

# Feed-back

## University and College Libraries Section Queensland Group

### Information provision for businesses

A well attended evening function began 1989 for the University and College Libraries Section (Queensland). The function pursued the topical concept of information provision for businesses. Two speakers shared their varied knowledge and experience with the audience.

Linda Heron (Campus Resource Centre Manager, Kedron Park Campus, Brisbane College of Advanced Education) began. She described the wealth of reference tools held at BCAE Kedron, covering the major business sources as well as some more-specific tools in the area of industrial relations, the focus of Kedron Park's teaching.

To supplement the detailed print sources, Kedron Park has also created a database known as IREL, the Australian Industrial Relations database. Accessed via CSIRO's Australis, IREL has been providing valuable information to staff, students and industrial/personnel relations practitioners since 1983. Updated monthly, IREL currently contains approximately 5,500 records, providing references from trade union newsletters, pamphlets, working papers and reports, and other more ephemeral publications. Its coverage makes IREL a unique and valuable information source in the area. As all referenced material is held at BCAE Kedron, document delivery is not a problem.

Brian Patterson, representing the State Library of Queensland, continued the presentation, describing BRISQ, a fee-based information service offered since late 1988. The service provides literature searches and document delivery tailored to clients' needs of cost, deadlines, recency, etc. All searches, sources and client details are stored on a microcomputer system for rechecking, reuse, statistics and reports.

BRISQ's largely Brisbane/Sunshine Coast/Gold Coast-based clientele consists of lawyers, architects, management consultants and some small business and manufacturing personnel. Promotion to date has been through flyers to Queensland libraries, borrowers and targeted business groups, with some

trade show involvement. Growth of the service depends on resources and staff available, and while the State Library would like to increase promotion by advertising in professional journals, newspapers, etc., they are hesitant to do so as yet for fear of not being able to meet the expected demand.

Business reference sources presented in the academic and commercial environments proved to be an interesting and well received topic for our first meeting.

## Distance Education SIG and University and College Libraries Section NSW Group

### Seminar on co-operative reader development

Following on from issues raised at the National Co-operative Borrowing seminar held in Sydney in May 1988, the Distance Education Special Interest Group and the NSW Group of UCLS are to host a national seminar on co-operative reader education.

The seminar will investigate the possibility of conducting reader education programs which are not specific to any particular institution. Such reader education programs will be considered within the context of the stranger in the library, i.e. those library users who are not the funded users of the particular library.

The seminar is to be held at Macquarie University on 4-5 May 1989, with residential accommodation available on campus. The cost will be approximately \$120 plus accommodation. The seminar will be advertised through *InCite* in March. Further enquiries to Carolyn Wivell on (02) 805 7550 or Craig Grimson on (02) 732 168.

## Cataloguers Section National

### New editor

*Cataloguing Australia*, the quarterly journal of the Cataloguers Section, has a new editor. She is Chris Richardson, a lecturer in Perth's Curtin University Department of Library and Information Studies. In a postal ballot during November, in which 118 members of the section voted, Chris was elected Editor for a three year term from 1989-91.

Chris Richardson lectures in Cataloguing and Classification and in Academic Libraries. A librarian since 1974, she has worked in academic libraries, as well as undertaking contract work and indexing. She has edited *Biblia*, the newsletter of the Western Australian branch of the Association.

Another Western Australian member,

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## VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION

### CALL FOR PAPERS

### COMMUNICATING IN THE INFORMATION AGE

5th Biennial Conference and Exhibition  
Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne  
13th - 15th November 1989

Persons interested in presenting papers at VALA's Communicating in the Information Age Conference are invited to submit proposals relating to this theme.

*Suggested topics include:*

- COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE LIBRARY APPLICATION.
- MANAGEMENT ISSUES RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY - INCLUDING HUMAN ASPECTS OF SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION, ISSUE RELATING TO BUILDINGS, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
- ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES - INNOVATIVE USE.
- NEW DEVELOPMENT IN LIBRARY AUTOMATION.

No more than 300 words, on A4 paper with double space, 1 inch margins. An abstract of the proposed paper will be required by no later than 15th April 1989, you will be notified by the 30th June if your abstract has been accepted, complete paper required by the 31st August, 1989.

For all enquires and correspondence please address:

The VALA Conference and Exhibition Secretariat  
Bloomsbury Conference Services Pty Ltd  
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## Employment of library technicians

At its last meeting, the Board of Education discussed a number of matters concerning the employment of library technicians, including the transition of Library Technician Certificate courses to Associate Diploma level.

The Board of Education has written to the Director of TAFE in each State and to major employers of library technicians informing them that library technicians holding either a Certificate or an Associate Diploma which has been recognised by the Australian Library and Information Association (formerly the Library Association of Australia) meet the minimum criteria for library technician membership of ALIA.

