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en referred to it by the Commonwealth government.

The Conference received the report and approved in principle the establishment of a budget for the conduct of ALIC's affairs, to be contributed to on a proportional basis by the Commonwealth, the States and the Northern Territory. The major item in this budget was to cover a survey of conservation needs.

ALIC also presented papers to the Conference on conservation of library and archival materials and on the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN). The Conference accepted unanimously the recommendations appended to these papers. Approval was given for ALIC to prepare a detailed proposal on both short and long term requirements for developing a nationally coordinated program for the conservation of library and archival materials. The Conference expressed its support for the continued development of ABN and drew attention to the need for appropriate resources to maintain the momentum of ABN's development and ensure its more rapid availability to libraries of all types.

One Minister referred to the backlog of items for inclusion in the National Union Catalogue of Library Materials for the undecapitated (NUC:H) and urged that the national Library's staff resources in this area be strengthened. The fact that the National Library was still providing the secretariat for ALIC was commented on unfavourably by one Minister and the Commonwealth Minister stated that this problem was being addressed.

Finally, one Minister pointed out that the specific resource need for ABN was for it to be excluded from public service ceiling restraints, since it was required to operate on a basis of seeking full cost recovery. It was reported that the Library had taken up this matter with the Public Service Board.

From the reception afforded to the ALIC presentations to the Conference, it is quite clear not only that ALIC is being treated seriously by both Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments, but also that the library world is regarded as having its part together in a way that has so far escaped the other areas of concern to the Conference.

It is all the more necessary, accordingly, that ALIC's advice to governments be as

soundly based as possible. To this end ALIC is anxious that there be a full and early response to its Issues and Objectives paper.

With a view to making the papers and minutes of ALIC meetings available to those concerned with the provision of library and information services, the Council decided, at its fourth meeting held in Sydney on 9 June, that a depository set of papers should be lodged with the State Libraries and the Northern Territory Library Service. These sets of papers, which will include the papers from the first meeting in August 1982, will contain the agenda, minutes and all papers cleared by the Council for distribution. The papers will be available for consultation from late July.

*Harrison Bryan*  
Chairman, ALIC

## Preserving local government records

THE RECORDS created by local government in New South Wales are not preserved in a systematic fashion. Council minutes and similar material must be retained but the rest may be destroyed after six years. Some councils try to keep more, others do not.

A seminar was held on Friday 29 April at the State Archives Office to discuss the reproduction and retention of various kinds of local government records. It was a notable success. More than seventy people attended, most of them well experienced in the handling of local government records. Another thirty-five applications had to be rejected. These will be accommodated, together with some prompt new applicants at a repeat seminar in July.

The seminar was arranged by the Action Committee on Local Government Records, a wide-ranging group brought into being after a seminar in 1981. It has worked closely with the Local Government Office (one of whose officers has been seconded to the committee), and is associated closely with the Library Association of Australia (NSW Branch) and the Australian Society of Archivists (Sydney Branch).

In no sense was the seminar a matter of preaching to the converted – or, indeed, of preaching at all. It proved to be a tough and thorough presentation of the needs of Councils in the retention of material and the attitude of the Local Government office to the

**Dinner in Honour of  
STIRLING CASSON**  
to mark the occasion of his retirement  
from the position of  
**PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN**  
**31st August 1983 at the FERNILEE  
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**6.30 for 7.00 p.m.**  
**ALL SECTIONS INVITED**  
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problems involved. The professional archivists warned of the difficulties of cost and equipment and a legal speaker considered matters of copyright and the reproduction of evidence. A battery of experts discoursed on microfilm techniques – cameras, reproduction, storage and retrieval. The final session of general discussion revealed the depth of interest in the problem and a general consensus that the need was greater than the obstacles.

*Ken Cable*

### Convenor's note

The Archives Authority of NSW made available to participants preliminary editions of *Guidelines on Establishing a Microfiling Programme*, (Technical Paper, No. 3, The Archives Office of New South Wales, 1983) and *Microfilming of Records* (Technical Paper No. 4, The Archives Office of New South Wales, 1983).

