

# Feedback

## New post for ALIA Vice-President

Jenny Cram explains her recent moves

**A**LIA Vice-President Jenny Cram resigned on 25 May from her position as City Librarian, Brisbane City Council. On 15 June she takes up the newly created position of Manager, Library Services, in the Queensland Education Department.

'The City Council had difficulty in supporting my ALIA involvement. The Education Department have assured me that they will fully support me, and indeed, the people there seem delighted at both my appointment and the Presidency.'

Jenny has responsibility for some 28 collections and libraries which are scattered around and for which some cohesive policy development is needed to optimise their utility for supporting policy

development and meeting the information needs of both teaching and other staff throughout Queensland.

'The job promises to be stimulating and fascinating, and offers me the one career goal I have not yet achieved—the opportunity to work in the area of Aboriginal culture and services. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collection, at present housed in Education House, is the largest publicly accessible collection of materials of this kind in Australia. The development of a library policy which gives precedence to the cultural imperatives is something that I am very excited about.'

One of Jenny's first tasks in her new position will be to develop a strategic plan for the Department's Libraries. There are also plans to



Jenny Cram, ALIA Vice-President

use up-to-date technology for networking.

## NZ Librarian this year's James Cook Bicentenary Scholar

**T**HE JAMES COOK Bicentenary Scholarship for 1992/1993 has been awarded to Sheryl Morgan. The Scholarship was advertised as a Management Internship opportunity and Sheryl will spend three months as a management intern at the University of Norwich, England, and three months at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, USA.

Sheryl writes: 'I am currently Head of Reference at Massey University Library, in Palmerston North, New Zealand. The James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship has offered me an exciting opportunity to see some other university libraries in action. I will be working at the University of East Anglia, in Norwich, and the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia. UEA

Library reflects British efforts to cope with the tight economic situation, and William and Mary is known locally as a library with a particularly strong management team.

I am looking forward to seeing different styles of operation, and to discussing some of the issues facing librarians. I also hope to be able to attend the American Library Association's winter conference. Apparently the size of the ALA conference has to be seen to be believed!

The Scholarship, which is worth \$A25 000 and is financed by Blackwell's, is offered every second year to librarians who are nationals of Australia or New Zealand. The 1991 scholarship, which was also for a management internship, was awarded to Craig Grimison, Information Services Librarian at the University of Wollongong who has just returned to Australia from the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University. Craig will report on his travels in a future *inCite*.

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