



## IN THE NEWS

### Bird Week and bird books

The Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union and the Bird Observers Club, with other national and regional bird organisations, are combining to celebrate Bird Week from 15 to 3 September this year.

The RAOU, Australia's national ornithological organisation, promotes the study, knowledge, and protection of Australian birds. Bird Week is intended to stimulate public awareness of our birds and their conservation, of ornithology as a science and bird-watching as a hobby. It coincides with the RAOU's annual Congress and Campout, which this year is being held in Bairnsdale, and is one of a number of activities and special events to celebrate the publication of the *Atlas of Australian Birds*, the culmination of a 7-year project to establish and map the distribution and breeding range of all our bird species. (Reference librarians — all the current distribution information in this work is original and based on field observation — more than 3000 bird watchers went out and found exactly where the birds were, before submitting more than 2½ million field reports from which the *Atlas* was compiled!) Other special activities include a national Australian Bird Photograph Competition, and the publication of an Australian Bird Calendar.

Libraries can prepare for Bird Week by making sure they have the books their readers will want. Send a stamped addressed envelope to the RAOU, 21 Gladstone St., Moonee Ponds, 3039, to obtain a basic book-list of available titles with further information on some classics and important books not currently on the market, cassettes of bird calls, and posters. The list has been compiled by Meg Cameron (Chief Librarian of Deakin University and Vice-President of the RAOU) and Andrew Isles, the specialist natural history bookseller of 147 Greville St., Prahran, 181.

Further information about Bird Week is available from the Director of the RAOU, Dr Stephen Davies, (03) 370 1272.

### Library Design Award 1984

To recognise and encourage excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries, the Australian Library Promotion Council and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects conduct a programme of awards for library architecture.

The 1984 Library Design Award is open to libraries in Australia and New Zealand. The awards are sponsored by Raeco Pty. Ltd. School and library suppliers.

Submissions for awards must be received in the office of the Australian Library Promotion Council by 5.00pm on Friday 15 June, 1984.

The awards announcement and presentation will take place at 5.30pm on Tuesday 28 August, 1984, during the LAA/NZLA Conference in Brisbane.

### Improving your PR

Every community and cultural organisation knows that the media could be of enormous assistance in publicising their aims, programmes and activities. But all too often people working in non-profit organisations lack the expertise and contacts to use the media effectively.

A one day course *Promoting community and cultural organisations* has now been designed and developed to meet this need by RMIT's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in association with the Australian Library Promotion Council, the Public Relations Institute of Australia, the Victorian Ministry of the Arts, the Public Libraries Division of the Library Council of Victoria and the Council for Adult Education.

The course aims to provide practical advice on how to manage a Public Relations campaign, and workshop sessions on what the media wants from you and improving your publicity efforts.

The organising committee has obtained the services of professional media people such as Margaret St. George (Margaret St. George Publicity), Di White (Publicity Director, Channel 0/28 Melbourne) and Gina O'Donohue (Public Affairs Co-ordinator, Ministry of Planning and Environment). Working journalists from radio, the print media and television have agreed to come along and provide other practical advice.

This course will be held on Friday July 6 in RMIT's Institute Function Room. The cost is \$60 which includes course notes, lunch and morning and afternoon teas. For the brochure and bookings, ring Glenda Key or Sue McGibbony at Technisearch on (03) 341 2532. For programme enquiries, ring Marianne Broadbent on (03) 341 2963.

### First the book ... then the show ... then the book

Richmond-Tweed Regional Library's successful *Place Names of the Richmond Region* has now been made into a popular radio segment, heard twice a day on ABC's regional radio station 2LM, broadcast from Grafton.

The second book in the series, *Place Names of the Tweed and Brunswick Regions* is currently in production, and will be published mid-year.

### Registration Package (advanced standing) for B.A. (L.S.) at Kuring-gai being phased out

Librarians who have completed the Registration Examination of the Library Association of Australia or the Certificate in Librarianship from Sydney Technical College between 1965-1974 are eligible for this 3 year part-time course which provides advanced standing in the Bachelor of Arts (Library Science) degree programme which usually takes 5-6 years part-time study.

This course has been offered by the College since 1982 and 40 librarians are enrolled. 1985 will be the last intake for this programme and non-graduate librarians are urged to consider applying for this course in 1985 as it provides an excellent opportunity for the update of qualifications in a shorter time.

An added advantage is the flexibility of class attendance which can be day and/or evening.

Application forms will be available in early August and must be returned by early November.

If you are interested in this course, attend a Briefing Session at the College on Wednesday, 17 October, 1984, at 6.30 pm. For further details please contact Kim Boyd on 467 9336.

In 1986, non-graduate librarians may apply for the Bachelor of Arts (Library Science) degree course through the Mature Age entry requirements.

### National Survey of Law Libraries in Australia

This report by Beth Wilson is now available; it is the first detailed national survey of law libraries in Australia.

For the first time the Australian law library community has some hard data on which to base programs of rationalisation and co-operation.

