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about us may
surprise
even our most
devoted
customers!

With all the fuss about electronic links it may surprise some customers to know that Bennetts was the first supplier in Australia to make their database accessible on ILANET and shortly after on AUSTPAC. Now AARNET is also there. It won't surprise anyone to know that our file includes 1.3 million records, that we add nearly 9,000 new Australian titles each year, and that our supply times are good enough to support any kind of electronic link.

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Need a freelance?...

...writer, editor, publisher—these registers provide the key

The Society of Editors (NSW) has recently released the 1992 edition of *The Register of Freelance Publishing Services*, giving the résumés of 101 of its members (not all based in NSW) who are experienced freelancers in a variety of services, specialities and media. Most of this 92-page directory is taken up by a very detailed index that should enable you rapidly to find exactly the person you need for a specific job. In a real-life panic a few weeks ago it was used for precisely that purpose and came up trumps.

So if you need a writer with editorial skills to undertake research into children's humour leading to the production of an illustrated book by desktop publishing, this is a proven resource. *The Register of Freelance Publishing Services* is available from Janine Flew, c/- The Law Book Co Ltd, 44-50 Waterloo Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113 price \$9.95 (inc p&cp), cheque payable to the Society of Editors (NSW).

Although editors Australia-wide are discussing a possible national body for some time in the future, at present there are separate societies in the ACT, NSW, Queensland, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and WA. Five of the seven societies produce their own freelance registers, and all except NSW are free (but please send a stamped, addressed envelope for the free ones—A4 to Victoria, DL to the others).

Further information is available from:

Peter Judge, Canberra Society of Editors, PO Box 413, Jamison ACT 2614;

Jan Whelan, Society of Editors (Qld), PO Box 1524, Toowong QLD 4066;

The Secretary, Society of Editors (SA), PO Box 2328, Kent Town SA 5071;

Society of Editors (Victoria), PO Box 176, Carlton VIC 3053. ■

Ballarat is burning

Cathie Jilovsky has been in a (simulated) disaster

The CAVAL Disaster Management Group organised and ran this workshop at Ballarat University College last February, with 44 taking part including Victorian and interstate representatives from academic, public, state and special libraries as well as records managers, conservators and archivists.

Workshop sessions were given by Jeavons Baillie (Chief Conservator at the State Library of Victoria), Judy Doig (Senior Librarian, Policy and Liaison, RMIT), Cathie Jilovsky (Library Coordinator, CAVAL), Colin England (Training Officer of the Ballarat branch of the Country Fire Authority) and Keith Gibbs (Consultant for Steeves Lumley Ltd). Colin England's session included burning a trolley-load of books, which was filmed by the local television station and shown on the evening news!

Day 2 was entirely devoted to a Disaster Simulation exercise. A small area containing a variety of library materials was made as dark as possible (using black plastic), and thoroughly wetted... Six teams were formed, and everyone took part in six recovery tasks. To make it even more realistic, the Country Women's Association rallied round with refreshments.

At the conclusion, all agreed that the workshop had been informative, useful, well-organised and highly enjoyable! ■