

Vale Jenny Adams

Jenny Adams, appointed as our Executive Director three-and-a-half years ago, retires on 2 October 1987.

Her retirement marks the end of a distinguished contribution to the affairs of the Association in a period of dynamic change. Perhaps the most notable event during her Directorship has been the major role she played as one of the three members of the Corporate Plan and Review Committee. The CPRC Report is a landmark document which is already exerting a profound impact on the governance of the Association and the direction it is taking.

But she has done much more than this, of course. She has managed the affairs of the Association with skill and imagination. She has carried out a review of Head Office operations and established a new structure, the specific aims of which have been to enable Head Office to be even more responsive to members' interests and needs.

Jenny has played an important and creative role in the development of the Association's National Information Policy, and has represented the Association in the public forum with flair and accomplishment. To all her duties she has brought a high degree of dedication, and when the occasion allowed, a nice sense of humour which, for those of us working most closely with her, has made our association a special pleasure.

It is impossible to detail all her contributions in an eventful time, but we thank her for all of it, and wish her every possible success and happiness in the future.

P. H. Dawe
President



Jenny Adams receives a farewell and thank you gift from the Association at the General Council meeting, 5 September.

Number Two Becomes Number One!

Ms Alison Crook has scored the number one job in NSW. In becoming the new State Librarian in NSW, she joins Jane La Scala in Victoria and is the second woman to become a State Librarian. The appointment was announced by the Minister for Planning and Environment and Minister for Heritage, Mr Bob Carr, on 10 September. She succeeds Russell Doust who officially retired on 21 September.

Ms Crook has experience in management and information technology. She holds an Honours degree in Philosophy, a Master of Business Administration, Graduate Diplomas in Education and Librarianship and has 15 years' experience in library policy and management.

Ms Crook has held varied positions within the LAA, including NSW Branch President in 1986. Since 1977 she has tutored in Philosophy of Education at Flinders University and has held the position of Deputy State Librarian at the State Library since June, 1982. In addition, Ms Crook worked in New Guinea as an Australian Volunteer Abroad and as a community liaison officer for Gunpowder Copper in Queensland. She is currently studying Japanese to assist in the development of a sister relationship with the Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library.

On the appointment of Ms Crook Mr Carr said 'I am extremely pleased to announce Ms Crook's appointment. She takes over the running of this important library at an exciting and sensitive time in its history.'

'Ms Crook will oversee the move of the Library's collections into the adjoining new 11



storey building in Macquarie Street in preparation for its official opening in April 1988.

'Her appointment reflects exciting changes for the Library and I am delighted that she will bring to it the benefits of her specialist knowledge and experience.'

And how does Ms Crook feel? She is obviously looking forward to the future and being at the helm of the new look State Library.

'For the past few years we have been laying the foundation for developments in new library services which will come to fruition with the opening of the new building next year' said Ms Crook. 'The opening of the new building with the refurbished old building linked to it, will see the State Library become one of the most exciting public places in Sydney.'

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