

HERITAGE WEEK '87

5-12 April

Over the past six years Heritage Week, the brain child of the National Trust, has become Australia's largest celebration of our heritage.

In 1985, its first year as a national event, Heritage Week involved more than 900 organisations in the staging of some 2,000 special events. Activities covered every possible aspect of historical, cultural and environmental heritage.

With the theme, 'A Week of Discovery' Heritage Week is aimed at encouraging and helping all Australians to discover more about their country. There will be exhibitions, tours, lectures, school projects, concerts, dances, steam train festival, street fairs, car rallies, parades and many other activities to provide something of interest for everyone.

Libraries are among the many places that plan special exhibitions and display during Heritage Week libraries, to share knowledge about Australia's heritage. Let *InCite* know in plenty of time about the special activities you are planning.

Heritage Week is an ideal opportunity for many organisations to promote their facilities

and/or services. Tourist offices, Government departments, galleries, theatre groups and community based special interest groups all have a role to play in Heritage Week. For some Heritage Week is an ideal vehicle to plan and co-ordinate their involvement in the Bicentennial celebrations.

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Onward Orana!

A meeting of the *Orana* Policy Advisory Committee (OPAC) was held at the LAA offices in Sydney recently. As *Orana* is the journal of two sections, Childrens Libraries and School Libraries, the National Presidents of both sections were present, Robyn Collins and Irene Meeuwissen respectively. Also present were Val Watson, *Orana's* Editor; Gloria Kelley, the Business Manager; Brenda Pittard, the LAA's Publications Officer and Jo-Anne Fuller and Kathy Husselbee of the LAA office. OPAC is the policy making body for *Orana*.

The meeting addressed a number of major problems with regard to the production and distribution of the journal. Of primary concern was the need to streamline subscription records and distribution, also to provide assistance for the Editor with production rou-

tine, design and layout, and, to ensure that the journal continues to be financially viable. There was a need not only to ensure an efficient operation but also to ease the considerable burden on the Editor.

To this end, it was decided that the LAA's publications staff would take over the business management and production of the journal from the beginning of 1987. This would allow maximum use of the LAA's automate records rather than continuing with the extremely time consuming manual system currently in use. The journal will also be distributed through the LAA's mailing house.

Design, layout and printing will also be organised by publications staff.

It was also decided to establish an Editorial Board consisting of the Editor, the LAA Publications Officer, and the National Presidents of the Childrens Libraries and School Libraries Sections or their nominees. The Editorial Board should not only enable both Sections to have an avenue for input into the journal, but also, it should provide support for the Editor.

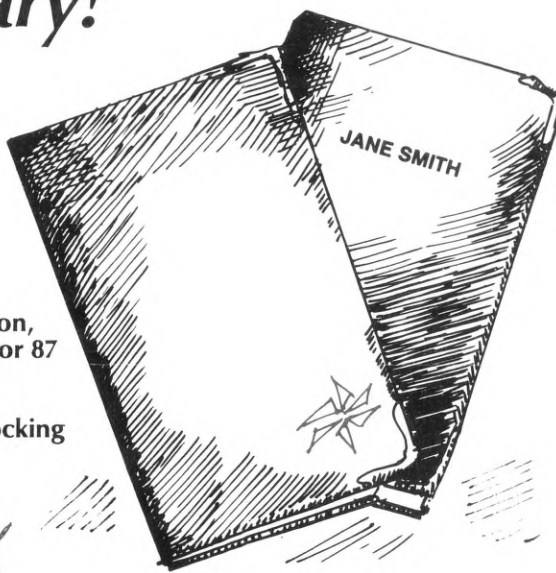
It is hoped that these changes will add to the efficiency of the journal. The meeting was very constructive. The members of OPAC thanked the Editor and the Business Manager for their considerable effort. Val Watson is now in her 22nd year as Editor, an amazing commitment that deserves special thanks.

Robyn Collins.

President, Childrens Libraries Section

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The Bicentennial Bibliography of Australia Medicine and Health Services (BIBAM) is a joint project of the Commonwealth Department of Health and The Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

The Bibliography aims to record, as comprehensively as possible, monographs, serial titles and pamphlets, published in Australia between 1790 and 1950, on medical topics and also on paramedical specialties such as dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and physiotherapy. Works on popular, folk and alternative medicine will be included. The Bibliographical works also record works published overseas by Australian medical authors or having at least one third Australian subject content in the field. It will supplement and update Sir Edward Ford's excellent *Bibliography of Australia Medicine 1790-1900* (Sydney University Press: 1976). Journal articles, except for reprint published before 1900, will not be included.

A small project team has been working on the Bibliography in Sydney since 1984. On completion of the project, specialised bibliographies by subject or author may be provided. The Bibliography also gives locations of items in libraries or collections. It will eventually be available on microfiche and, possibly, in bound volume form.

BIBAM will be unique in Australia in providing detailed online and printed information about retrospective Australian publications in a specialised field. It will become a key tool for medical and paramedical historians and research workers.

Approaches will be made to libraries, organisations and institutions. Private collectors of medical Australiana are especially asked for their cooperation so that a comprehensive Bibliography may be produced.

For further information write to: The Librarian, BIBAM Project, The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.