

SA Education Library Saved

The SA Education Department has rescinded its announced decision to disband the Education Library, due largely to the vigorous campaign mounted by Alan Bundy for the SA Branch. However, the Library will undergo significant change.

It will cease to operate as a joint service for the Education Department and the Department of TAFE from the beginning of 1987. The Education and TAFE components of the collection have been separated and TAFE is now operating its own service.

The Education component of the collection will be amalgamated with the Department's Wattle Park Resource Centre, a library specialising in curriculum and teachers' resources. The new joint library will be renamed and probably rehoused in Goodwood Orphanage.

The staff of the two libraries will be pooled to operate the new joint library, but with a reduction of two librarian positions over current staffing levels. It is proposed that Robina Weir, the current Manager of the Wattle Park Resource Centre, be the Librarian and that Kevin Griffin, current Librarian of the Education Library, be the Deputy Librarian.

The Education Department has established a Planning Committee to advise on the establishment of the new library and the ser-

vices it should offer.

The SA Branch was invited to participate in the planning and is represented by Alan Bundy, last year's Branch President, Trish Bickley, 1986 SA School Libraries Section President and Edith Heinrich, 1986 SA Special Libraries Section President. Since Jim Dwyer and Anne Harris are also on the Committee because of their roles in the Education Department, the LAA is well represented. The Committee has been meeting since mid-November and expects to conclude in late January.

Unfortunately, the lease on the Education Library's present site expires in April and the new site cannot be ready by then, so that a double move is unavoidable.

An approximate timetable for the Education Library's transformation is — *January — March*: at present location; *April*: closed for packing; *May — August*: limited service located at Wattle Park Teachers Centre; *September*: new combined resource centre at the Orphanage.

Readers of the SA Branch Newsletter should note that the Education Department is not planning to disband or disperse its Library Resource Branch, but that the Branch will also be moved to a new location in 1987.

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