The report with recommendations, tables and appendices consists of over 500 pages. It is available in library binding at a pre-publication price of only \$30. After 1 May 1984 the price will be \$35.

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### NUCOS takes over from SALSSAH on COM

The National Library has released a new publication, NUCOS, the national union catalogue of serials held in Australian libraries.

NUCOS is an ABN COM fiche product listing all serial holdings on the national bibliographic database. It includes holdings added by ABN participating libraries as well as those added on behalf of card contributors to the union catalogue by the union cataloguing agencies SSAL and SALSSAH. NUCOS continues and expands the functions of SALSSAH on COM, which ceased in 1983.

Nearly 43,000 titles are included in NUCOS, arranged in a single author/title sequence. Appearing twice a year in March and September, NUCOS will be cumulative. The annual subscription price is \$21, orders may be placed with Sales and Subscriptions, National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT 2600.

The last issue of SALSSAH on COM will continue to be useful for some time as there is little overlap with NUCOS. The last issue of SALSSAH on COM (October 1983), is also available from Sales and Subscriptions priced at \$15.

### D W Thorpe to move

After 25 years at its Spencer Street address, D W Thorpe (publisher of Australian Bookseller & Publisher, Weekly Book Newsletter, Australian Books in Print, etc) is moving on 27 April to 20-24 Stokes Street, Port Melbourne 3207. Postal address is PO Box 146, Port Melbourne 3207; telephone (03) 645-1511.

### Forward listing of new Australian books

The April issue of Australian Bookseller & Publisher (mailing 4 April) contains the listing of Forthcoming Australian Books April to October 1984, by subject classification.

This is the fourth such listing by AB&P and follows a request by the Joint Standing Committee of the Book Trade (JSCBT) that Thorpes advise forward listings to allow greater purchase of Australian Books by libraries.

### IASL Hawaii Conference 1984

For the first time, the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) will hold its annual conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. It will be held at the Kamehameha Schools from July 30 to August 3, 1984.

The Hawaii Association of School Librarians is organising the conference, with the following co-sponsors: Kamehameha Schools, State Department of Education, State Library System, University of Hawaii — Department of Education, University of Hawaii — Graduate School of Library Studies.

The main conference theme will be — School Libraries/Media Centers: Partners in Education, with sub-themes for each day. Activities will include plenary sessions with international and local speakers, local authors' luncheon, a session at the UH campus, tours of library facilities, opening reception, luau.

Registration fee is \$175.00 and includes lunches, opening reception, and luau (Hawaiian banquet). On-campus housing (at Kamehameha Schools) is an additional \$75.00 which includes Sunday dinner and all breakfasts.

A non-refundable registration deposit of \$25.00 per person is due April 30. Balance of conference fees should be paid by June 30, 1984. Myrna Nishihara and Kay Nagaishi are the co-ordinators of this conference.

For more information, please write to:  
IASL Hawaii Conference Co-ordinators  
Hawaii Association of School Librarians  
Box 23019  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

### Australian standards on microfiche

A new service is now available which provides the complete file of Australian Standards, Codes of Practice, Manuals and Handbooks on microfiche.

Provided to clients on an annual subscription basis, the service includes monthly updating and provision of a fiche reader and workstation with integrated panel stand.

It has been introduced to assist organisations who need to maintain complete sets of standards but are deterred by shortage of storage space, the constant problem of inserting updates and the initial cost of buying hardcopy standards.

## AUSTRALIAN OMS INSTITUTES 1984

FOLLOWING THE successful introduction of the OMS Advanced Management Institutes in Australia last year in Sydney and Melbourne, the Australian Advisory Committee has made arrangements to hold two further live-in Institutes in Australia in 1984. Duane Webster, Director of OMS, Washington, will lead both Institutes to be held in Canberra 6-10 August and in Brisbane 20-24 August. Sessions will be for:

Day 1: 5.30 p.m. — 9.30 p.m.

Day 2,4: 9.00 a.m. — 9.00 p.m.

Day 3,5: 9.00 a.m. — 5.00 p.m.

Total fee is \$600 covering tuition fees, notes, accommodation on a twin share basis and all meals.

Both Institutes are open to experienced qualified librarians in mid-level management or above positions in medium to large libraries. Enquiries may be made to Margaret Trask, Coordinator Australian OMS Advanced Management Institutes, C/- School of Library and Information Studies, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education.

Since holding the 1983 Institutes, the Advisory Committee has continued planning for an Australian OMS type operation. As part of this planning the Committee supported Margaret Trask's attendance at the OMS Consultancy Training Program in Washington, D.C., in September. Margaret undertook a Consultancy in the Library of Congress as part of this Training Program and held further discussions with Duane Webster, Director of OMS, on future developments in Australia. Margaret will assist Duane at the 1984 Australian Institutes.

Early this year the Advisory Committee sought legal advice on setting up a company to continue the operations of the Australian OMS Institutes and other relevant services for Australian library services. Articles of Association, registration of the company name and the objectives and operating functions are now being prepared and it is expected that the not-for-profit company will be in position by the end of 1984.

#### Libraries: After 1984

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