

Feedback

Jeanette Knox — Fellowship Award

Jeanette Knox achieved the distinction of Fellow of ALIA at a reception on 1 February, hosted by the NSW Branch of ALIA in the Mitchell Galleries at the State Library of NSW.

Jeanette, who is currently Associate Librarian, Reader Services at Macquarie University, has been involved in the Association for many years, particularly with the Board of Education.

The reception was chaired by the NSW Branch President while the award was introduced and presented by John Levett, National President of ALIA. The citation was read by Harrison Bryan, long time associate of Jeanette and formerly Director General of the National Library of Australia.

The reception was attended by a large crowd of Jeanette's friends and colleagues.

Craig Crimison □

Health Libraries Section National Group

Getting ready for the conference

The National group has been busily preparing the program for *Achieving Excellence: 4th Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians Conference with 9th Biennial Health Librarians Conference*, Canberra, 1-5 September 1991. Many interesting papers have been received and the conference should prove to be informative, educational and topical.

The first two days, Monday and Tuesday, will be devoted to topics in management, occupational health and safety and the Asian Pacific region. The Wednesday and Thursday will look at small libraries, networks, accreditation and education. On Friday there will be workshops and tours of various libraries in the ACT. Registration forms will be sent shortly to all members. For further details see the *Events* column of *inCite*.

Applications are now invited for the biennial Anne Harrison Award from librarians and others undertaking a project that will enrich the knowledge and skills of health librarianship in Australia. The Award, inaugurated in 1987, was established by health librarians as a tribute to the pioneering work of Anne Harrison in the development of medical librarianship in Australia.

Anne, who still remains an active member of our section, enjoyed a career

that spanned over 30 years until her retirement in 1983. Apart from her work as Brownless Medical Librarian at the University of Melbourne, she participated in the creation and development of the Central Medical Library Organisation in Victoria, advocated the introduction of MEDLINE in Australia, helped form our predecessor, the Australian Medical Librarians Group and lobbied extensively for the establishment of hospital libraries in Victoria. During this time she also published many important papers on medical librarianship. In 1989 Anne was awarded an ALIA Fellowship for long and outstanding services to health libraries.

The Award is intended to encourage others to contribute in the field of medical, nursing and allied health librarianship.

Earlier winners include Linda Mulheron, Westmead Hospital Library and Frances Bluhdorn, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Further details about the objectives and conditions of the Award are given in the Call for Applications on page 7 or may be obtained from Katherine Keily, Secretary, Anne Harrison Trust Fund Administrators, c/- Westmead Hospital Library Westmead NSW 2145, telephone (02) 633 6262. Applications close 31 May 1991.

Linda Mulheron □

FELLOWSHIP CITATION

Jeanette Knox MA FALIA

Jeanette Knox has made an outstanding contribution to the library and information profession in Australia as an academic librarian of excellence, and as a leader in the Australian Library and Information Association.

Jeanette has had a distinguished career in academic librarianship, serving on the staff of several university libraries in Australia and the United Kingdom before coming to Macquarie University Library in 1977.

As Head of Reader Services, she is responsible for standards of service to a large, diverse and demanding population of readers. She has fully maintained the record of innovation and excellence for which that department has been noted over the years.

Jeanette's resourcefulness, willingness to embrace new technology, her commitment to staff development and the development of effective readers services programs have been the major areas of leadership at Macquarie University. Her eminently practical approach, her involvement of staff in decision making, her tolerance and her foresight have helped her department through financial stringencies and managing to do more with less.

Jeanette Knox's professional interests are not confined to academic libraries. She has taken a keen interest in the problems of public and school libraries and has participated in various campaigns to gain improvements in service.

She has been a mentor to many and her encouragement, and her practical and freely given

advice, reflects her commitment and interest in assisting others.

Jeanette Knox has ably served on many and varied committees. Her participation in the activities of the Association and its Queensland and NSW Branches has been consistent and productive involving positions of leadership including the Presidency of the NSW Branch. As a member of the Futures Committee and of the Board of Education (for 6 years), her work and her discussion papers reflect her rational and commonsense approach. During her two terms on the Board of Education her particular concerns were with the level and coverage of training for librarians and library technicians, particularly from the point of view of the practitioner. Her experience in the areas of staff selection and training and her leadership as Convener of the Course Recognition Committee were valuable contributions. She also prepared a number of high quality discussion papers for the Board, for example, a paper which led to the reshaping of the Association's policy and practice in relation to the recognition of overseas qualifications. Jeanette has since served as an assessor in NSW of applicants for Associate membership with overseas qualifications. Through her work in the field of Freedom of Information legislation Jeanette has made a significant contribution to the Association's advocacy of improved access to all types of information for all people.

It was during her Presidency of the NSW Branch in 1977 that it began its examination of the need for such legislation and convinced the

membership at large of its importance. It was largely due to her efforts that lobbying for the introduction of effective Freedom of Information legislation became an Association cause — one which was pursued successfully.

At General Council's request she has, since 1980, maintained a watching brief on Federal and State legislation and other FOI matters.

In 1978 she was one of the Association's representatives at hearings into Freedom of Information legislation carried out by the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. With Marilyn Bryce she prepared the Association's submission on the revised Freedom of Information Bill which was introduced by the first Hawke Government in 1983. This submission was quoted extensively in debate.

Her work in this field has been effective, persevering and varied — and it continues to be so.

She has been involved with many activities at Macquarie University and has been President of the Macquarie University Club and the Secretary of the Macquarie University Staff Association. Her work with the Glebe Society, of which she has been President, indicates her interest in improving the quality of life of residents and preserving the environment, both in her own area and in the wider context of the general community.

Jeanette Knox has worked quietly and efficiently in numerous capacities for the Association. Her contributions to Australian librarianship and to the Association make her a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association as awarded by a resolution of the General Council at its meeting on the third of October, 1990. □