



IN THE NEWS

Colonial Database

A Colonial Census Database containing information on over 100 people living in the Bathurst area in 1828 is now available.

The package costs \$17 which includes postage and is available from the NWSCEG Software Dissemination Scheme, c/o SOTE, Mitchell CAE, Bathurst, NSW, 2795.

Also available is a Conflict Database package which deals with over 100 wars and disputes between 1961 and 1986.

To order please write to Dr Robin McLachlan, School of Communication and Liberal Studies, Mitchell CAE, Bathurst, NSW, 2795. Note: these packages are for Apple IIE/ IIC and IIG's *only*.

Aboriginal Tracks

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS), is trying to track down back issues of *Dawn* and *New Dawn* magazines.

The magazines were published between 1952 and 1975 by the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board and the Department of Child and Social Welfare. So, if your library has any unwanted issues, please send them to the AIAS Library, GPO, Box 553, Canberra, ACT, 2601.

Also, if anyone can find a copy of the August 1983, Vol. 12 issue of *Dawn*, please contact Mrs Isabelle McLeod, PO Box 489, Nowra, NSW 2541.

Reaching for the stars

The International Astronomical Union has requested that an astronomy thesaurus be compiled for the use of authors, editors and librarians working in the field of astronomy and astrophysics.

The project involving the cooperation and expertise of eight librarians around the world is being coordinated by Robyn Shobbrook, librarian of the Anglo-Australian Observatory. The Observatory is a bi-national statutory authority engaged in astronomical research.

Robyn has organised the project on an international level so that the work load and cost of producing the thesaurus is shared amongst eight volunteer librarians from the UK, India, Canada, USA and Australia. 'Each librarian is working on a section of the alphabet by compiling a base list of preferred terms from authoritative sources according to an internationally accepted standard', says Robyn, 'the base list will then be compiled at the AAO using the MICROCAIRS software and the first draft will be ready by August'.

The thesaurus will help authors and editors of scientific manuscripts. In particular it will also aid the selection of keyboards for more effective retrieval of documents in manual and automated systems in the field of astronomy.

Phone home

Telecom has produced some posters to discourage vandalism of telephone booths. Perhaps if you have wasted time in a frustrating search for an intact phone in the local area your library may be interested in displaying a poster. For further information and posters contact your district Telecom office.

CLA Elections

The Canadian Library Association has announced the results of the 1987 Executive Election.

Vivienne Monty, head of the government and business library at York University, Toronto, was elected to the office of CLA First Vice-President (President-elect). Patricia Cavill, director, Marigold Library System, Strathmore, Alberta, was elected CLA Treasurer. Marnie Swanson and Terri Tomchyshyn were voted 1987-9 CLA Councillors-at-large by the association membership.



LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA Election of Vice-President 1988 (President-elect 1989)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At a meeting held on 27 and 28 June 1986 the General Council of the Library Association of Australia resolved to change the composition of the General Council. It is now to consist of the President, Vice-President (President-elect), Past President, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and one member appointed by each Branch. The positions of General Treasurer, General Secretary and General Councillor-at-large were abolished at the end of the terms of the present incumbents and therefore nominations for these positions will not be called.

In accordance with Division F Regulations nominations are now called for the position of Vice-President 1988 (President-elect 1989). Nominees must be financial members of the Association. Candidates and nominators should read the relevant regulations carefully.

Please note that nominations shall be:

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominations must reach the Director, LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 5.00pm on 1 September 1987.

Jenny Adams
Director

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