

Microcomputer book under way

Kerry Webb of the National Library and Lynn Arkas of Canberra TAFE are preparing a book for the LAA on microcomputer applications for Australian libraries. A significant portion of the book will be devoted to Case Studies describing microcomputer installations and uses in libraries. They will be looking at integrated library systems such as OCELOT, Lothlorien systems, and MICMARC as well as the uses to which word processing, database, spreadsheet and communication packages are being put. They are also interested in knowing of any specialised or unusual applications you may have for your micros.

If you are interested in being put under the microscope, or would like to nominate possible candidates for this study, please ring Kerry on (02) 62 1535 or Lynn on (062) 45 1756.

MicroCAIRS get the numbers

Two of the big eight accounting firms are making increasing use of the automated library system, microCAIRS, of their accounting and, now their other libraries, say Systematics. Arthur Anderson & Co and Coopers & Lybrand both installed microCAIRS in their accounting libraries in 1984, AA&Co in Melbourne and Coopers in Sydney. During 1985 both extended their use of the information retrieval and other facilities in the software by installing duplicate databases in other offices, AA&Co in Perth and Brisbane and Coopers so in Brisbane.

Recently both have extended the use of microCAIRS to their management consulting libraries in Sydney. AA&Co have also included their Sydney accounting library in their network and the four offices (Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth & Sydney) have access to the

same database and so to all material held in each other's libraries.

Although the transfer of information has not yet extended overseas both of these firms have installed microCAIRS in their London offices and, with the ease of data transfer available with the software, it is probably only a matter of time before the cataloguing load will be shared between these and many more offices.

Further information about microCAIRS is available from A.C.H. Meggitt, Systematics Information Systems Pty Limited (02) 411 3255.

Technicians' bibliography

The Library of the South Australian College of Advanced Education invites libraries and related organisations around Australia to participate in the compilation of an annotated bibliography on Library Technicians in Australia.

The aim is to collect, list and annotate all extant material on Technicians in Australia for publication in early 1987. The Library would welcome donations or loans of material for inclusion in this bibliography. They need not have previously been published and can be in any format, for example video tapes or position statements.

Afterwards, donated materials will be made available for future use through ACHLIS. Please send all donations and loans to: Ms Ellen Ennever, Library Technician, South Australian College of Advanced Education Library, Sturt Road Bedford Park, South Australia, 5042.

The target date for collection of material is 30 November 1986.

The Continuing Legacy

In 1986 Sydney Legacy will be celebrating their Diamond Jubilee, part of which includes Legacy Week — 31 August to 5 September. It is 40 years since the end of World War II and ten years since the end of Vietnam. But Legacy is very much still a growing organisation.

Roy Morris, President of Sydney Legacy said that there are currently over 100,000 widows and 7,000 children being cared for by Legacy in Australia, and numbers are not expected to peak until around 1997.

Legacy is a solely Australian organisation pledged to help those widows and children of men who served overseas in wartime.

Legacy needs \$5 million to carry on their work and ask for your help by buying a badge on their Annual Appeal Day, 5 September.

JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR REVISION OF AACR AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE Call for Nominations

The Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC) hereby calls for nominations for the position of Australian representative on the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR. The position will be for a three year term, from January 1987 – December 1989. **Only financial members of the Library Association of Australia are eligible to nominate.**

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for Revision of AACR comprises, in addition to the representative from Australia, representatives of the Library of Congress, the American Library Association, the British Library, the Library Association (Great Britain), the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing and the editors of AARC2. Its function is to consider proposals for changes to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, submitted by the represented bodies, and to decide on the final form of any rule changes. JSC is also charged with the duty of reviewing the need for amendments and revision of AACR2 in the light of representations from users of the text.

The Australian representative will become an ex-officio member of the Australian Committee on Cataloguing and will be required to attend meetings of the Committee. These meetings are held twice per year. The representative will also be required to attend meetings of JSC which are held once per year, normally in August or September, and usually in North America or Britain.

Nominations should be submitted in writing, with evidence of the consent of the nominee. Members of the Association may nominate themselves. A seconder is not required. Nominations should be accompanied by a statement outlining the nominee's background and reasons for wishing to serve as the Australian representative.

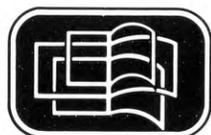
Nominations close 5.00 pm Friday, 26 September 1986 and should be forwarded to:

Secretary
Australian Committee on Cataloguing
C/- National Library of Australia
Canberra ACT 2600

The ACOC recommendation will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Library Association of Australia and to the Director-General of the National Library of Australia for their approval.

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