Other supporting documents included two papers by Janet Howse, 'The Preservation of local government Records in NSW. Historical and legislative requirements' (presented to the Local Government Chapter, Records Management Association of Australia, 8 September, 1982) and 'Access to local government records: the New South Wales situation' (reprinted with permission from *Archives and Manuscripts*, Vol. 10, No. 2, December, 1982), and, from the same issue, 'Micrographics and the law of evidence' by Leslie Katz.

The association of Local Government Librarians was represented by Chris Henderson, Chief Librarian, Lane Cove Public Library.

It is planned to publish the seminar papers following the repeat seminar in July.

*Patricia Ward*



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# HAPPENINGS

## A REGULAR DIARY OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### National

**JULY** National Library of Australia **Exhibition** from Westminster Abbey the Coronation Service Book and Prayer-book used by Queen Elizabeth II at her Coronation.

**JULY** National Library of Australia **Exhibition** on 'Sport and Information'. A large exhibition devoted to Australian sports, their heroes and publications.

**AUGUST 9 & 11, 16 & 18** Two Day **Short Courses** 'Freedom of information and librarians' **RMIT, Centre for Government Studies**. Fee: \$105. Contact: Lawrence Rutherford (03) 345 2822.

**AUGUST 11** AACOBS **Seminar** 'National Information Policy in an Age of Information Technology' **National Library**. Cost: \$25 AACOBS members, \$30 non members, \$18 students. Contact: Marion Newman (062) 62 1641.

**AUGUST 12-14** Bookmobile Special Interest Group **Biennial Conference Morpeth Convention Centre**. Cost: \$65 (including accommodation). Contact: David Clark, Upper Murray Regional Library, Civic Centre, Albury 2640. (060) 21 1122 ext 242.

**AUGUST 19-20** LAA Library Technicians Section **2nd National Conference of Library Technicians, Wrest Point Federal**. Contact: Maxine Edmonds wk (002) 30 2420 or hm (002) 28 2382.

**AUGUST 22-24** Australian Association of Toy Libraries for the Handicapped **Conference** 'Working with Families as Co-therapists' **Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide**. Contact: Angela Roodhouse (08) 271 7098.

**AUGUST 25-27** IBBY **Conference** on Children's Literature to coincide with World Communications Year. 'The electronic explosion: the effect of the new technologies on children's writers, illustrators, storytellers, publishers and the children themselves'. Venue: **University of Sydney**. Speakers include Aidan Chambers from Great Britain. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075, Karyn Green (02) 327 7818, Mary Maltby (02) 327 4307 PO Box 194, Edgecliff NSW 2027.

**AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2** National Interlending Conference **University of Sydney**. Speakers: Maurice Line (BLL) and representatives from State, University, CSIRO, Special and Public Libraries. Issues to be discussed include resource sharing, current work in progress, developments in Australia and abroad, ACIMAIL and document supply. Registration date extended to July 22. Contact: Marea Terry (02) 692 2265.

**SEPTEMBER 6-9** ICCM **Conference** 'Conservation — the art, the craft and the science' **Auditorium, Cultural Centre, Brisbane**. Contact: Neville Agnew (07) 52 2716.

**SEPTEMBER 16-24** Australian Library Week. Theme — 'The World Talks to You — at your library'. National Official Opening, **Sydney**, Friday September 16. Contact: Australian Library Promotion Council (03) 63 5994.

**SEPTEMBER 18-23** Australian Medical Librarians' **Conference**. A joint meeting of the Australian Medical Librarians' Groups and LAA Medical Library Section. Contact: Ingrid Sims, Chairman Conference Planning Committee, Biomedical Librarian, Medical Library, Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, Nedlands WA 6009.

**SEPTEMBER 22** Education for Librarianship Sect **Annual General Meeting Kuring-gai CAE**. Contact: Hilary Yerbury (02) 467 9371.

**SEPTEMBER 23** LAA Acquisition Sect **National Seminar** 'Automated Acquisition Systems: the transition phase' **Clairmont Inn, Kings Cross, Sydney**. Contact: Pam Glock (02) 221 1388.

**SEPTEMBER 23-24** Education for Librarianship Sect **National Conference** 'Teaching and Technology' **Kuring-gai CAE, Sydney**. Cost \$85 members, \$110 non-members. Contact: Hilary Yerbury (02) 467 9371.

