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ment; a campaign to propose our even greater potential; a campaign to foster positive images of library and information services and their personnel; a campaign to provoke within parochial decision makers a sense of their participation in a vital national venture; a campaign to show that the national network of library and information services has now become greater than the total of its too often undervalued individual parts; a campaign to make library and information services a national issue.

But let us also take stock of ourselves through the first Australian Libraries Summit in October. We must use this opportunity to identify what needs to be done, what can be done, and what should have priority... and we must then do it. We have largely arrived at our present position and achievement without national planning. Such will suffice no longer, because those who do not plan and develop priorities as Australia moves into the 21st century, will as surely not enter it. In that planning process we can ill-afford pursuers of private agendas, those of small vision, those who would stand aside, and we cannot afford not to have every potential contributor, professional and layperson alike, contributing. Every shareholder, every investor, in our national network of library and information services is important.

The Australian Libraries Summit is the concept of the Director-General of the National Library, Warren Horton. It will be held because of his sense of the need to plan and develop priorities, if we are to convince. It will be held because of his energy, because of his willingness to risk a very considerable commitment of resources. Yet the outcome, favourable or not, is not to be attributed to Warren Horton. If the Summit disappoints and results in little or no decision and action, the blame is not his; it is no reflection on him. The blame is ours; the reflection is on us.

The Summit, though, must not disappoint. It must result in considered, tangible and decisive action because if we cannot get our collective act together on this occasion we will have denied the substance of any claim to have the mission and the infrastructure to provide Information for the Nation. The Summit is a watershed in the development of Australian library and information services.

A watershed too is the Information for the Nation campaign. The Corporate Plan and Review report of the Association said in 1986:

In the recent past the Association has been reactive in nature rather than proactive...The Association must become an initiator. In the changing information world political clout will be of increasing importance. The Association must build on the clout it already has and ensure that it has a strong line of communication to government and media.

Information for the Nation is your Association being an initiator. It is your Association attempting the fulfilment of a major item in the Corporate Plan and Review agenda. It will be your Association communicating to government, the media and Australia... but Information for the Nation will need your support, your goodwill, your ideas and your enthusiasm, not please - your doubts, anxieties and caveats or your withdrawal to parochial isolation.

A contributor to *Australian Library Journal* (15 May 1988 p.4) wrote: Let's put our resources into a campaign to educate press and public to the complex management talent, diverse education, deep caring, and high degree of competence it takes to direct a library.'

Information for the Nation is that campaign; and it is the most ambitious and creative conceived by any library organisation around the world.

If we do get the Summit right; if we do sustain the Information for the Nation campaign to capitalise on the achievement of the Summit; if ALIA and ACLIS do work together we are poised to achieve even greater and more exciting developments for one of the very best things - by its 200th year - Australia has achieved; its national network of library and information services.

We live in the so called 'information age'. This should be, more than any other, our age. The opportunity, uniquely, is there. If we do not seize that opportunity and assert ourselves, we will deny not only ourselves. More critically we will deny Australians what is rightfully theirs. Better access to better information for a more productive, a more internationally competitive,

More critically we will deny Australians what is rightfully theirs. Better access to better information for a more productive, a more internationally competitive, a better educated, a healthier, a fairer, a more democratic, a more tolerant and a more civilised Australia during its next 200 years. 1988 and Celebration of a Nation is about Australia past, and Australia present. Information For The Nation is about the future - it is about our future ... and our vital role in Australia's future.

## Who's Where

- CLSI Australia has appointed Caroline Power as Manager of its NSW operations in the field of library systems automation.

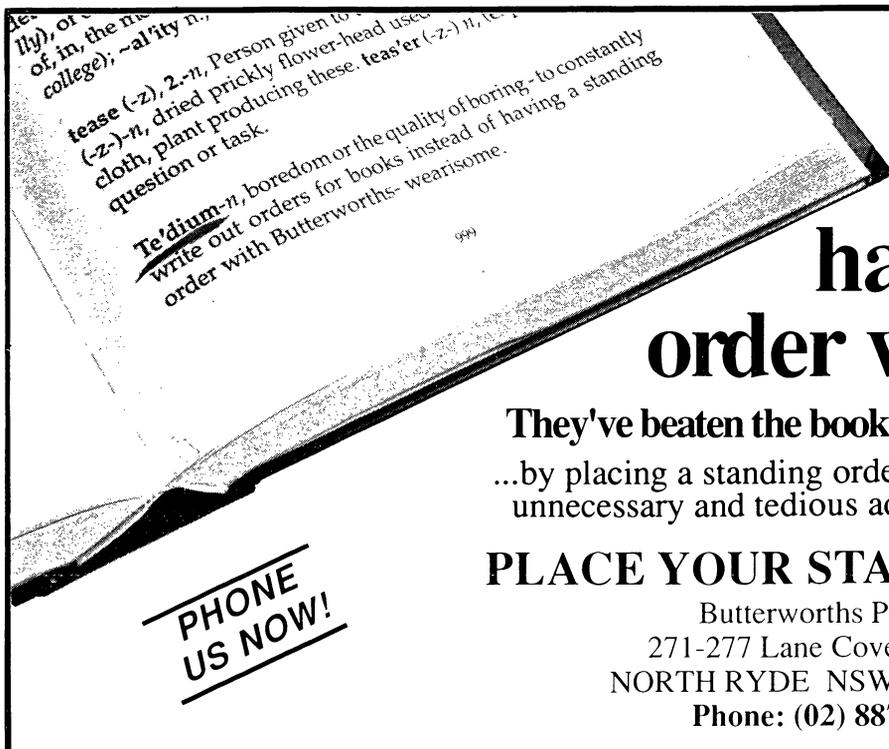
Ms Power, who was previously Industry Manager for Librarians with AWA Computers, has experience in library automation and information services in the UK, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

With CLSI, she will assist in the development of the company's overall marketing plan for LIBS 100 System throughout Australia, and will have direct marketing responsibilities for NSW.

- AWA Computers has appointed Doug Coulson to the position of Business Manager, Libraries, to head up the newly created Library Business Unit which will focus specifically on the needs of, and service to, the library market. Doug has experience in creating and developing systems for library applications. He headed Datapoint's library automation development for many years.

- The National Library of Australia has appointed Ms Carol Vincent to the position of Assistant Director-General, Public Programs. For the last four years Ms Vincent has been National Special Events Co-ordinator of the National Heart Foundation of Australia, and previously was Assistant Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Foundation of NSW. This is a new position established as a result of restructuring and Ms Vincent is the first permanent appointee.

- Joan Barry has retired from the position of Associate Librarian (Reader Services) at the University of Sydney. She began her library career in 1954 at the Public (now State) Library of Queensland. From 1959-63 she worked in Canberra, first at the Public Service Board Library and then at the library of the Prime Minister's Department. In 1963 she became Assistant Librarian at the NSW Department of Main Roads and she joined the University of Sydney Library as Circulation Librarian. She held several increasingly senior positions at the University of Sydney before being appointed, in 1981, to the position she held on retirement.



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