

# Feed-back

## NSW Branch

### Professional development

The NSW Branch is offering a varied and interesting program this year. Five seminars will be run and costs will be kept to a minimum to encourage wide participation. Branch Executive has in fact decided to subsidise each activity to the tune of \$200.

One seminar—Lobby or lose—has already been held. We will report on that in the next issue of *InCite*. Topics for four half-day seminars planned for later in the year are:

- Career planning
- Public speaking
- New technology update
- Improving your management skills.

Watch the 'Events' column for details.

### HELP!

I am seeking four members who wish to achieve fame (not fortune) and organise one of the above seminars. If you feel up to it, please contact:

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## UCLS ACT Group

### 1988 in retrospect

In a time of gathering change for academic institutions and their libraries, the University and College Libraries Section has provided a very necessary forum for library staff members from all sectors of higher education, and from all areas of librarianship. The 1988 program reflected those varied interests as did the committee: Alex Byrne (President), Bet Dracoulis (Secretary), Margaret Henty (Treasurer), Paul Bunker, Margaret Hyland and Janette Condon.

During the year we were treated to presentations and discussions on, *inter alia*, the business of dealing with controversial individuals, groups or fringe organisations, on the implementation of databases on CD-ROM in the Library of Australian Defence Force Academy Library, on CD-ROM, CDI, DVI and other high technology topics, on AUSLIT, and on 'Hatch, match, despatch and Australian libraries'. We also ran a half-day workshop on 'Barriers to library users'.

But the major activity for the year was a seminar on the Taxation Incentives for the Arts Scheme, mounted in conjunction with the ACT Group of the Acquisitions Section: the first independently organised examination of the Scheme in the ten years of its existence. It was reported in AARL and the proceedings have been published as: Byrne, Alex (ed) *The Taxation Incentives for the Arts Scheme: who benefits?* Canberra: Library Association of Australia, University and College Libraries Section (ACT Group), 1988. ISBN 0 7316 4587 1. \$14.00 post paid. The proceedings may be ordered from the University and College Libraries Section,

c/- Library, Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra ACT 2600.

### Forthcoming seminar

The Group is organising a seminar entitled 'Amalgamations: Fact or Fancy? The Library Perspective', to be held in the A.L.G. McDonald Room, R.G. Menzies Building, Australian National University, on 27 April 1989. The seminar will be addressed by various speakers from tertiary institutions and employer and staff associations. Registration, including lunch, is \$70, for ALIA members and \$90 for non-members. Cheques should be made out to ALIA, UCLS ACT Branch and forwarded to Mrs M. Henty, The Library, Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2601.

Alex Byrne  
President

## Public Libraries Section NSW Group

### A varied program for the coming year

The Group's 1989 program is in train with a supervision workshop set down for 4-5 May, and meetings on 'Making the most of your resources dollar', 'Report and submission writing', and 'Effective staff training for reference staff', scheduled for June, July and August, respectively (check 'Events' for details). The last-mentioned topic relates to a training package being developed by the South East Metropolitan Reference Group and the Public Libraries Department. Other workshops and meetings planned will include a visit to the Laser Picture Studio, a 'technology update' session and discussion on 'Marketing your public library service'.

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### Lobbying

We have not yet managed to arrange our annual call on the Minister for Health and the Arts, but we remain hopeful that he will succumb and squeeze us in between Health matters soon!

### Useful publication on micros

Amongst the papers presented at a workshop held at the State Library of NSW last year were: 'Public access microcomputers: trouble shooting and staff training', by Jacky Harmeby; 'How to start a microcomputer service' by Heidy Dyke; and 'Microcomputers at the State Library of NSW' by Martin Hargous. Copies, at \$5 (incl. postage), are now available from Glenys Murray, c/- Lane Cove Public Library, 139 Longueville Rd., Lane Cove NSW 2606. (02) 427 5194.

### Committee members wanted

Who would like to join our very active, keen, but depleted Committee? Please contact me on (02) 427 5194 if you are interested.

Glenys Murray  
President

### Library Technicians Section NSW Group

### Advanced online workshop

Those of you who previously attended the successful library technicians online seminar will be pleased to hear about a new advanced online workshop. Our Group is delighted to be associated with the friendly staff at the Resource Centre at Cumberland College of Health Sciences who have again provided their ideas, time and facilities.

The one-day workshop will cover subjects useful to technicians, and areas to be included will be: choosing new materials for the collection, keyword searching on OPAC, using ILANET for interlibrary loans, using CD-ROM for continuing education, acquisitions routines and copy cataloguing online. The workshop will take place at Cumberland College on Friday 19 May and bookings need to be made by 28 April. The charge is \$75 for ALIA members and \$95 for non-members, including morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Contact Kim Davis on (02) 646 6277 for bookings or Jan Harris (02) 699 1855 for information. Book early, as a maximum of 40 registrations can be accepted.

Jan Harris  
Secretary

### School Libraries Section National Group

### New National Committee

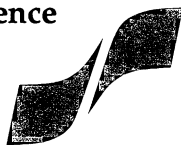
The School Libraries Section National

Group has a new committee. The incoming committee is pictured below: (L-R) Imogen Garner, Publicity Officer; Jenni Woodroffe, Correspondence Secretary; Judy Nicholls, Minutes Secretary; Rhonda Bracy, Treasurer; and Anne Clyde, President.



### Special Libraries Section National Group

### Third Asian Pacific Special and Law Librarians Conference



An impressive line-up of keynote speakers has been arranged for those fortunate enough to be able to attend the Third Asian Pacific Special and Law Librarians' conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 6-11 August. Jacqueline Cropley (Royal Bank of Canada, London), Donald Raistrick (Lord Chancellor's Department, London), Gail Dykstra (Canadian Law Information Council, Toronto), and Peter Judge (Peter Judge and Associates, Canberra) will provide expert insights into various facets of the conference theme—'The Information Investment'.

Proceedings will get under way on Sunday 6 August with the opening of the Trade Exhibition, followed by a welcoming reception for delegates. The Official Opening of the conference is on Monday morning, followed by keynote addresses, parallel sessions, and various papers that will be of broad general interest to participants.

Tuesday is dedicated to an all-day seminar and workshop entitled 'Survival in the Nineties'. The program includes sessions conducted by librarians whose libraries have been disbanded and those who have survived management consultant reviews. The views of the consultants themselves will also be aired.

Wednesday is devoted to the law program and the formal conference concludes on Thursday with summary statements from all four keynote speakers. Friday has been set aside for library tours and optional excursions for those delegates who wish to extend their stay.

A comprehensive trade exhibition and displays is an integral part of the program. Exhibitors will include publishing, computer software and library suppliers of all kinds with time set aside each day of the conference for viewing the exhibition.

Fees have been set at \$360 for attendance at the whole conference and \$240 for the law component. All fees include the Conference Dinner and Conference Proceedings.

A Registration Form will accompany the next issue (Vol 10, No 6) of *InCite*: look out for it and register early.

For more information contact the conference organisers: Ellisservice Convention Management, PO Box 753, Norwood SA 5067. Phone: (08) 332 4068.