



## IN THE NEWS

### The making of the Manual

The *Australian librarian's manual* project is now at the halfway mark. Volume 1, *Documents*, appeared last December, and judging by the comments I have received so far, it is already proving its worth. The final manuscript of volume 2, *Legislation*, is now being teased into shape by a book designer and a copy editor, and is scheduled for publication in December this year.

Volume 3, *Glossary*, is now on the stocks, with a tentative publication date of December 1984. The final volume is in many ways the most ambitious of the three, attempting to record uniquely Australian library terms, the names of specific Australian collections, library-related organisations and institutions, Australian publications in librarianship (particularly serials).

To make this volume anywhere near successful, a lot of research will be necessary, and a lot of reliance upon colleagues around Australia to make this as full an Australian library glossary as possible. Even at this early stage, hard facts, suggestions, hints and leads are most welcome, and should be addressed to me at 31 Ward Street, Willoughby, NSW 2068.

I am looking forward to preparing this challenging work and to the spontaneous and solicited co-operation which I know will be given by fellow Australian librarians.

David J. Jones

### Futures in Adult Literacy

The 7th National Adult Literacy Conference will be held in Canberra from 7-11 October 1983.

The theme is 'Futures in Adult Literacy, and the keynote speaker will be 'Pablo' Foster, Scottish Adult Basic Education Unit.

Interest groups will include volunteer tutors; basic education English; basic education maths; migrant literacy; literacy for the disabled; Aboriginal literacy.

Further information about the Conference may be obtained from Margaret Craig, 10 Ijong Street, Braddon ACT 2601.

### Medicine in the Colonies

In 1980 a conference was held on the history of medicine and health in Australia, with 150 participants from a wide range of disciplines taking part.

Now the papers from the symposium have been published under the title *Australia's Quest for Colonial Health*. The book promises to be a collector's item, with a sepia toned montage of historical photographs. It has just been launched in Queensland, and a NSW launching is planned for Thursday, June 16 at the Notre Dame Auditorium of St Vincent's.

For further information contact Miss B.E. Sullivan, Medical Librarian, St Vincent's Hospital, Svdnev NSW 2010

### Jubilee conference

The Institute of Information Scientists will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee with a special conference to be held in Oxford from 28 June-1 July.

The opening address, entitled 'Information, communication and the mass media' will be given by Justin Dukes, managing director of Channel 4 TV. Many eminent people will talk about new areas which could open up for information scientists in the next 25 years - communication through the mass media, electronic publishing, applications of microcomputers, human factor research.

The full programme of social events includes the Jubilee banquet and a celebration luncheon. And who can imagine a more delightful setting for such an occasion than Oxford in summertime?

For more information, write at once to Mrs Christina Baker, 1983 Jubilee Conference Secretary, the Pilkington Library, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics LE11 3 TU, England.

### Back issues available

Mrs Shirley R. Cohen, 66 Paterson Street, Mumurkah, Vic. 3636, has the following available for anyone who cares to pay the freight:

*Australian Library Journal* 1959-81; *LAA Conference proceedings*, 1961-71; *Library and Information Science Abstracts*, 1967-75.

The last two are slightly watermarked. Would anyone interested please contact Mrs Cohen after May 23.

### Cultural Conservation Conference

There is to be a conference organised by the ICCM (Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials) in Brisbane from 6-9 September 1983, on the theme 'Conservation - the Art, the Craft and the Science'.

ICCM publishes a quarterly newsletter containing items of interest on national conservation subjects, details of forthcoming conferences and so on.

To find out more about the newsletter and the Brisbane conference, contact Miss Catherine Lilloco, Editor, ICCM Newsletter, c/- Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney 2000. (02) 221 2100 Ex. 73.

### Computer courses at Toorak/South Yarra Library

A community access computer scheme has been introduced at the Toorak/South Yarra Branch of the Prahran City Libraries. The Computer Education Group of Victoria (CEGV) has installed in the library eight Apple 2e Computers on which are run special courses designed to give children and adults a basic understanding of programming techniques.

Courses are run during the day for classes from local primary schools and after school for individual children. The courses are based on a simple yet highly sophisticated computer language, LOGO. The child learns to control movements of a turtle-shaped robot around the screen to draw graphics. This not only teaches the child something about computers but also about involvement and movement.

During the evening courses are run for adults where they can either do a course to familiarise themselves with computers by learning LOGO or they can learn to program in the language BASIC. A heavy demand is coming from adults who realise computers will be playing an ever-increasing role in our daily lives and want to learn how they function.

Tutors are provided for all courses by the CEGV and a charge of \$30.00 is made for each course. It is intended that the computers will become available outside class times.



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