

## IN THE NEWS

### Noice for NSW Local Sovernment Librarians

'he Association of Local Government Lirarians in New South Wales is looking for ew members and a more up-front image or the Association in the 1980s.

As well as participation in the Albert Iainerd Local Government Scholarship und (the main impetus for the foundation f the Association in 1959) currently memers are serving on various Local Government Association and other Committees and Vorking Parties, and generally endeavouring to forge closer ties with the LGA.

The display 'The Library and Informaon' at the recent LGA Annual Conference, ne work of the Chief and Deputy Librarins' Group on Award matters, and the comilation of 'A Career in Local Government ibraries' for the LGA are a few of the acvities in which ALGL members have reently been involved.

A watching brief on current developments and problems such as 'User Pays' and ctive co-operation with the LAA's Public ibraries Section (NSW Group) and the Metopolitan Chief Librarians' Committee are ther objectives of the Association.

The public meeting on 21 September (see ast *InCite*) to support North Sydney resients and the 'Keep Stanton Free Commitee' was a joint effort; the referendum hallenges the principle of free libraries for

There is a great deal of work to be done nd a need to maintain a strong 'presence'

the local government field as the Presient, Dr Chris Henderson, stressed in the rst issue of the Association's *Newsletter* last nonth.

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# Special grant for library Service

he Mildura Regional Library Service is ne of four Victorian libraries to receive pecial projects grants totalling \$15,000.

The grants were announced in late April y Minister for the Arts, Mr Race Matnews; Mildura's grant of \$2000 was to sup-

ort a programme of publishing.

The publishing projects are the *Murray Piver Monitor*, a Local Government infornation service to four municipalities and an ngoing comprehensive bibliography of the ver trades. Mr Matthews said the projects were selected for their originality, administative soundness and potential usefulness other libraries.

# Historic miniature pamphlet reproduced

One of the rarest items in the National Library of Australia — a miniature pamphlet containing the earliest description of Botany Bay — has been re-published by the Library as a limited-edition facsimile.

The pamphlet, which has eight pages and measures only 13.5 cm by 11 cm, is entitled 'A description of Botany Bay on the east side of New Holland in the Indian Seas'. It was published anonymously in England in 1787. Based on material from Captain Cook's first voyage, it was intended to provide information on the country to which convicts were to be transported.

Only two copies of the original pamphlet are known to have survived: the National Library's copy and the other in the British Library.

The facsimile, a limited edition, has been published to mark the sixth David Nichol Smith Memorial Seminar and Eighteenth Century Studies, being held in Melbourne.

The photograph below shows the National Library's Director of Publications, Mr Alec Bolton, holding one of the facsimiles.



#### Luther exhibition

Celebrations are being held around the world to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Dr Martin Luther. (Born 10 No-

vember 1483 – Eisleben, in the south-west of Saxony.)

As part of the world-wide celebrations, a special display will be mounted at the State Library of South Australia, containing a collection of rare items reflecting aspects of Luther's life.

A large collection of commemorative coins and medallions issued over the centuries are a highlight of the exhibition. Stamps from all around the world also commemorating Luther are included.

Luther's first published German translations of the Bible will be displayed, and other publications include a selection of volumes from the Weimar Editions of the complete works of Martin Luther (there are only two complete sets in Australia). The public can also see a complete set of English translations of Luther's work as well as many recent publications on his life.

### Home computers for loan

Earlier this year there was an announcement in the Connetquot Public Library newsletter (Bohemia, New York) that the library would have three personal computers available for loan.

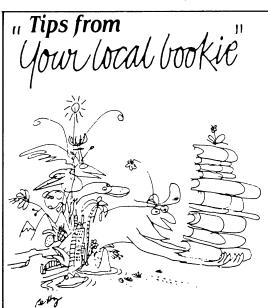
The librarians were overwhelmed by the response – 150 reservations were made immediately. Three more home computers were ordered, but there's still a waiting list of more than a hundred people.

Other libraries in the New York metropolitan area are experiencing a similar wave of enthusiasm as they provide people with a chance to find out what home computers are all about. More than 100 New York libraries have microcomputers for loan and about 50 other US libraries have take-home computers.

Hundreds of other libraries have larger, more complex models to use in their buildings and some libraries are building disk collection, with programs for video games and word processing.

#### **STOP PRESS!**

Susan Acutt has just been appointed Director, Management Services, State Library of Victoria. She will take up her new position on November 28.



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