

# News from the Divisions

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION (WA GROUP)

1983 was a busy year for Perth Specials. I reported earlier on our first two meetings of the year: March 14 'The LAA and Special Libraries' and May 3 'SDI and Current Awareness Services'.

Our Chinese Banquet on June 29 was a purely social occasion. Was this why there were so few of us? Nevertheless those who attended enjoyed a delicious meal of some 12 courses.

We held a series of informal get-togethers for Perth Special Librarians in July to acquaint them with the forthcoming Special Libraries Conference. The Conference Committee was very pleased with the librarians' response to our call for libraries prepared to take visitors during the Conference.

On August 10 we met at CSIRO Seminar Room where a panel comprising Roslynn Membrey of Parliamentary Library, Dr Patricia Layzell Ward, Head of the WAIT Department of Library and Information Studies, Julie Rogers of Public Works Department and Lee Doyle of the Confederation of WA Industry Inc addressed about 35 of us on their thoughts on the recently published 'Draft Standards for Australian Special Libraries'. The audience was then invited to comment on the issue in general and the Standards in particular. The WA view was later presented at the Standards meeting held during the Specials Conference.

September 26-29 was the Conference. 230 delegates heard elaborations on 'Management of Resource Sharing in Special Libraries' and partook of the Parmelia's fine food, renewed old friendships and made new ones, and proposed a number of motions for the Conference to deal with. A report on the Conference has already appeared in *InCite*.

October 29 heralded the end of a semester's work for WAIT students Dianne Chapman, Julitha Sawyer and Marshall Wardle who presented the results of their projects:

- a documentation system for the organisation and retrieval of a trade literature collection;
- an SDI service for a library with limited staff and hours
- a review of statistics and proposals for their use for the Parliamentary Library.

Our year ended with a Breakfast and AGM at Miss Maud's Restaurant. This was our first breakfast and the 7 a.m. start did not deter the thirty-seven bright-eyed and bushy-tailed librarians, many waiting on the doorstep for the restaurant to open! A substantial breakfast and much socialising was enjoyed by all. A fitting end to a successful year.

*Kerry Smith*  
Publicity Officer

## NSW BRANCH

The following people were elected to NSW Branch Council for 1984:

Libby Carey  
Alison Crook  
Cheryl Grant  
Sue Halbwirth  
Louise Head  
Carol Pogany  
Edward Reid-Smith (Riverina)

The NSW Branch General Councillor for 1984-85 is: Jan Cree, 7D/45 Ocean Avenue, Double Bay NSW 2028, Ph (02) 32 2459

*Julie Young*  
Secretary

## Commonwealth Employment Service

The NSW CES has advised that they do not have any librarians registered as unemployed. If you are unemployed please ensure you have your name down even if you do not qualify for unemployment benefits.

The same may well apply to other States too! See Judith Hill's article in *InCite*, v5 no1, 27 January 1984, p2.

## National Book Council news

1983 was, for various reasons, by no means the NBC's most successful year, so my current efforts aim to deal with matters outstanding and to make 1984 one of our best years every.

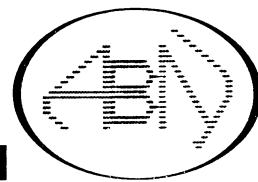
Once the office has settled into an efficient routine which guarantees speedy handling of requests and services, the next step is to try to make Book House pay for itself, to find ways to increase our membership and our finances. The NBC suffers from a chronic condition, treading the tight-rope which has money on one side and insolvency on the other. I have a number of initiatives in mind for the NBC to pursue, but they all require money.

Of course, donations from our individual members and our constituent members will help start the ball rolling. I personally guarantee value for money. As you have guessed by now, my main aim for 1984 is to re-activate the NBC.

*Mary Lord*  
Executive Director, NBC

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