**SEPTEMBER 26-29 1983** 6th National Special Libraries **Conference** 'Management of Resource Sharing in Special Libraries' **Parmelia Hilton Hotel, Perth**. This national conference will be a forum at which special librarians can evaluate their needs for resource sharing and means by which worthwhile sharing can be achieved. The emphasis will be on management of resource sharing by the individual special librarian. Major topics to be addressed are the need to share resources, technologies for resource sharing schemes, management of resource sharing, practical experiences, and proposals for resource sharing among Australian Special Libraries. Contact: Bruce Bott, Law Library, Supreme Court of Western Australia, Barrack Street, Perth. (09) 325 9433.

**SEPT. 29-OCT. 1** National Law Librarian's **Conference Perth**. The Conference is planned to coincide with the National Special Libraries Conference. Contact: Janet Stewart, Librarian, Messrs Parker & Parker, GPO Box D151, Perth WA 6001.

**SEPTEMBER 29-30** 2nd ISS **National Conference, Perth Western Australia**. 'Information Delivery' Contact: Ian Stone, Organiser, The Library Board of Western Australia, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth WA 6000 (09) 328 7466.

**OCTOBER 7-8** LAA Cataloguers Section **National Seminar** 'OPACS: On-line Public Access Catalogues' **Clairmont Inn, Kings Cross, Sydney**. Contact: Andrew Wells (02) 662 3331.

**OCTOBER 7-11** National Council for Adult Literacy **7th National Conference** 'Futures in Adult Literacy' **Canberra**. Speaker: Pablo Foster (Scottish Adult Basic Education Unit). Contact: Margaret Craig, 10 Ijong Street, Braddon ACT 2601.

**NOVEMBER 4-7** LAA Public Libraries Section Vic Group **National Conference** 'Sharing our skills' **Normanby House, Monash University**. A national conference for public librarians. Contact: Lee Ellis (03) 380 3278.

**NOVEMBER 25** Footscray Institute of Technology Library **National Seminar** 'Engineering information and documentation in Australia: problems and solutions'. Speaker: Herb Landau (President, Engineering Index NY). Contact: Lyn Lane, Seminar Coordinator, FIT (03) 688 4274. Telex: FITLEX 36596.

**NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 1** VALA **2nd National Conference** on Library Automation 'Information Management'. Contact: Tom Denison (03) 341 2335.

**DECEMBER 5-7** National **Workshop** 'Marketing of Information Services' **Canberra University House**. Watch *InCite* for further details. Contact: Bryan Yates (062) 62 1377.

### Tasmania

**JULY 26** LAA SLS Tas Group **Lunchtime Meeting** 'A look at ABN' 12.45pm **State Library**. Meet Bert Elson in foyer. Contact: Mark Bennett (002) 30 5294.

**AUGUST 13** Northern Areas Regional Group **Reader Education Seminar** 9 for 9.30am to 4pm. **Devonport Technical College, Valley Road, Devonport**. Speakers: Vivian Nash and Christine Frey. Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members. Light lunch included. Contact: NARG Secretary, Ian Somerville (003) 32 2628 or (003) 44 4426.

**AUGUST 17** LAA SLS Tas Group **Meeting** 'Serial Acquisition in Libraries' 8pm **University Arts Extension Common Room**. Speaker: Elizabeth Carvosso (Ebsco). Wine and cheese. Contact: Mark Bennett (002) 305 294.

### WA

**AUGUST 10** Special Libraries Section WA Group **Meeting** 'Special Collection' Venue to be announced. Contact: Kerry Smith (09) 322 4033.

**AUGUST 10** Special Libraries Sect WA Group **Meeting** 'Standards for Special Libraries' 5pm **Seminar Room, CSIRO, Underwood Avenue, Floreat Park** Contact: Kerry Smith (09) 322 4033.

**AUGUST 25** Medical Librarians' Group of WA **Meeting** 6pm **Mental Health Services**. Contact: C. Hamill.

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### NSW

**JULY 23** LAA Medical Librarians Sect NSW Group **Meeting** **Royal Newcastle Hospital**. Further details to be advised. A welcome. Contact: Frances Bluhdorn (02) 516 8997.

