

## HAPPENINGS — continued

## Overseas

**MARCH 3-5 1983 7th FID/CAO General Assembly and Congress, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.** The theme of the conference is 'Problem of Access to Science and Technological Information'. Contact: Local Organising Committee, 7th FID/CAO General Assembly and Congress, c/- PDIN-LIPI, PO Box 3065/JKT, Jakarta, Indonesia.

**MARCH 13-15 International Conference** on the Application of Mini and Micro-Computers in Information, Documentation and Libraries, **Tel-Aviv, Israel.** Contact: Secretariat, PO Box 3054, 61030 Tel-Aviv, Israel.

**APRIL 6-8 1983 London Book Fair.** The Fair is held at the **Barbican Arts Centre, London** and is the only annual international book trade fair held in the British Isles. Contact: Katy James, London Book Fair, 16 Pembridge Road, London W11.

**MAY 1-13 1983 College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland** seventeenth annual **Library Administrators Development Program.** Seminar sessions will concentrate on the principal administrative issues which senior managers encounter. Contact: Mrs Effie Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators, Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

**AUGUST 10-19 'Libraries in Denmark'.** A **Seminar** on the library systems in Denmark. Lectures and discussions, study visits to new and older public libraries, children's and music libraries, research and special libraries. Contact: Institute for Information about Denmark, 2, Kultorvet, DK-1175 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

## Office bearers for 1983



Mr Barrie Mitcheson

### 1983 President

AS MOST members are no doubt aware, Mr Barrie Mitcheson is the 1983 President of the Library Association of Australia. Mr Mitcheson is currently Institute Librarian at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Prior to this he held positions at the Australian National University and University of Newcastle.

Mr Mitcheson is particularly concerned that libraries adapt to the changing environment in which they operate, and that libraries and librarians develop and strengthen as a force in the community.

He wishes the LAA to promote further the national development of technology in libraries and the integration of librarians, library technicians and non-library professionals into the library environment.

As President, Mr Mitcheson hopes to enhance the effectiveness of General Council both as a forum for discussion, as well as a focus and leader on matters of national and international significance in information services.

### Vice-President President Elect

Mr Warren Horton has been elected Vice President and President Elect of the Association for 1983/84. Mr Horton is currently State Librarian of Victoria. He has held that

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#### NSW BRANCH

As we enter 1983 I would like to wish all New South Wales members a satisfying and productive year in librarianship. Your 1983 executive is Aileen Stevenson, President; David Hawkins, Vice-President; Marea Terry, Past President; Julie Young, Secretary; Ian Gordon, Treasurer and Janet Robinson, General Councillor.

We are keen to represent all of you, particularly those who may feel a little isolated by the tyranny of distance. Julie and I both come from the Hunter and understand the problems facing those of you working in professional isolation. I may be contacted by telephone on (049) 68 5521 work, or (049) 51 3683 home and all ideas and suggestions will be most welcome.

I am particularly concerned with the maintenance of standards of libraries and librarianship in this present economic climate of reduced funding for all libraries and look forward to your support with an organised and energetic attempt to promote libraries through the media and to lobby Government for increased funding.

The fact that the New South Wales Government subsidy to public libraries is the lowest in Australia is extremely distressing.

position since August 1981; prior to this he was Deputy State Librarian of New South Wales.

His leadership at the Library Council of Victoria has seen the implementation of a new staff structure which reflects his concern for the future pattern of library and information services and the likely effects of technological change. Of major concern to him is the active defence of the principle of free public library service.

Before being elected to this position, Mr Horton held various positions in the Association and its branches and sections.

### General Treasurer

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Mr Alan Bunsell on his election as General Treasurer and welcome him to a second term in that position. Whilst matters of a financial nature may not cross paths of many of our members (except fees of course!) all our division office bearers will be aware of the enormous contribution Mr Bunsell has already made to the LAA.

### Councillor at Large

Miss Ann Hazell has been elected General Councillor at Large until December, 1984. Miss Hazell will be well-known to everyone for her untiring efforts as Conference Secretary for LAA22.

### Board of Education

Mrs Marianne Broadbent and Mr Eric Wainwright have been elected members of the Board of Education from May 1, 1983 until April 30, 1986. Both of these persons are well-known for their continuing contribution to the LAA.

Elections have taken place for all divisions for 1983. A complete listing will appear in *InCite* No 5.

*Susan Acutt*  
Executive Director

### In this Issue

With this issue all readers will receive a Statement of Policy and NSW readers will also receive a School Libraries Section newsletter.

Government cuts in education causing an adverse effect on children and staff in New South Wales schools is another area of grave concern. We will endeavour to support the growth of professionalism in school libraries during this time of low morale brought about by these cuts.

All the best for 1983. *Aileen Stevenson*  
President NSW Branch

#### BALLARAT REGIONAL GROUP

##### Office Bearers 1983

**President:** Dulcie Brooke, Library, Ballarat CAE, Mt Helen 3350. Phone (053) 30 1800.

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