

Definitely not an acronym

A group of libraries in Sydney's west share their audio-visual resources through NLN (Nepean Libraries Network). Started in 1979, the NLN now serves the users of 23 libraries in the Penrith area.

The libraries include 21 schools (government and non-government, primary and secondary), the Penrith Public Library and the library of the Nepean College of Advanced Education.

Each member contributes financially towards network kits, of which there are now 10. Termed 'maxi-kits', these are large and expensive pieces of audio-visual software. Suggestions for items for purchase come from librarians who meet for this purpose three times a year. All maxi-kits are managed by the audio-visual section of the Nepean College of Advanced Education library.

As well as these network-owned kits, the audio-visual collections of all NLN members are available for loan to other members with the assistance of a computer-produced union catalogue.

Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, Beryl Dick, on (047) 33 1204.

IMCA publications

The 1986 edition of Information Directory which lists consultants, freelancers and brokers is available at \$15.00 per copy.

It is produced by IMCA (Information Management Consulting Association) a Special Interest Group of the LAA. They also publish the IMCA Newsletter which costs \$5.00 per year.

Inquiries should be directed to GPO Box 28 T, Melbourne 3001.

New Index

A consolidated microfiche index to the first 70 (1901-1985) volumes of the *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society* reproducing around 66,000 cards from the original index of subjects and is available. This valuable guide to the *Journal* comprises of a set of 36 fiche and costs \$65 (delivery included). For many years the *Journal* was the only periodical which specialised in Australian history in all its aspects. Articles in early issues are pioneer studies in the field while those in more recent issues are wide in scope and reflect later research.

Order from the Royal Australian Historical Society, History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000. (02) 27-8001.

Newcastle library projects

The number of people interested in genealogy has grown rapidly over the past ten years. The Society of Australian Genealogists now has a membership of more than ten thousand.

A project that should be helpful to many people tracing their family tree is being undertaken by the Newcastle Region Public Library. With the help of a CEP grant, work is being carried out on indexing information about the 60,000 or so people buried there.

When this project has been completed it is planned to index the burials at Stockton and Wallsend cemeteries, and the library is also involved in indexing the past and present pubs and publicans in the Hunter Region.

Welsh choir to visit

The Treorchy Male Choir, named in the BBC's Great Choirs Series as one of the world's three greatest choral groups (the other two are the Vienna Boys choir and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir) will be visiting Australia in October.

James Hardie Industries are bringing them here in a tour that was originally planned for South Australia only, celebrating their Jubilee 150. However so much interest was shown by other States that it was decided to extend the tour for as long as the choir could be available. Victoria and New South Wales will both have the opportunity to hear this choir, which has won no fewer than eight first prizes in the Welsh Royal National Eisteddfod since the late 1940s.

Who's where

Richard Leadbetter has been appointed Chief Librarian at the Heyward Library, Bendigo College of Advanced Education. The College services the large north-central region of Victoria. Richard was the College's Acting Chief Librarian in 1984.

Patricia Baigent has joined Bennett-EBSCO Subscription Services as their Sales Representative for NSW and Queensland. Patricia, formerly a librarian in Government and private industry libraries in NSW and interstate, joined Bennett-EBSCO in August and brings wide experience to this position.

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Don't forget to send details of staff changes, new appointments etc for listing in this column.

Meet a Micro

The State Library of NSW launched an adult computer awareness programme on 10 September 1986.

The 'Meet a Micro' programme is a free service available 7 days a week and gives people an opportunity to try out a computer for themselves in a non-selling environment.

It offers basic training and hands on experience to adults interested in finding out more about computers and how to use them. Two Apple 2E microcomputers are used and the range of software on hand includes training packages, word processing, graphics, family history, and English and community language instruction.

'Meet a Micro!' is a pilot project which will allow the State Library to assess the need for a computer awareness service. Bookings can be made by phoning 230 1456 or by calling in to the General Reference Library, State Library of NSW.

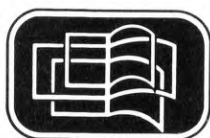
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