

News from the Divisions

NSW BRANCH

The NSW Branch held its first meeting of the year on Saturday 22 February at Sydney Technical College Library. Councillors and office-bearers were able to meet and discuss finances, programmes and objectives for 1986.

The Branch saw its objectives in six key areas: communication, continuing education, finance, lobbying, publications and promotions. Priority areas are the provision of continuing education activities both in Sydney and the country regions, to work towards increasing the NSW membership and improve communications between Branch and the members.

As a result of the survey of continuing education needs in late 1985, topics of interest including new technology update, microcomputers in libraries, evaluating effectiveness and management information systems and financial management have been delineated. Branch will be aiming to provide continuing education activities in these areas in 1986.

Louise Lansley, the LAA's Industrial Information and Research Officer, attended the meeting and presented a report on the NSW Employment Service. This activity has been supported by the NSW Branch and during its first year in operation has assisted 42% of the registered librarians and library technicians to find employment. The Branch confirmed its support for the service and recommended its continuation.

General Councillor Frances Lemmes discussed the Report of the Corporate Plan and Review Committee and told the meeting that a summary of the document would be published in *InCite*.

Reports were received from Sectional groups and there are certainly interesting and varied programs of activities planned for 1986 — Check Happenings in *InCite* for details.

Branch Council takes this opportunity to invite NSW members to attend monthly meetings of the Council. Meetings are generally held at LAA House, 376 Jones St. Ultimo on the third Wednesday of the month (5.30pm start) — Next meeting 16 April.

Sue Halbwirth

COMMOTION ABOUT PROMOTION

An enthusiastic NSW Committee for the Special Libraries Promotional Taskforce is preparing a promotional campaign to be launched at 6pm on Wednesday 23 April, at the new State Bank Research Library, 7th Level, State Bank Building, 52 Martin Place, Sydney. Support the committee and its plans to promote the library and information profession to the NSW business community by attending the launch. Champagne and refreshments will be provided and a spokesperson from the committee of the taskforce will outline the proposed promotional programme. Dulcie Stretton will be our first guest speaker for the official launch.

As well as attending the launch supporters can assist the campaign by publicising their own experiences, expertise and excellence. The NSW Committee plans for librarians to prepare news releases to distribute to appropriate media outlets. Stories such as new appointments, title changes, changed job functions, moves to new locations, introduction of new or expanding information services and other achievements need to be communicated. The NSW Committee can help prepare news releases and advise on distribution.

Do not hesitate to call members of the committee: Mary Baker (convenor) 764 8558, Margaret Anderson, Vicki Austin, Leslie Bell, Cynthia Maclaine, Sue McDougall, Ralph Reid, Jeanette Sharpe, Robyn Unicomb and Jan Wild.

CATALOGUERS SECTION

Cataloguers reorganise

Last year was one of significant change for the Cataloguers Section. At its Annual General Meeting in Canberra last October, the Section adopted a new structure and a new set of objectives. The changes followed a thorough review of the Section in which 15 submissions were received from members in response to a discussion paper circulated by the previous National Executive of the Section.

The objectives of the Cataloguers Section are:

1. To provide an Australian focus for librarians and others interested in cataloguing and associated activities.
2. To promote the exchange of information about cataloguing and associated activities.
3. To foster education in cataloguing and related areas.
4. To encourage widespread consultation and involvement in national cataloguing activities.
5. To promote Australian participation in international cataloguing developments.

Much of the work of the Section is done through the State groups. However, last year the members of the Section decided that a significant restructuring of its national committees was needed. The changes included:

- the identification of eight 'national officers' of the Section, including an elected National Executive of four officers;
- the inclusion of the editor of *Cataloguing Australia* on the National Executive;
- the abolition of the Committee on International Cataloguing and the Dewey Decimal Classification Liaison Committee, with the responsibility for these matters to be taken by the LAA representatives on the Australian Committee on Cataloguing.

The Section passed a vote of thanks to Simon McMillan for his outstanding contribution to the review.

National officers

The current national officers of the Cataloguing Section are:

National Executive

President: Warwick Cathro, National Library of Australia, Parkes, ACT (062) 62 1546.

Secretary: Ruthi Urbach, ASCIS, 449 Swanston St, Melbourne, Vic. (03) 663 2866.

Treasurer: Linda Luther, Levels Campus South Australian Institute of Technology.

Editor of Cataloguing Australia: Jack Nelson, School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales. (02) 697 3442.

Other Officers

Associate Editor: Michael Wyatt, Division of Library Services, Dept. of Technical and Further Education, 130 George St, Parramatta, NSW.

LAA Representatives on the Australian Committee on Cataloguing: Olivia Abbay Footscray Institute of Technology; Pete Haddad, National Library of Australia; Helen Hoffman, La Trobe University.

Cataloguing in Darwin

The program for the Biennial Conference in Darwin will include a number of papers and events of interest to the members of the Cataloguing Section. These include:

Monday 30 June

A paper by Warwick Cathro entitled 'The interconnection of local automated systems'.

A paper by Joan Joyce entitled 'Enhancing subject access to online public access catalogues'.

Tuesday 1 July

A paper by Elaine Hall entitled 'Bibliographic network standards'.

Wednesday 2 July

Annual General Meeting of the Section.

Thursday 3 July

Cataloguers Dinner.

The program also contains papers on networking in the Northern Territory and on the ASCIS service, which will be of interest to many cataloguers.

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