

# ..... News from the Divisions .....

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES (WA) SECTION

The 1986 programme of the section got off to a sound start when over forty members visited the new library recently established by the Department of Conservation and Land Management at Woodvale on the northern outskirts of Perth.

Located in an attractive bushland setting, the library tested the map reading ability of all participants but was worth the effort. Visitors were shown round the grounds of the research station and saw the numbat colony that has been established for study and research.

Elizabeth Laczó explained the recent departmental amalgamations that resulted in the library being established in its present form and commented on the challenges involved in serving a clientele who were scattered across large areas of the State and thus prevented from regular access and therefore submitted most of their queries by telephone or letter.

In all a successful meeting and particular thanks to Elizabeth for making her time and library available.

Watch for our next event on May 16 when we will hear of the mysteries of Inmagic from Kerry Smith et al.

*Peter Maskell*

## LIBRARY TECHNICIANS NSW

At a committee meeting on Monday, April 7 a date was set for a promotional meeting at Mt Druitt Technical College, Wednesday, April 23. Students there are all working part-time so the meeting will commence at 6 pm.

The venue for the May 30 AGM has yet to be finalised. Dr Neil Radford has accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker. The Vice-President, Mrs Zantiotis is definitely attending the LAA Biennial Conference in Darwin, and one other committee member may go.

Two committee members will attend the meeting on April 10 to consider the Corporate Plan and Review.

Advance notice — next committee meeting will be June 16.

## LAA PRESIDENT VISITS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

LAA President Ian McCallum spent two days in South Australia recently, familiarising himself with the whole range of library and information services in that State.

Ian also addressed a meeting of the SA Branch about the National Information Plan — an additional special feature of that meeting was the first public showing of the LAA's new recruitment video. This was received favourably reports SA Branch President, Alan Bundy, the most useful feedback coming from a student who said that it had persuaded her of the professional advantages of becoming a member of the LAA.

## UCLS

### News from the National Committee

The activities of the Committee for the last few months have centred around making plans for the Section's activities at the Darwin Conference. It was decided to sponsor an informal social evening at this conference, and arrangements have been made for a BBQ at the Darwin Sailing Club on the evening of Tuesday July 1.

A seminar 'Academic Libraries and the Information Market Place' has been organised for Sunday June 29. Speakers include Dr C. Chen (Simmons College, Boston), Mrs M. Broadbent (RMIT), Mr D. Schauder (Chisholm Institute of Technology) and Mr Colin Steele (ANU).

The Section's publication, *AARL*, reported an operating loss of nearly \$3000 in 1985; this deficit was covered by using accumulated reserves which have now diminished to only \$500. The Committee is discussing various ways to improve the financial viability of its publication; the situation in 1986 will be relieved to some extent by a subsidy from the LAA, based on current subscription levels.

The Committee is at the present time examining the provision of library resources concerning nursing education in tertiary

institutions. Members wanting to make comments on this topic should contact Bill Hitchins, Librarian at Ballarat College of Advanced Education.

The Biennial General Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 2, 1986. Items for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President, John Horacek, at the Borchard Library, La Trobe University.

## NSW SPECIALS

### New appointment

Jan Wild BA(LS), ALAA, has been appointed Library Consultant to Amarc Data International Pty. Ltd. (formerly Amicron Dat International). This position entails the supervision of library retrospective conversion projects and Jan's past experience with library automation will prove a valuable asset.

Most recently Jan held the position of Head Librarian with Cockatoo Dockyard Pty. Ltd and she has experience in the public library field as well.

Jan maintains a particular interest in the special library field and is a committee member of the Special Libraries Promotional Task Force.

## UCLS SECTION (QUEENSLAND BRANCH)

The 1986 committee of the University and College Libraries Section (Queensland Branch) is as follows:

*President:* Margaret Robertson, B.C.A.E. Resource Centre, Kedron Park Campus.

*Secretary:* Glenda Smith, University of Queensland, Central Library, Order Department.

*Treasurer:* Linda Heron, B.C.A.E. Resource Centre, Kedron Park Campus.

*Publicity Officer:* Helen Demack, B.C.A.E. Resource Centre, Kedron Park Campus.

*Catering Officer:* Helen Darch, University of Queensland, Thatcher Memorial Library.

*Committee Members:* Tom Cochrane, Queensland Institute of Technology; Barbara Pator, University of Queensland, Central Library Reference Department; Jim Cox, Griffith University; Bruce Edwards, Griffith University.

## SA 150 JUBILEE

South Australia is celebrating its 150th Year and the SA Branch of the LAA is making its contribution. One project is *Libraries and Information Services of South Australia* (LISSA) which is being compiled and edited by Stephen Krassay of SACAE Library.

To ensure a complete coverage of information services, advertisements and letters have recently appeared in major SA newspapers — something, which Stephen hopes 'will increase an awareness of the broad information interests of the LAA and its members.'

LISSA is scheduled for publication in September for official launching at the SA Branch Country Conference to be held in Port Augusta in October. Focus of the Conference will be library services and distance education.

The SA Branch has also made contact with the Texas Library Association — the reason Texas too is 150 years old in 1986.

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President S.A. Branch

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