Major employers have been further encouraged to make eligibility for Library Technician membership of ALIA an essential requirement when advertising for library technician positions. The Board of Education would like to encourage all employers of library technicians to make eligibility for library technician membership of ALIA an essential requirement in the same way that eligibility for professional membership of the Association is an essential requirement for librarian positions.

Acting on a resolution passed at the Association's Industrial Forum 88, the Manager, Educational and Industrial Services, has written to the Heads of all Commonwealth Government Departments requesting the use of the local designation 'library technician' for paraprofessional positions in Commonwealth public service libraries. These positions are formally designated 'Administrative Services Officer' and have no mandatory requirements for library qualifications.

Louise Lansley

Manager, Education and Industrial Services

## Lively meeting on local government records

THE Action Committee on Local Government Records hosted an evening of celebration and lively discussion at History House, Macquarie Street, Sydney last November.

The Action Committee was formed seven years ago at a joint seminar of the NSW Branch of the then LAA and the Sydney Branch of the Australian Society of Archivists. Its work, in formal association with the Department of Local Government of NSW, produced a major revision of the Ordinance in 1985 which stipulated the records to be kept. Then came the problem of what was to be kept and how. The outcome was the *General Records Disposal Schedule for Local Government*. Composed in great detail, the *Schedule* was prepared with the aid of a Bicentennial Grant administered by the Archives Authority of NSW. It was launched with some ceremony on 26 October by the Hon. David Hay, Minister for Local Government [see *InCite* 9(20)].

When the Action Committee held its get-together on 2 November it was not only to celebrate seven years of achievement but also to consider what had to be done to give permanence to its success. The meeting place—History House—was symbolic; that was where the seminar had occurred which had given rise to the Committee.

The panel of speakers included representatives of the Bicentennial Archives Program, the Archives Authority of NSW, the Australian Society of Archivists, the Records Management Association of Australia, the Library Association of Australia, Local

Government and Shires Associations and historians as well as the Action Committee itself. The addresses were properly complimentary but their theme was the future. Schedules must be updated, microform methods kept abreast of new technology; there was the problem of staffing and space; the issue of accessibility had to be addressed. Local governments had to budget for their records and archives management systems. Above all there was the need to 'sell' the concept of the *Disposal Schedule* and assist its implementation by the provision of workshops and consultancy services.

Accepting these concerns for the testing time ahead, the meeting ended on a note of achievement and renewed commitment.

Kenneth J. Cable

### Meeting on Disposal Schedule

The Public Libraries Section NSW Group has arranged a one-day seminar for chief librarians, reference librarians and local studies librarians on the implications of the Disposal Schedule for public libraries on Friday 21 April 1989 in the Conference Room of the Archives Office of New South Wales. Speakers will include: Sally Irvine-Smith, Senior Project Officer and compiler of the Schedule; John Burke, Coordinator of the Bicentennial Archives Program; Judy Washington, Archivist and Local Studies Librarian, Lane Cove Municipal Library; and Terry Kass of the Professional Historians Association. Enquiries Glenys Murray (02) 427 5194 or Patricia Ward (02) 337 6214.

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Maggie Exon, has been elected Associate Editor of *Cataloguing Australia* for the next three years. Maggie has been a lecturer in indexing at Curtin University Department of Library and Information Studies since 1980. Previously she worked in the United Kingdom at the University of London Library and at Sheffield University.

The Cataloguing Section owes a substantial debt of gratitude to Jack Nelson, who founded *Cataloguing Australia* and was its editor from 1976 to 1988, and to the departing Associate Editor, Michael Wyatt.

Any member of the Association who can make a professional contribution on a cataloguing-related issue is urged to submit a paper to *Cataloguing Australia*. State groups of the Section are urged to send reports of local meetings or seminars to: Ms Chris Richardson, Department of Library and Information Studies, Curtin

University of Technology, GPO Box U1987, Perth WA 6001. Telephone: (09) 350 7631.

### Library and Information Services for People with Disabilities SIG

#### Guide to resources

A guide to resources for providers of information services for people with disabilities has been compiled by the Library and Information Services for People with Disabilities Special Interest Group of ALIA. The price is \$7.50 (ALIA members \$5; LISPD members \$2.50).

To order a copy or provide feedback to the compilers contact the Secretary, Library and Information Services for People with Disabilities SIG, Ms Alla Kamaralli, c/- New South Wales Society for Crippled Children, PO Box 10, Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012. Telephone: (02) 698 9555.

### ALAA or AALIA ?

The General Council has endorsed the retention of Associates admitted before the establishment of ALIA of their certificates as Associates of the Library Association of Australia. As from the date of establishment of ALIA, 31 December 1988, Associates can choose to use the letters ALAA or AALIA.

The post-nominal letters for Fellows of the ALIA have been referred to the Standing Committee on By-Laws and Regulations, as there were some concerns expressed at the Council meeting over the possible sexist language connotations of the continued use of the word 'fellow'.