**JULY 27** Information Science Section NSW Group **Meeting** 'Austpac — the Australian data communications network' for 6.30pm **Archives Office of New South Wales, 2 Glob Street, The Rocks**. Speaker: Alan Peate. Contact: Andrew Mackenzie (02) 235 8523.

**AUGUST 2-4** SDC/ORBIT **Training Courses** New User, Advanced, Chemistry. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedma (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

**AUGUST 4** ARLIS/ANZ NSW Chapter **Meeting** 5 pm **Jane Hardie Library of Australian Fine Arts, 6th Floor, 65 York Street, Sydney**. Speaker: Prof Edward Cowie (Prof of Fine and Performing Arts, Uni of Wollongong). He will address the meeting at 5.45 pm. Contact: Margaret Calder (02) 221 1388.

**AUGUST 5** DIALOG **Customer Clinic, Sydney**. See JULY CHRONOLOG for details.

**AUGUST 6** NSW School Libraries Sect **Seminar** 'Selling the Library — public relations for the teacher-librarian' 9am to 3.30pm **Orana Education Centre, 212 Darling Street, Dubbo**. A wide range of speakers will talk about marketing communications and advertising principles and their application to library promotion. Contact: Graham Spindler (02) 923 4256.

**AUGUST 7-13** Information Technology Week **Display and Demonstration in OTC House, Martin Place**. Experience searchers on databases are required to perform searches as requested by the public. Contact: Rosemar McLachlan (02) 238 3769 or Graham Whittall (02) 235 8527 if you can help for any period between 10am and 4pm.

**AUGUST 8-9** Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG **Introductory Seminar, Sydney**. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

**AUGUST 10** LAA NSW Branch **Special Information Technology Week Meeting** 6 for 6.30 pm **Galleries, State Library of NSW**. Speaker: Dr Ellen Baker (Sen Lecturer NSWIT) will speak about communication and information. Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355 or David Hawkins (02) 217 5006

**AUGUST 13** LAA Public Libraries Sect NSW Group **On Day RARA Conference** 'Do we really want to be professionals? Legal/professional responsibilities of reference librarians'. Contact: Helen Lawson (02) 521 0345.

**AUGUST 16** Working Group on Multicultural Library Services NSW **Meeting** with representatives from Intensive Language Centres, Multicultural Education Centre (NSW Dept of Ed) and the Multicultural Resource Unit of the Lad Gowrie Child Care Centre plus information exchange 9.1 to 12 noon **Conference Room, 8th Level, CAGA Centre 8-18 Bent Street, Sydney**. Contact: Helen Spidy Lakemb Branch Library (02) 759 2250 or Marina Garlick Public Libraries Division (02) 240 4160.

**AUGUST 16-18** ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User **Training Courses, Sydney**. Contact: John Geerligns (02) 698 6584.

**AUGUST 18** NSW Branch Council **Monthly Meeting** 5pm **LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo**. Dates for future meetings Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16 and Dec 21. Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355, Aileen Stevenson (049) 68 552 or David Hawkins (02) 217 5006.

**AUGUST 19** Kuring-gai CAE School of Library and Information Studies **Continuing Education** 'Managing Organizational Change and Innovation' 9.30am to 4.30pm. Contact: Barbara Palmer (02) 467 9336.

**AUGUST 22-26** **Community Information Week**. Contact: Miranda Evans (02) 692 0934.

### Northern Territory

**JULY 27** LAA Special Libraries Sect NT Branch **General Meeting** 5 pm **Library, Conservation Commission, Berrimah**. Contact: Janet Cowden (089) 84 4021.

**AUGUST 6** LAA Special Libraries Sect NT Branch **Book Binding and Repair Workshop** 9.30 am to 4.30 pm **Craft Centre, Conacher Street, Fannie Bay**. Cost: \$20 member; \$25 non-members. Contact: Delys Newman (089) 82 421 or Keith Hair (089) 98 6585.

**SEPTEMBER 12-14** ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User **Training Courses, Darwin**. Contact: Leigh Baker (03) 544 8433.