreements with all school-related education authorities on a formal re-assessment of the needs of school libraries in the areas of funding, staffing and the promotion of support services.

Response

1. The ALIA School Libraries Section (NSW Group). (See Action plan below for Resolutions PP4, 5, 6, 11.)
2. The ALIA School Libraries Section (Victorian Group).
Contact: Beverly Pianta, Honorary Secretary, 3/25 Mitchell Street, Brunswick, Vic. 3056.

Action plan

- ALIA position paper on educational indicators to be drafted by NSW for National Section approval.

Target audience

Schools, government education bodies, Conference of Directors-General, Australian Education Council.

Time line

May 1989: Draft prepared by NSW Group.
June 1989: Draft finalised by NSW Group and submitted to National Section.

End 1989: Completion and publication of position paper.

Resolution PP12

That the Information for the Nation campaign promote an understanding of the importance of school libraries in the education process to education authorities, administrators, teachers, parents and children.

Response

1. Statewide School Library Support Centre, Victorian Ministry of Education, 67 High Street, Prahran, Vic. 3181.
Contact: John Marsh (03) 521 1721.

Other Summit resolutions relating to school libraries

Resolution CCI

That existing methods of monitoring new technology nationally or within States be explored with a view to developing an effective method of monitoring and disseminating information on the impact of new technologies for library development.

Response

1. A small-scale research project has been undertaken in Western Australia by Anne Clyde and Jane Klobas, looking at the ways in which librarians gain access to information about new technology and its application in libraries. Some teacher-librarians were involved in the survey. The results were presented at the Third Asian and Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference in Adelaide in August 1989.
Contact: Anne Clyde, PO Box 151, Nedlands, WA 6009; Jane Klobas, PO Box 777, Subiaco, WA 6008.
2. The ALIA School Libraries Section (NSW Group) will make contact with school library journals to suggest a current awareness page dealing with new developments in technology. (See attached action plan.)
Contact: Murray McLachlan, ALIA School Libraries Section (NSW Group).

Action plan

- Contact with journals (e.g. *Orana*, *Access*, *Scan*) to include a current awareness page concerning developments in technology. The National Section is to identify person responsible for ensuring copy flows to journals.

Target audience

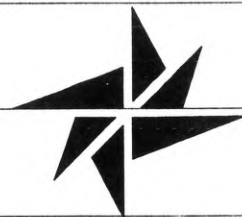
Teacher-librarians and educators.

Time line

October 1989: Draft of copy prepared by NSW submitted to National Section for approval.

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NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS BUDGETS

In the recent Federal Budget the following was given for the estimated outlays and staffing for 1989-90:

	Outlays (\$m)	Staff
Australian National Gallery	18.764	249.8
Australian National Maritime Museum	11.583	75.0
National Film and Sound Archive	6.686	93.9
National Library of Australia	33.744	601.0
National Museum of Australia	3.720	35.1
National Science and Technology Centre	1.947	62.2
Australian War Memorial	13.754	201.9

These projected outlays represent Federal Government funding and do not include revenue generated by the institutions themselves.

NATIONAL LIBRARY BUDGET

For 1989-90 the total budget outlay is \$43.051m. The net appropriation from the Government, \$33.744m, is up \$5.915m from the previous year.

The breakdown of the budget is:

Salaries and allowances	\$17.036m
Administrative expenditure	\$20.149m
Acquisitions	\$5.866m

The acquisition budget is an increase of 6.3% over the previous year to allow for inflation.

New policy proposals of \$2.75m have been approved; these consist of \$1.45m for an integrated library management system, \$1.1m for public facilities improvement on the ground floor, and \$0.2m for a feasibility study of a warehouse/document delivery facility.

Funds have also been provided for fire-safety works and for works, services and office accommodation.

Anyone wanting further details of the National Library's programs and sub-programs can find them in the budget-related paper 8.2 — i.e. the explanatory notes for the Department of Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories. The section on the National Library occupies 31 pages, and details sub-programs for Australian Collections and Services, General Collections and Services, Network Services, National Co-ordination, Public Programs, and Corporate Services.

PUBLIC

LENDING

RIGHT SCHEME

This is funded at \$3.072m for 1989-90 compared with outlays of \$2.603m in 1988-89.

SPORTS

INFORMATION

The Federal Government has provided \$1.25m over 4 years for the National Sports Information Centre at the Australian Sports Commission to be expanded.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA REVIEW

This was released on 19 October with a covering letter from the Director-General, copies being sent to State and Territory librarians, university librarians and a number of others. The Review was initiated in April 1988 and went to the Minister in December 1988. It was carried out by a team consisting of Mr D. Gascoine (Department of Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories), Mr P. Pharaoh (Department of Finance) and Mr D. Toll (NLA).

The National Library Council is in broad agreement with the thrust of almost all of the recommendations in the Review and will be discussing a detailed report on action to be taken about each recommendation at its next meeting.

The Review is generally supportive of the National Library, as the following extract from paragraphs 1.27 and 1.28 shows:

'In general (but with some qualifications set out below) the operations of the National Library are conducted in a reasonably efficient and effective way within the terms of the Library's goals and objectives. From our observations we believe that the tasks are appropriately defined and are understood by staff and that the work is diligently performed.'

