## **Anthony Ketley retires**

Gordon Bower wishes a longtime colleague well for the future

NTHONY KETLEY, Director of the National Coordination Branch of the National Library of Australia, retired from the National Library and the Commonwealth Public Service on Monday 12 October. Present and former colleagues honoured Anthony at a farewell dinner on Wednesday

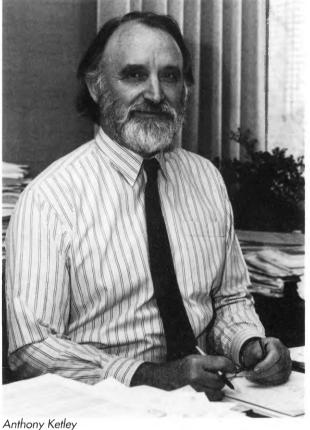
14 October.

Anthony was appointed to the position of Chief Librarian of the then Canberra Public Library Service in September 1971. He remained there until January 1979 when he transferred into the National Library. During his earlier career in South Australia, Anthony served in the SA Education Department and the State Library of South Australia, including Officer-in-charge of the Country Children's Book Service and Head of Lending Services.

During his time at the National Library, Anthony was Principal Librarian, Special Projects; Principal Librarian, National Lending Service; Director, Bibliographical Services; and since 1986 held his present position as Director, National Coordination Branch.

Anthony was active in LAA/ALIA, the Children's Book Council, the Australian Council of State School Organisations and other professional bodies. He was a member of the Public Lending Right Committee from 1975 to 1990.

He has also been involved with the International Serials Data System (ISDS) in Paris, including a period as Rapporteur and a current term as Chairman of the Governing Board of the ISDS. He has developed links over many years with colleagues in the South East Asian region, and is currently Convener of ALIA's Asia and Pacific Special Interest



Group (APSIG).

Anthony has made many friends in the library profession over the years, and they wish him well in his future ventures.

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