

Margaret Chisholm ALA president

Margaret E. Chisholm, director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington, has been chosen president-elect of the American Library Association (ALA). ALA is the world's largest professional organisation for library and information science professionals with a current membership of 42,000. Dr Chisholm will serve as vice-president for 1986-87 and assume the presidency in July 1987 at the end of the ALA's 1987 Annual Conference in San Francisco.

During her presidential year, Dr Chisholm hopes to identify and support dynamic leaders who will seek creative solutions to current issues and speak effectively for the profession. She is particularly concerned about economic and other barriers to access to information and escalating support for intellectual freedom. She plans to give special attention to action on the professional concerns of women, including pay equity, professional development and job flexibility.

Dr Chisholm sees it as her commitment to work to make ALA a more 'vigorous, responsive organisation that can speak with a united voice of the interests of the profession'.

Australians will know Dr Chisholm from her numerous visits to this country. In 1978 she was key note speaker at the Australian School Library Association Conference in Adelaide. She visited Perth twice, once to present a seminar on Media Competency and Technology, with Dr Don Ely of Syracuse University, and again as consultant to the WA Institute of Technology on community relations and development.



NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What Name?

In June General Council resolved that the new name for the Association should be the Library and Information Association of Australia. This was a slightly amended version of the name put forward by the Corporate Plan and Review Committee who had recommended the Library and Information Services Association of Australia. Their reasoning for retaining the word Library first was that it kept the emphasis on the most important aspect of the Association and that it was a more logical place for the Association to be listed in any alphabetical listing.

There has, however, been considerable support for an alternative name, ie Australian Library and Information Association and a letter from Alan Bundy in this issue puts forward the case for this suggestion. Other people have asked that the membership be canvassed for the preference and the opportunity to do that is being offered in this issue. Enclosed you will find an insert giving you the opportunity to state your preference. Please give it your serious consideration and let us know which one you choose. It's your Association and this gives everyone the opportunity to be counted on one of the most important decisions we have to make.

IFLA Tokyo

IFLA Tokyo is being held from 24-29 August and a number of Australians are attending and presenting papers at the conference. An official Australian delegation of those involved with the planning for the 1988 conference consists of Barrie Mitcheson (Conference Chairman), Pat Layzell Ward (IFLA Professional Board), Jan Cree (General Secretary and 1988 Biennial Conference Treasurer), Warren Horton, Director-General of the NLA and the Executive Director. It should be stressed that the Association has only provided funding for the Executive Director.

The delegation will meet with members of the IFLA Executive to discuss the 1988 conference and will also be promoting the conference to the Tokyo delegates. The Preliminary Conference Brochure has been placed in conference satchels, and posters will be on display and for limited distribution. A report on the conference will appear in a later issue.

Australians: an historical library

The Executive Director attended a luncheon held in July to celebrate the completion of the manuscripts for *Australians: an historical library*. The function was the culmination of nine years' work by more than 400 contributors and the library, which is a ten volume history of Australia, is a gift to the nation for the Bicentenary. In his address to the gathering the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Environment, the Hon Barry Cohen, MP, acknowledged the contribution made by historians, other scholars and researchers to the library. The library will be published by Fairfax Syme - Weldon Associates.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

LIBRARIANS ADVISE ABC

Librarians are now part of the National and State ABC Advisory Council system set up in late 1983, in response to the Dix Inquiry into the ABC.

SA State Librarian, Euan Miller, has recently been appointed member and Deputy Convenor of the ABC's SA Advisory Council. He joins Barbara Biggins (Librarian for the Child, Adolescent and Family Health Service), a member since the inception of the Councils, and Convenor until her recent resignation from that position.

Advisory Council members are drawn from a broad cross section of the community. They are generally people with a wide range of community contacts, with expertise in particular areas, and who have a vital interest in the role and function of the ABC.

Barbara Biggins has been involved for 13 years in children's TV issues through the Australian and SA Councils for Children's Films and TV, and was awarded the OAM for services to the arts through those community organisations, in June. She is a member of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal's Children's Program Committee, and edits the community newsletter, *Communications Update*.

Euan Miller's contact with a national broadcasting authority began 18 years ago in New Zealand, as a book reviewer and current affairs commentator on NZBC. While in Victoria, he has been involved with Access Radio, in both programming and management roles.

Any librarians interested in making their voices heard on current ABC policies, directions and programming, are encouraged to contact either person. Barbara Biggins (08) 23 2477 X 227, Euan Miller (08) 223 8708.

MALVERN BUYS LIBS 100

The Malvern City Council in Melbourne has purchased a LIBS 100 System to automate library services fully at the Municipality's Malvern and Chadstone libraries. It will include a DEC PDP 11/73 central processing unit, two 300 megabyte Winchester disc drives, a report generator module and the new Bibliofile laser disk subsystem to facilitate cataloguing.

The Malvern Library will also take delivery of CLSI's PAC I Touch Screens and soon after will become the first Australian library to install PAC II, the next generation on-line catalogue.

Michael Jongen, Chief Librarian at Malvern, says PAC II will provide a browsing style of catalogue that will immediately indicate whether

a book is on-site, on loan or at another branch.

With 44,000 citizens, Malvern is a medium-sized library service. The main library has a monthly circulation of approximately 25,000, whilst the Chadstone Library, which will be on-line to the LIBS 100 System, has a monthly circulation of approximately 4,500. The Malvern Library offers a general library service, but with heavy emphasis on community programmes.

The LIBS 100 System at Malvern will be the tenth such system installed in Victoria, which, say CLSI, makes it one of the most widely used automated library systems in the State, and indeed in Australia.

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