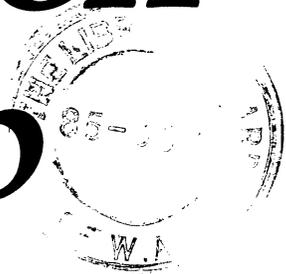


## Warren Horton gets top job



**Months of speculation in the library world ended on Thursday May 23 with the announcement that Warren Horton is to be Harrison Bryan's successor as Director General of the National Library of Australia. Warren Horton, who is at present the State Librarian of Victoria and Past President of the LAA, will take up the position at the end of July.**



Warren Horton,

and below, Warren Horton with Joan Brock, Past President of the NZLA at the LAA/NZLA Conference in Brisbane last year.

basis of Library Council of NSW forward planning for several years.

During the 1970s Warren was active in the Librarians' and Archivists' Branch of the Public Service Association of NSW, and convened the Working Party which negotiated the Sheldon Award in 1973 in the Industrial Commission of NSW. This established the gradings and qualifications structure still used in Government library services in NSW and which is the pattern of major awards since negotiated in other employment sections.

AACOBS is another area in which Warren has been closely involved. He has been a

member of AACOBS National Council since 1981, the Victorian representative on its Standing Committee and Chairman of the AACOBS Victorian State Committee since 1982.

Warren is Deputy Chairman and the Victorian representative of Australian Libraries and Information Council (ALIC) and he was a member of the ABN Committee until the establishment of ALIC. Since then he has been ALIC's representative on the ABN committee, having served as the Committee's Deputy Chairman in 1983 and 84.

An important recent issue in which Warren Horton as Victorian State Librarian has been closely involved concerned the future of the historic reading room at the State Library. Proposals are being further developed for a new museum-library complex, and it has been a matter of great concern that the reading room in the present building should be preserved. Warren is a member of the recently established Ministerial Advisory Committee to oversee the planning and construction of the building being designed by architect Daryl Jackson.

Warren Horton as Director-General of the National Library of Australia will build on and further develop the significant contribution to Australian librarianship made by the present Director-General Harrison Bryan.

The LAA congratulates Warren on his appointment.

Warren is well known amongst members of the LAA and has been actively involved in the Association. Last year he served as President of the LAA and among other things chaired a very successful Document Delivery Summit and set up the Corporate Plan and Review Committee. He was President of the NSW Branch from 1971-3 and again in 1981 and has also served as Treasurer of the Public Libraries Section and the 1971 Biennial Conference held in Sydney. He was one of the organisers of the 2nd National Workshop on Library Technicians in 1979 and has been interested and involved in almost all technician activities since the mid 70s.

Warren began his career in librarianship at the State Library of New South Wales. He was employed there from 1957, most of his early years being spent working in the information service division of the Reference Library and the Mitchell Library.

In 1973, he was seconded to the temporary position of assistant to the Acting State Librarian and Acting Deputy State Librarian. Early the following year, the new position of Assistant State Librarian (Staff and Developmental Libraries) was created and Warren Horton was appointed to this position.

July 1975 saw his promotion to Deputy State Librarian, a position he held until his appointment as State Librarian of Victoria in August 1981.

A significant period for Warren was his involvement with the LERN Enquiry. This was a Committee of Enquiry set up by the Library Council of NSW in 1974, to examine the role and needs of the State Library of NSW, the committee's task being to define the role of the State Library and assess its needs relating to the provision of library and information services to the community at large. Warren Horton was invited to lead the committee and the findings of the LERN Enquiry became the

