

# Anne Harrison Trust Fund



Anne Harrison was a pioneering figure in the development of Australian medical librarianship. In order to acknowledge her contributions the Medical Libraries Section, with the approval of the LAA, has established the Anne Harrison Trust Fund to support medical librarianship in Australia.

Grants will be made to support research or study activity which, it is hoped, will supplement existing LAA support schemes. (See page 12 for a statement of Award objectives, conditions and an address for applications).

Anne's career spanned the period from the immediate post-war years to the early 1980's. Her achievements betokened a commitment to the highest standards of information provision and of equal access to that information through the development and promotion of medical librarians' organisations and medical library cooperation both in Victoria and nationally.

Apart from her work as Brownless Medical Librarian in the University of Melbourne, Anne was mainly responsible for the creation and development of the Central Medical Library Organisation (CMLO) in Victoria, and was Secretary from 1953-1983.

At a time of rapid growth in the size and number of medical libraries the CMLO provided a range of centrally provided ILL services, a central exchange for duplicates and a central screening and storage facility for archival material.

It has been said of Anne that her contribution to the Australian MEDLINE network was more important 'than that of any individual not directly employed in its operation'. She helped gain the interest and support of the medical research community in MEDLARS and persuaded the NH and MRC of its potential.

Anne's influence extended beyond the confines of the University of Melbourne through her active role in professional organisations.

She was co-convenor of the committee which created the Australian Medical Librarians Group. With Jacquie Baillie from Monash University, Anne helped to organise the first National Conference of Medical Librarians in 1972. At a subsequent national conference Anne was responsible for persuading the majority of medical librarians to affiliate with the LAA.

Through her committee work Anne persuaded health institutions to recognise the need to provide professionally staffed services, even in the smaller hospitals.

Most notably, Anne was active in lobbying the 1974 Committee of Enquiry into Hospital and Health Services in Victoria, and was part of a consultative committee on hospital libraries to the Hospitals and Charities Commission of Victoria. As a result of the enquiry the Commission established a position of Regional Medical Librarian to oversee the establishment and operation of hospital medical libraries.

Other highlights of Anne's career include her membership of the AACOBS Subcommittee on Medical Library Services; her role as first convenor of the Victorian representatives on the National Library's Life Science Consultative Committee, as well as her contributions to the professional litera-

ture.

The Medical Libraries Section hopes that the Trust Fund and the awards to be made under it, may not only serve as a reminder of Anne Harrison's career, but also contribute to the developments in Australian medical librarianship that her career exemplified.

*Stephen Cramond,*  
Secretary, Anne Harrison Trust Fund.

## Abbey in again!

General Council has appointed Olivia Abbey to a second term as an ALIA representative on the Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC).

Olivia served her first term on ACOC during 1984-86. During this time she initiated a number of AACR2 rule revisions proposals, including two proposals concerning the entry of pseudonyms and references to series headings. These were accepted and will appear in the next consolidation of AACR2.

Olivia served on the ABN Subject Headings Subcommittee during 1981-83, and was recently elected to a term on the ABN Standards Committee.

Olivia's appointment to ACOC followed a ballot in which all members of the Cataloguers Section were invited to participate. In the event, 152 members of the Section voted with Olivia securing a clear majority over the other two candidates, Cherin Sauterel (University of Sydney) and Jenny Todd (La Trobe University).

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## TRAINING TECHNICIANS IN NSW

In 1987 the Associate Diploma in Library Practice is scheduled to replace the Library Technician Certificate Course. The current course has been renamed and revised. The renaming of the course is part of an Australian wide move in TAFE to standardise the names of courses of the same level throughout the states. Library Technician Courses in other states are at differing stages of re-accréditation and should all be renamed as Associate Diplomas during the next year.

Students who are currently enrolled in the Library Technician Certificate in NSW will be transferred to the Associate Diploma.

In addition to the change of name, the course has also undergone a major revision, a process which has taken almost two years to complete. The main thrust of the revision is to include the automated library applications in the appropriate course subjects. Presentation of manual and automated applications concurrently should enhance student learning. A new subject, Computer Concepts for Library Technicians has been added to Stage I.

Negotiations have been underway during 1986 to obtain approval to present the block release components of the external library technician course offered by South Australian TAFE in Sydney. The course is only available to students living outside the Metropolitan areas i.e. Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

It is still hoped that approval will be given in time for the 1987 academic year and if so, this will be reported in *InCite*. Places will be limited.

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## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY — DIRECTOR

Following the announcement of the retirement of its present Director the Australian Library and Information Association (formerly the Library Association of Australia) seeks a professionally qualified librarian for the challenging task of leading a restructured Association into the 1990s.

The Association represents and promotes the interests of library and information personnel throughout Australia, and the position of Director is one that affords the opportunity to play a major role in the development of the profession.

The Association now wishes to appoint a person with a strong background in librarianship, a national perspective on library issues, and with proven leadership and management ability.

This appointment is initially for three years, with yearly options for renewal. Salary is commensurate with responsibilities.

The Director reports to the Association's General Council, holds overall responsibility for the Association's affairs and office, including a budget in excess of \$1,000,000, and has special responsibility for the formulation and implementation of policy. Public relations, including lobbying and liaison with members, governments and other agencies and associations, is an increasingly important component of the Director's duties.

The Association has recently undergone a major internal review, and has made significant changes, including a name change, revision of the objects to reflect a wider role in the information arena, and a comprehensive Head Office restructure.

The successful candidate will have the authority and the responsibility for directing the activities of a large professional organisation with substantial voluntary assistance at an exciting time in the development of information services. The position is demanding in terms of the wide sphere of influence of the Director, and most rewarding in terms of opportunities for personal contacts with library practitioners.

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to reach Mr. P.H. Dawe, President, Australian Library and Information Association, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 16 March 1987. Further details are available from the current Director Jenny Adams, on (02) 692 9233 or (008) 22 1481.