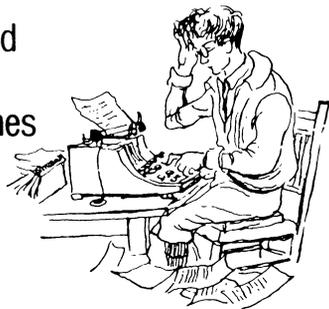


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Ecumenical union list

Australasian union list of serials in theological collections must have been useful, for a second edition of it was published last year by the National Catholic Research Council. This work contains references to a 'staggering' 3,000 titles held in some 80 theological libraries and religious collections of many denominations in Australia and New Zealand.

Copies of this union list, which was edited by Hans Arns and Sr Marianne Dacy, are available from the National Catholic Research Council, PO Box 98, Leichhardt, NSW 2040, for \$15.00, plus \$1.00 postage.

The National Catholic Research Council, by the way, was co-publisher (with the Australian Association for the Study of Religions) of the hefty *Religion in Australian life: a bibliography of social research*. This 254-page bibliography, which was published in 1982, concentrates on the period 1945 to 1977, and presents details, unannotated but sensibly arranged, of books, pamphlets, theses and journal articles on this wide-ranging subject.

Religion in Australian life was edited by Michael Mason, and compiled by Georgina Fitzpatrick, and you can find out more about this too from the National Catholic Research Council.

Great Griffith guides

Malcolm Campbell, Science Librarian at Griffith University has been busy. Second editions of two reference guides he compiled were published by Griffith University Library last year. The guides, to reference and information sources in maths and physics, and chemistry and biochemistry, are intended primarily for students at Griffith, and of course staff.

Hence the inclusion of Griffith call numbers and limitation to the holdings of that institution.

But the guides will be useful on other campuses and in other libraries also, partly because of the helpful annotations and introductory remarks, and partly because of the excellent selection of material described. A quick check found a sample of entries to be accurately described, bibliographically and otherwise. I was disconcerted to find the *Longman dictionary of scientific usage* labelled as 'rather unique', but then I always was a slouch at science. Campbell's comprehensiveness vis à vis general dictionaries of acronyms and abbreviations restored my bonhomie. Such banter aside, these two little guides really are good examples of the campus-based library reference guide, and deserve to sell out fast.

Malcolm Campbell's *Reference and information sources in physics and mathematics*, second edition, and *Reference and information sources in chemistry and biochemistry*, second edition, were published last year as numbers 6 and 5 respectively (see what I mean about my mathematics?) in the Griffith Library Guides series. Copies are available at \$7.50 each from the Library, Griffith University, Nathan, Qld 4111. (ISBN 0 86857 161 X (physics); ISBN 0 86857 160 1 (chemistry))

Scarce resources

One might not think that a catalogue of Indonesian and Malayan traditional manuscripts held in Australian libraries would be terribly extensive, and indeed that published earlier this year by the Australian National University is brief.

But the variety of material covered, most of it, alas for us, on microfiche rather than in the original, is astonishing. A Malay poem on a gold-bordered, decorated sheet of paper in the Dixon Library, Sydney. A Javanese book of medicine in the National Library of Australia, in wooden covers, bound with twine and two Chinese coins. A Batak manual on forecasting using the entrails of a fowl, held in the Australian Museum. George Miller's compilation *Indonesian and Malayan traditional manuscripts held in public collections in Australia* is based upon responses to a questionnaire which had been sent to the 'leading academic and research libraries in Australia'. It was felt that in the first instance it was only feasible to survey the holdings of public collections. It is

however heartening to note that as word about the survey got around, several private collectors offered details of their possessions.

The organising committee, the Southeast Asian Research Materials Group (SEARMG) envisages manuscripts in private collections forming the second stage of this project.

Meanwhile there is George Miller's useful guide, published by ANU Library in — well, the title page has 1982, the copyright date is 1983, and the 'for review' slip says February 1984 — and distributed by ANU Press. It costs \$12.00 and is no 2 in the Library's Bibliographical Series. (ISBN 0 86784 347 0).

Something blue you won't have to borrow

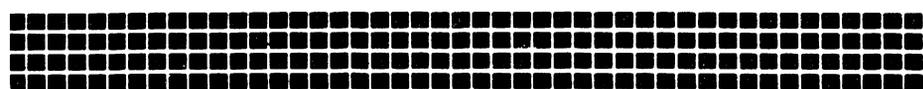
An invaluable resource for genealogists, historians and others with an interest in the early years of the last century has recently been issued in microfiche form by the Archives Office of New South Wales.

Returns of the Colony (the colony in question, of course, being New South Wales, which has shrunk a bit in the intervening years) are commonly known as 'Blue Books', and the series now available in fiche form covers the years 1822 to 1857.

They are useful in tracing government officers, for example, who are listed, together with the position, date of appointment and salary. There are lists of those who had received land grants, schools (including teachers' names), ecclesiastical establishments (with incumbents' names) and a mass of statistical information. There are figures for manufacturing establishments, agricultural production, revenue and expenditure, gaols and prisoners, and much more information which would have been fascinating for the Colonial Secretary in London at the time.

The set of about 170 microfiche will set you back \$110.00. Once you get it, the *Guide to the State Archives of New South Wales Information Leaflet* no 29 (ISSN 0811-0417; ISBN 0 7240 7814 2) will fill you in on the use of the Blue Books.

To keep in touch with some of the developments, including publications, at the State Archives, a newsletter is now available. *Archaeion*, as it is known, was first issued in June last year (ISSN 0812-6755) and can also be obtained from the Archives Office of New South Wales, The State Archives, 2 Globe Street, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000.



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AFR GOES FULL TEXT

AFRE has been re-built and re-born as AFRTTEXT. No stopwords, no availability message. Abstracts and descriptors from April '82-September '84, abstracts and full text from October '84.

For the full story, consult AFRTTEXT, on AUSINET, from October 8.

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