



Lack of support

TRIAD launched LIST (its monthly current awareness journal of library and information science) twelve months ago. Our experience has shown that we held an idealistic and mistaken view that library and information professionals practice what they preach, viz that keeping up to date with current develop-

ments in one's own professional area is important. Lamentably, this has proved not to be so.

Consequently, TRIAD is now ceasing to publish LIST, citing the following perceived reasons for its failure:

1. lack of subscribers
2. lack of co-operation from approximately one third of the publishers of journals or newsletters in Australian library and information science.

Overwhelmingly, however, the lack of support from the profession has been the cause of LIST's demise — an indictment of our profession in this country.

Eleanor Whelan
Director TRIAD

New union catalogue

I am writing to you to request that publicity be given to the Union Catalogue of the Swinburne Users' Group, which is a group of TAFE

Libraries in Victoria who use the Swinburne Library Catalogue system.

Records from the eight participating libraries have been merged into an Author/Title catalogue which is particularly useful for Inter-Library Loans within the TAFE system. The listing has not been edited in order to keep costs down.

The participating libraries are: Box Hill College of TAFE, Bendigo College of TAFE, Collingwood college of TAFE, Dandenong College of TAFE, Moorabbin College of TAFE, Newport College of TAFE, Footscray College of TAFE (to Dec. 1982) and the Office of the TAFE Board.

The catalogue consists of some 70 fiche and costs \$25.00. Cheques should be made payable to the Swinburne Users' Group and orders forwarded to Judy Crouch, Technical Services Librarian, Dandenong College of TAFE, PO Box 684, Dandenong, Vic. 3175.

Adrian Shaw
College Librarian

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Laurie Brown to retire

Tasmania's State Librarian, Laurie Brown, is to retire on July 11. He says it is time for him to make way for a younger State Librarian.

After a career that has spanned 39 years, Mr Brown feels that it is appropriate that he retires now as the State Library has recently acquired a new Libraries Act, a new library Board and a new Minister.

His retirement comes at a time when restructuring of public library services in Tasmania seems likely to be achieved through a

review of services currently being conducted by the Tasmanian Library Advisory Board.

Tasmanian Minister in charge of Libraries, Peter Rae, said that the Government is very sorry to lose the expertise of such an experienced individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of Tasmania's library services.

He commended Laurie Brown's work to maintain and expand library services in Tasmania and said that this has ensured that Tasmanian public library services are recognised as being among the best in Australia. Laurie Brown is regarded throughout Australasia as a leading figure in librarianship.

LIBRARIES ALONE:

Rural and Isolated Libraries Conference
Wagga Wagga, NSW. 21-23 July 1987.

CALL FOR PAPERS and REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

This conference aims to gather together librarians from rural and isolated areas in Australia to discuss and disseminate ideas and practical ways of solving the problems inherent in being physically separate from the main centres of population.

The Steering Committee will welcome offers of papers and would appreciate an early indication of interest in attending the conference. Please complete the attached form and return it to the address below by 27 JUNE, 1986.

SOME CONFERENCE DETAILS

- * Keynote speaker will be Professor Bernard Vavrek, Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, Clarion State College, PENNSYLVANIA, USA.
- * Plenary, concurrent and workshop sessions will allow participants to consider general issues and specific problems.
- * Accommodation will be available on-campus at the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education: fully serviced and including all meals for \$40 a day. Conference fees will be approximately \$110 (non-LAA members \$140)
- * Topics already planned: Education for rural librarianship, Copyright, Document delivery, Communication, Teleconferencing, Networks and regional co-operation, Rural libraries and distance education. Unresolved issues from the 1981 conference on Libraries in Isolation will be given further consideration.
- * Sponsored by: LAA Riverina Regional Group; School of Info. Studies & W.Merrylees Library (RMIHE); Riverina Comm.Library.

Return this form to: Steering Committee, Libraries Alone, RMIHE, P.O. Box 588,
Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650, by 27.6.86.

1. I am / am not willing to write / contribute / present a paper.
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2. I suggest the following topic/s as a paper/panel discussion/workshop.
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3. I am/am not interested in attending the Libraries Alone Conference in July 1987.
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