



The Library Association of Australia held a cocktail party at LAA House on Wednesday, June 26, to say farewell to the retiring Director General of the National Library, Harrison Bryan.

The President of the LAA, Ron Davis, presented Mr Bryan with an address under seal, the text of which follows:

TO HARRISON BRYAN

We, the President and members of the General Council of the Library Association of Australia, on behalf of the members and the profession at large, wish to express and hereby record our appreciation of the dedicated service you have given throughout your working life to the profession of librarianship in Australia.

You entered the profession in 1948 by enrolling in the Library School of the then Public Library of New South Wales, and the following year you were appointed Assistant to the Librarian in the University of Queensland. In 1950 you were appointed James Forsyth Librarian. In 1963 you accepted an invitation to become Librarian of the University of Sydney, and in 1980 you were appointed Director-General of the National Library of Australia, from which you are now retiring. To all these positions you brought the highest professional commitment, managerial skill and breadth of vision. The Association particularly wishes to record its acknowledgement of your service as Director-General of the National Library of Australia, not only in leading the conduct of its affairs in a time of financial and political difficulty but also in revitalising it to a position of leadership in the co-operative development of library services in the country. The establishment and successful operation of the Australian Bibliographic Network is a particularly outstanding example of the commitment of you and your staff to the nation's interests.

The Council records its warm appreciation of your dedicated service to the Library Association of Australia and to the profession generally through other organisations. You were our President in 1973 and 1974, served for a remarkable unbroken quarter century as a member of the General Council, were a member of the Board of Examiners from 1962-72 and its Chairman for eight years, and editor of the *Australian Library Journal* in 1954-57 and again in 1980-81. Your membership of AACOBS since 1960, including terms as Chairman of its Standing Committee in 1973-74 and 1977-79, and your election as inaugural Chairman of the Australian Libraries and Information Council from 1982-84 testify to the wise counsel you have always brought to professional deliberations and to the high esteem in which you are held by your peers.

Your professional contribution and commitment have also been demonstrated through your published writings which number almost two hundred articles, books, papers and reviews. Together they comprise a body of knowledge, analysis and comment which has significantly advanced our understanding of our profession.

The Council notes with pleasure that your service to the profession and in wider intellectual activities has already been recognised through the conferring on you of the H.C.L. Anderson Award and a Fellowship of the Association, in your election as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, in the award of Doctor of Laws (*Honoris Causa*), and by the State in your recent appointment as an Officer in the Order of Australia. We now take this opportunity to express our warmest thanks to you for the honour you have brought to our profession throughout your career, and to wish you and your wife Florence a long, happy and productive retirement.

Ron Davis
President

Warren Horton
Past President

Given under the common seal of the Library Association of Australia, by resolution of the Council, dated 30 March 1985.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

26 June 1985

A TRIBUTE TO HARRISON BRYAN

