

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Referendum on Library Charges in North Sydney

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st  
AT 7.30 P.M.

NORTH SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL  
Cnr. Falcon & Miller Sts., North Sydney

On Saturday, September 24th, you are being asked to vote in a Referendum asking the question:

"Should North Sydney Council revoke the Library Act 1939 in order that a scale of fees and charges can be levied for the use of library services"

This Referendum challenges the principle of free libraries for all. It could have significant implications for library users throughout N.S.W.

SPEAKERS AT THE MEETING WILL BE:

- RICHARD HALL (author and President of the Library Council of N.S.W.)
- GEORGE NEGUS (Channel 9 "Sixty Minutes" Reporter)
- PETER TRANTER (Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Library Committee, North Sydney Council)

Chairman: DULCIE STRETTON, C.B.E.  
(President, Australian Library Promotion Council)

Organised by: Association of Local Government Librarians in N.S.W.  
'Keep Stanton Free' Committee  
Library Association of Australia, N.S.W. Branch  
Library Promotion Committee of N.S.W.

## 'Keep Stanton Library Free'

VOTE **NO**

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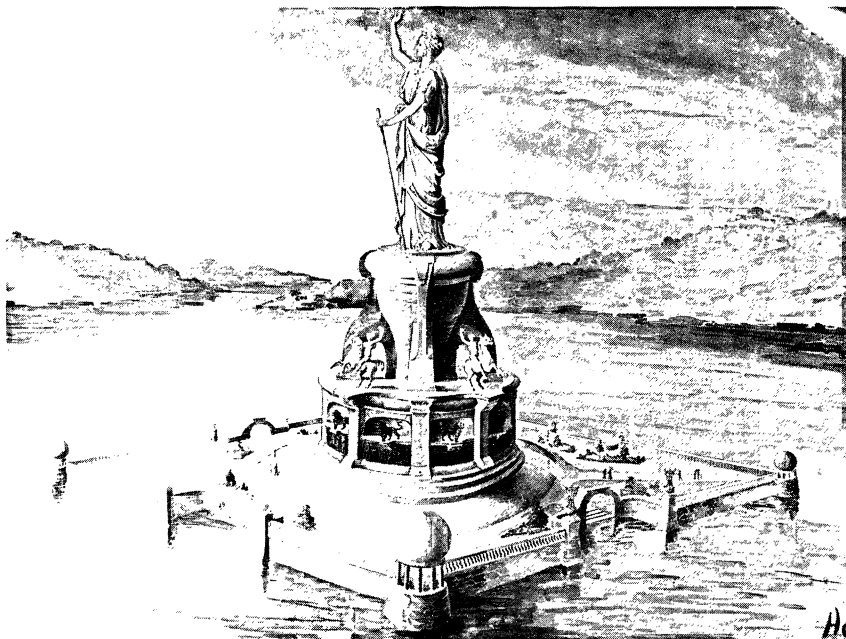
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## Fantastic futures



Man's visions and dreams of the future is the theme of 'Fantastic Futures', a new major exhibition at the State Library of NSW.

Inspired by George Orwell's 1984, the display traces the imaginative, often extravagant, creations and inspirations of past inventors, writers and idealists from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century.

Rare books, engravings, maps, drawings, photographs and manuscripts from the Library's collections depict such fanciful inventions as a steam-heated, mediaeval bath-house (conveniently portable!), Edison's

anti-gravitational underclothing and the aeronaut Robertson's whimsical 1803 version of a flying ship, complete with cannon anchor and a cockerel look-out! On the more serious side is Charles Babbage's patent for his Great Calculating Engine, forerunner of today's computers.

Among Sydney proposals on display is the architect's wash drawing of 'Australia facing the dawn', a 230' high monument planned for erection on Fort Denison to commemorate Federation.

## AGPS Deposit Libraries

THE AGPS Liaison Committee is reviewing the objectives and guidelines for the operation of the deposit scheme for Commonwealth publications. At present all States, the Northern Territory, and university libraries take part in the scheme. The lack of clarity in the eyes of some university libraries prompted this review, together with the requests from some libraries to debit the lesser-used materials. Responses from these libraries and interested organisations will be considered at the next meeting of the committee in October.

Consideration is also being given to extending the scheme to Parliamentary libraries.

At the same time, the committee is attempting to survey the use of deposit material in three State libraries (South

Australia, Tasmania and Victoria) and two universities (Griffith and La Trobe). The committee acknowledges the difficulty in measuring use, particularly from open access collections, but believes, nevertheless, that it has a responsibility to assess the effectiveness of the scheme. The survey will look at use in 4 categories — Legislative Parliamentary publications, Gazettes and Departmental publications.

### AGPS Catalogues

Attempts have been made to link AGPS records with the machine-readable records of the National Library. However, the two systems proved incompatible.

### Freedom of Information

The new Commonwealth legislation has led to a steady stream of new publications: mainly statements and manuals. AGPS estimates that another 900 publications a year will result from FOI. With the change being introduced by the Hawke Government, a further expansion in publishing is expected. Victoria has passed similar legislation and other States are also considering FOI. Libraries will need to examine the legislation and be prepared to assist in the facilitation of access to Government information as well as holding some of the publications themselves.

Euan M Mille  
President

Public Libraries Section, LAA

## COMTAP '81 Proceedings

COMTAP '81 — the second joint international symposium on data communications technology and practice — was held in Sydney in November 1981 and was sponsored by the Australian Computer Society and the International Federation for Information Processing.

The ACS has a number of copies of the proceedings of the symposium, and is donating them to libraries, institutions and others interested in these fields.

The proceedings are available for collection from LAA House, 376 Jones Street Ultimo 2007, or will be forwarded on payment of \$3 to cover postage and packing.