



JO-ANNE FULLER MEMBERSHIP CLERK

I spend most of my time in the closet that is affectionately referred to as the computer room, sorting out the membership records and receipting all the \$\$\$ that come into the Association. As membership clerk, my responsibility is to ensure that our records of individual members are as up-to-date and complete as possible. So, when next you change your address or gain an additional qualification, don't forget to let me know! I handle new member applications and application for Associate (professional) and Technician membership, as well as *InCite* and *ALJ* subscriptions. Queries regarding these should be directed to me.

Lists and labels of members are also generated by my trusty computer, so if your regional group or section requires these, you can choose to either phone your order through, or mark your written request to my attention.

Finally, I handle phone queries about membership generally, and about the courses that are available. If you have difficulty contacting us during normal office hours, try phoning when you get home, as I often work later than 'normal'.



ANGELA BROMMANN SECRETARY

As Jenny's secretary I do all the tasks usually associated with such a position, including travel and accommodation bookings for the staff and officers of the Association. I also type, copy and distribute agendas and minutes of the Executive Committee, Board of Education and General Council, and type up lists of members applying for Associate (professional) membership which then go to the Board of Examiners and General Council for approval, after which time I can prepare the Certificates for Associates. I also type up the Library Technicians' Certificates.

I am responsible for the office stationery, and for seeing that stationery requests from divisions are met. I also ensure that our photocopiers and typewriters are kept in working order.

NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS — contd.

TASMANIAN BRANCH

The Tasmanian Branch Council held its annual Welcome to New Members Night on 5 March. Approximately fifty people enjoyed drinks and dinner, before listening to Eleanor Whelan of Triad Information Management Pty Ltd from Melbourne talk on information consultancy and how Triad operates.

Question time produced a wide ranging discussion as students, librarians and lecturers in library studies raised matters relating to charging for library services, what use, if any, consultants should make of free public library facilities and the training necessary to produce the future library consultant. It was a most stimulating start to 1985 and Eleanor Whelan is to be congratulated on her most informative presentation.

Dorothy Shea
Publicity Officer

WESTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER Librarians at Sea In the Western Suburbs?

Is this so? Are librarians floundering in the Western suburbs, isolated from those in 'Down Town' Sydney?

No! No longer will librarians in the west have to travel long distances in order to attend meetings, guest speakers or other functions, for there now exists the WESTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER (Sydney) of the NSW Branch of the LAA. The chapter's function is

OPAC Meeting

In accordance with the wishes of the School Libraries Section Annual General Meeting, a meeting was held in February to discuss *Orana*.

In attendance were Robyn Collins, President Children's Libraries Section; Irene Meeuwissen, President School Libraries Section; Val Watson, Editor of *Orana*; Gloria Kelley, Business Manager of *Orana*; Brenda Pittard, Publications Officer of the LAA with Jenny Adams, Executive Director of the LAA chairing the meeting.

All aspects of the management, production and marketing of *Orana* were discussed at length. Agreement was reached on:

- *Orana* Policy Advisory Committee to comprise Presidents of both Children's Libraries and School Libraries Sections, Editor of *Orana*, Business Manager of *Orana* and the LAA Publications Officer.
- Responsibility for the journal is vested jointly in both Sections.
- A job specification is to be compiled for the position of Production Manager with a view to relieving the Editor to concentrate on the content and editorials.
- Layout, type-face and the image generally are to be further investigated.
- Mailing, an increasing burden on the dwindling availability of a team of volunteers, is to be considered as a commercial proposition.

to organise library functions in the Western Region of Sydney, to encourage participation in LAA activities, to increase awareness, to create a *network* of contacts and friends, all with the aim of improving communications and understanding of libraries and the LAA.

Talking of networks, one of the first and major functions organized by the Chapter is:

Networks in Western Sydney: an Information Forum

- Do YOU know what networks operate in Western Sydney?
- Do YOU know the purpose/function of these networks?
- Do/can YOU have access to the facilities of these networks?
- What significance could they have on your libraries/organisations operations?
- Is there possibility for future co-operation between these networks?
- CLANN, GRATIS, LOSE, ACCESS. What do they mean?

Content came under close scrutiny and it was agreed to continue a similar policy to previous issues in seeking articles from a wide variety of persons interested in and working for children educationally and culturally. Special mention was made of the link the journal provides between public and school libraries and of its worthwhile contribution to children's library services.

Promotion, advertising and book reviews were also discussed. Representatives to be involved in promotion are to be canvassed in all States. Any member concerned about the viability and the vitality of *Orana* and who is prepared to actively promote it should offer their services to either Section or to the Editor of *Orana*.

The Editor and Business Manager were thanked for the many hours of work and the effort put into publishing *Orana*.

It was noted that whilst the journal had been in a precarious position it was financial. There is however a need for all LAA members to renew and for further subscribers to be sought to ensure that *Orana* will flourish as a worthwhile contribution to children's librarianship.

Both Presidents thanked the LAA for its support and advice, particularly during the past year. The willingness of the LAA Staff to work generally cooperatively with OPAC is most sincerely appreciated and acknowledged in full.

Irene Meeuwissen

President, LAA School Libraries Section

These questions and more will be answered at the forum.

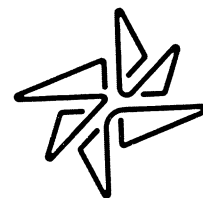
There will be a number of speakers with specialist knowledge of the particular networks in which they are associated, plus time for questions and discussion.

The forum is to be held at H.M.A.S. Nimba, Instructional Cinema, Saturday 25th May, 9.30 (for 10.00) till 5.00 pm(?). There will be a charge of \$10.00 (LAA Members) and \$12.00 (Non Members) which will include a delicious lunch plus morning and afternoon tea.

Please contact Jenny Hill (02) 600 3509 by 15 May for a registration form!

News items for publication in *InCite* should be 100-200 words long and should reach the office by the closing date listed on our deadline dates sheet.

NATIONAL INTERLENDING CONFERENCE



Proceedings of the conference held from 31 August-2 September 1983. ISBN 0 86804 011 8.

Among the the many contributors to this conference were Maurice Line, Michael Hill, Margaret Cameron, Peter Dawe, Melvin Weinstock and Jenny Adams. They explored many aspects of interlending, raising possibilities and expectations which are being explored.

A publication from the NSW Branch of the LAA.

Cost: \$25 (non-members) or \$18 (LAA members). Order from LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007.