ALIA mid-north coast revives!

Sue Aus has sent this encouraging news

A SMALL BUT enthusiastic band of Public, School and TAFE Librarians late last year re-launched a regional ALIA group at Port Macquarie, on the Mid-North Coast of NSW. Our previous group had been out of action for some years and as ALIA and potential ALIA members we felt we could do more for ourselves through an active regional group. Areas represented included Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Laurieton and Taree.

Frances Bluhdorn, NSW President, flew up especially to encourage us and even joined up some new members. We were grateful for her help and suggestions.

In July 1992, Jennifer Cram (formerly Brisbane City Librarian, now with the Queensland Department of School Education) was invited to speak at our first dinner meeting and *event* for this year. Her topic, *Rejected, Ejected, Dejected, Used, Accused, Abused: Public Libraries in the 90's* entertained and enlightened members and friends and provided stimulating discussion afterwards.

Jennifer Cram (centre) with Virginia Kelk (left) and Robyn Hardman (right) at the ALIA Mid-North Coast dinner

We look forward to further workshops, talks and training through our newly formed association. ■

New ILL code from ACLIS

THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL of Libraries and Information Services, ACLIS, has recently released a new *Australian Interlending Code,* 'to facilitate the sharing of resources of the Distributed National Collection by improving efficiency within an equitable framework'. The *Code* consists of definitions, policy guidelines and procedural advice covering such matters as making requests, payment, dispatch of material, care of material, renewals and returns. It is not intended to exclude special lending arrangements between libraries, and indeed the *Code* suggests that some libraries may wish to develop more detailed procedures to supplement the provisions in the code.

ACLIS intends to review the *Code* in about twelve months' time, and in the meantime is inviting comments on it. The *Code* is available free of charge from the ACLIS Secretariat, PO Box E202, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600. ■

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THE METCALFE MEDALLION

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John Metcalfe was responsible for establishing the basis of the profession of librarianship in Australia and was the dominating influence in the profession in this country until his retirement in the 1960's. John Metcalfe and his contribution to librarianship and library education are commemorated by the Australian Library and Information Association through the Metcalfe Medallion.

The award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on a topic of interest to library and information services and consists of a medallion and a year's membership of the Association. Students are invited to submit entries for this award.

To meet the criteria for this award entries for the ALIA Metcalfe Medallion should:

- be submitted in triplicate by a student undertaking a first award course in library and information science;
- be an essay or other piece of work of up to 5000 words in length of interest to library and information science;
- be written in a form or style appropriate for publishing in an ALIA journal or as an ALIA Press publication;
- indicate competence in the analysis, evaluation or synthesis of data, information or previously published material;
- include a declaration stating that the entry is the student's own work.

Entries should be sent to:
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