Meet the new Director

The appointment of Sue Kosse as the Association's new Director was announced in *InCite* No 15, 4 September 1987. Sue will commence her employment with the Association on 9 November.

She sees the next few years as presenting many challenges and opportunities for the Association and believes that the recommendations from the Corporate Plan and Review Committee Report provide the basis from which the Association can meet these challenges. Sue sees the role of Director as vital in ensuring that the Corporate Plan is promoted and carried out successfully.

Sue says 'the Association must become an even stronger lobby group in both the public and private sector. This role will become increasingly important as the resources available for library and information services continue to decline. The Director must take a strong role in initiating and directing the lobbying activities of the Association through a well organised, high-profile promotional strategy. This in turn would be beneficial to both the image of the Association and to its members.'

Sue recently attended the General Council meeting held in Canberra on 5-6 September, where she had the opportunity to meet Councillors and to receive a full briefing on the issues with which Council is concerned.

We wish Sue the very best of luck and lots of support as our Director.

Jenny Adams
Director

GEAC/CLANN Launch

Dr Allan Pattison, the Director General of the NSW Department of TAFE, recently launched the CLANN/GEAC circulation system at six NSW TAFE College libraries. The launch took place at Granville College of TAFE and represented the introduction of the system to the College and to College libraries at Newcastle, Randwick, East Sydney, Mount Druitt and North Sydney. These colleges join Sydney Technical College, Ryde, St George and Blacktown Colleges and the library of TAFE Head Office which have been using the GEAC system since 1986. Four more libraries will be included in the network soon.

The immediate goal of TAFE Library Services is to introduce automated GEAC systems to all Grade 1 and Grade 2 colleges (22 in all) and to the 9 regional headquarters libraries in country areas. At least seven more libraries will 'go live' during 1988 as a part of this initiative.

The GEAC OPAC now offers the whole CLANN database which lists almost two million holdings in all TAFE Colleges, and government department libraries online. Another benefit is that online cataloguing for new material is conducted at TAFE Library Services' Technical Services Branch at Parramatta while at Sydney Technical College a retrospective conversion program for the whole network is conducted online. The Hunter Regional Headquarters also uses the GEAC system for online cataloguing of regional holdings.

Another initiative of TAFE Library Services is the introduction of external database searching to College libraries. External databases can be accessed through TAFE's
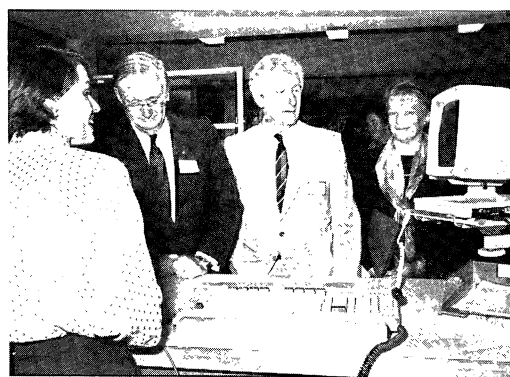

Photo: *Demonstration of GEAC circulation system. From left to right: Janet Burstall, Librarian-in-Charge, Granville College of TAFE, Paul Clune, Chairman College Committee, Dr Allan Pattison, Director General of NSW Department of TAFE, Dagmar Schmidmaier, Head of TAFE Library Services.*

VAX system. A demonstration of Dialog and ORBIT systems was available to those who attended the CLANN/GEAC opening at Granville. Up to now all external database searching was done at Sydney Technical College or Head Office Library.