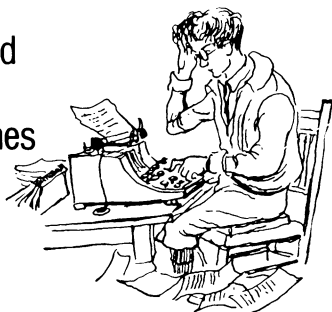


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## Geography theses

All theses written in the geography departments of Australian and New Zealand universities – a bold claim – in the period 1972–1980, are recorded in a recent publication from the Department of Geography at the University of Queensland. *Australasian theses in geography 1972–1980: analysis and classified bibliography* covers urban industrial development, marketing, land use, tourism, geomorphology, planning and many other subject areas. 1792 theses are recorded and cross classified by subdiscipline, localities and keywords. All levels of thesis, from bachelors to PhD are included.

Copies of *Australasian theses in geography* can be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Geography, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld 4067, at a cost of \$13 including postage. (ISBN 0 9599260 3 8)

## Politicians exposed

The bare bones of the biography of parliamentarians in Queensland from 1860–1929 was given by Duncan Waterson in his excellent *Biographical register of the Queensland Parliament, 1860–1929*, which was published by the ANU Press in 1972. Now Waterson, with John Arnold, has covered the period 1930–1980 in the same satisfactory fashion. For each MP who sat in Queensland during those years we are given their occupation before entering parliament, their dates of birth, parentage, educational background, previous career, parliamentary career, party affiliation and religion.

Brief references to other sources of information in printed, manuscript and sometimes

audiovisual form are also provided. In appropriate cases (usually accidents or 'other spectacular misadventure') causes of death are given. Waterson and Arnold comment, comfortingly for parliamentarians, that 'in spite of a reasonable quota of casualties from cirrhosis, cancer and cardiac arrest, most parliamentarians seem to live long and die in their beds'.

Waterson and Arnold's *Biographical register of the Queensland Parliament, 1930–1980* is certainly destined for a long and useful life on (and off) the reference shelf. It was published late last year by the Australian National University Press and costs \$10.95. (ISBN 0 7081 1957 3.)

## Aborigines in the news

Very enterprisingly, the Library of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies is publishing, on microfiche, news clippings on the Australian Aborigines. Gleaned from a wide range of newspapers and periodicals, *Australian Aborigines in the news* is issued twice yearly, is arranged chronologically and is very well indexed.

Frank Kunz, Director of the AIAS Library comments that the Library aims at very high coverage of issues (estimated at 96%), although in the case of national issues there is considerable selectivity in the material reproduced. In such cases, of course, the news items in many country newspapers and some metropolitan ones too would contain very much the same information. Total comprehensiveness is not feasible, and certainly the researcher can use the dates provided in the index to lead to reports in other newspapers. The microfiche service covers January 1981 onwards. The six-monthly batches appear about four months after the period covered, and the index cumulates annually. Coverage of press releases and some ministerial and Opposition documents is also aimed at, and here again there is deliberate selectivity. I can but agree that this will 'enable users, wherever they may live, to benefit from a breadth of newspaper and periodical coverage not equalled in any single library in Australia and overseas'.

*Australian Aborigines in the news* is very reasonably priced at \$28 per year. Back issues are available. Orders should be addressed to the Library, AIAS, PO Box 553, Canberra City, ACT 2601. (ISSN 0811-2908)

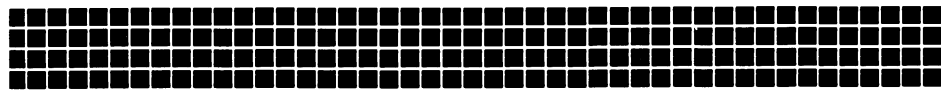
## Colourful Supplement

With the publication of volume three of the *Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary* late last year, the three-quarter mark has been reached. The fourth and final volume of the *Supplement* will be published in 1985, and then I suspect, the juggernaut which James Murray unleashed around a hundred years ago will roll inexorably onward.

Perhaps there will be supplements to the *Supplement* – certainly the OED is by now too much of a British tradition to expire lamely. The latest volume is uniform with the rest of the work, in style and in standards. It is a major publishing achievement in its own right – 1579 pages, 18,750 main words divided into around 28,000 senses and about 142,500 illustrative quotations. The range of sources for the OED's quotations is eclectic to say the least – the whole gamut of English-language publishing is represented here, with examples drawn from the *Last Whole Earth Catalog*, *Ulysses*, *Playboy's book of forbidden words*, the *National Times* and the *British medical journal* to name but a random few. Australianisms are well represented in this volume, which covers the letters 'O' to 'Scz'. 'Pitchi', 'rub-a-dub' (or 'rubbity-dub') and 'rort' are now firmly recorded as English, albeit with Antipodean origins.

The flavour of the times exudes from this slice of the alphabet, times which because of the progressive publication of the original OED span most of this century. Language which lived and died in the trenches rubs shoulders with words recalling more recent preoccupations: punk rock, petrol bomb, rubber bullet, Rubik's Cube, OPEC, Ostpolitik, refuseniks, Red Brigade. Derivations are painstakingly set down; first recorded sightings in print are faithfully noted. For a scholarly dictionary on historical principles it has no peer.

Locally priced at \$167.00, volume three, 'O to Scz' of *A Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary* is clearly only for the well-endowed library or professional philologist. More impecunious souls must settle for the Shorter, the Concise, the Pocket, the School, the Illustrated or even the Mini. When the occasion arises, however, we should not deny ourselves the lexicographical experience of a quick dip into this and its fellow volumes. (ISBN 0 19 861124 2)



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