

Three Fellowships Awarded

The General Council of the Association has conferred Fellowships on three of our most distinguished and active members— Judith Baskin, Diana Oliver and Patricia Ward.

Judith Baskin



Judith Baskin has made a significant contribution to the objects and work of the LAA and to the profession in and beyond Australia.

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Following service in various positions in the then Commonwealth National and Parliamentary Libraries she was Deputy Liaison Officer for the National Library of Australia (NLA) at the Australian High Commission, London from 1963 to 1966. After a year as Assistant Editor to Phyllis Mander Jones in the compilation of the *Guide to Manuscripts in the United Kingdom relating to Australia and the South West Pacific*, she returned to Australia and to the position of Chief Librarian, Acquisitions in the NLA. Subsequent positions included those of Chief Librarian, South and South East Asia, Principal Librarian in Bibliography, Cataloguing and Medlars Section, and in the Policy Secretariat, and Director, Bibliographic Services Branch.

In 1981, she was promoted to the new position of Director, Networks Branch and in that position she made a major contribution not only to the NLA but to the wider profession. From the inception of the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN), Ms Baskin was responsible for its management, including development of broad policy recommendations, and its success was largely due to the high level of political, professional and management skills she brought to the position.

Judith Baskin is an active and committed member of the LAA. She was President in 1982, and a member of the Executive Committee from 1981 to 1983. A significant achievement in that time was the purchase of the property in Ultimo. Ms Baskin developed closer links between the Association and the New Zealand Library Association (NZLA) leading to a joint conference in Brisbane in 1984, and promoted the hosting by the LAA of the 1988 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) conference in Australia.

She was a member of the Futures Committee, has been a member of the Publications Board since 1983 and represented the LAA on the National Book Council from 1981-83, having previously been the NLA's representative from 1975-78. She was an active member of the Canberra-based committee that mounted the Association's 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1987. She was Secretary of the ACT



Diana Oliver with Alan Bundy

Branch in 1972-73, President in 1974 and General Councillor for the ACT in 1975-77.

Judith Baskin has had a long interest in developing effective links with the profession overseas. She was a member of the NLA's 1980 and 1983 delegations to the National Library of China, and she was invited personally to participate in the opening ceremonies of the new National Library of China building in Beijing in September 1987. She has participated in numerous regional library conferences and activities.

Ms Baskin has played a major role in the development of the Commonwealth Library Association. She was Honorary Treasurer from 1983-1986, and has been Vice-President since 1986.

Fellowship of the Association will be conferred on Ms Baskin at a function to be hosted by the ACT Branch on 8 December.

Diana Oliver

Diana Oliver is an outstanding contributor to librarianship and to the LAA.

She has been Chief Librarian of Sutherland Shire Public Libraries since 1976, was Deputy in that service from 1964, and previously held positions at Sydney Technical College and Ryde Municipal Council Library. She holds the Preliminary and Registration Certificates of the LAA and was a foundation Associate.

Diana Oliver's participation in the activities of the LAA and its NSW Branch is vigorous and productive, encompassing all aspects and levels of education of library staff, publications, lobbying and policy development. She was NSW General Councillor from 1977 to 1979, and has been a NSW Branch Councillor on a number of occasions, most recently from 1986. She has had a long-term involvement as a committee member of the Public Libraries Section (NSW Group).

Her interests are extensive and include local studies, library technicians, conservation, multicultural services, library management and industrial issues. She has been an active committee member and convener of conferences and continuing education activities. For the past fifteen years, Diana has compiled and edited the NSW Branch publication *So You Want to Work in Libraries: a guide to courses in Librarianship in NSW and the ACT*, a most valuable resource for potential entrants to the profession.



Patricia Ward

Diana Oliver was a member of the AACOBS National Council from 1979, serving two terms on the Standing Committee in 1983-84 and 1987-88. She contributed over a long period to the work of the AACOBS NSW Regional Committee, and is a member of the NSW Committee of ACLIS.

She is an active member of the Committee of Metropolitan Chief Librarians in Sydney and a committed member and participant in the work of the Municipal Employees Union. From 1979 to 1985 she was Deputy and Chief Librarians Representative on the Management Committee of the Local Government Officers Branch of the union.

Diana Oliver has always championed the broadest possible access to formal education for the staff of public libraries. She has attended hundreds of careers activities for many different organisations. She is ever ready to provide opportunities for students to observe and undertake work placements in the Sutherland Shire Public Libraries. She is widely regarded by local government officers, her professional colleagues and present and past staff as an excellent and effective library manager.

In the period of her association with Sutherland Shire, Diana Oliver has introduced a number of innovative services, including joint school/community libraries in two isolated areas, and the Home Library Service. She has been a driving force in the introduction of computerised systems and is regarded as an authority on corporate planning and devolution of responsibilities in public libraries.

She is a champion of the public's access to free library services, and challenges the new orthodoxy of charging by research libraries for interlibrary loans.

Patricia Ward

Patricia Ward's contribution to the library profession, to the LAA and to the fostering of links between librarians and others in the information and archival field is outstanding.

A foundation Associate of the LAA, Patricia Ward was a teacher-librarian in the NSW Department of Education until 1987. Since that time she has worked freelance. She was President of the NSW Branch of the LAA in 1978-79, and General Councillor for NSW in 1980 and 1981. She was a NSW Branch Councillor in 1976-77 and again from 1987. A foundation member of the School Libraries Section, she has at different times been

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President and Secretary of the Section's NSW Group. She is currently a committee member of the NSW Group of the Local Studies Section.

Patricia Ward's interests are diverse. Her professional development activities have extended to librarians in schools, local studies and local government and to library technicians. She has been a part-time lecturer at Kuring-gai CAE and for the NSW Department of Education retraining courses for teacher-librarians. She was a member of the Advisory Committee for the NSW Department of TAFE on the Library Technicians Certificate Course from its inception until the committee was discontinued in 1987.

Patricia Ward was instrumental in the foundation of the NSW Action Committee on Local Government Records, and has been secretary since its inception in 1981. This broadly-based group has been responsible for amendments to the Local Government Act which extend the classes of documents to be preserved, and this has led to the recent production of a General Disposal Schedule for Local Government in NSW.

One of Patricia Ward's most successful initiatives has been in conservation. She was the driving force in the preparation of a submission for funding to the NSW Bicentennial Council to appoint a consultant

conservator to advise on preservation, conservation and appropriate use of primary source materials held by local government bodies and societies and public libraries. The result was a three-year statewide program — Conservation on the Move — a joint activity of the LAA, the Regional Galleries Association of NSW, the Australian Society of Archivists (Sydney), the Museums Association of Australia (NSW) and the Institute of Conservation of Cultural Materials (NSW). Central to the success of the project was the agreement negotiated by Patricia Ward with the University of NSW to enable the conservator to work in the conservation laboratory at the School of Librarianship from her appointment in 1986.

Elected to the Publications Board of the LAA in 1982, Mrs Ward has been a strong advocate of divisional publishing, and a source of guidance and support for divisions in this area. She has edited a number of monographs in the fields of school and children's librarianship, local history resources, conservation and local government records.

Patricia Ward is an excellent communicator, and an active participant. She has formed links between the public and teacher-librarians, librarians and library technicians, archivists and local government.

Diana Oliver and Patricia Ward received their Fellowships at a reception held at LAA House on Friday, 25 November.

Sue Phillips
Assistant Executive Director

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Statistics and libraries

The Cultural Ministers Council has established a Statistical Advisory Group (SAG) to improve the definition, range and quality of statistics needed by the culture-leisure industry. The data will be collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). A key element of SAG's task is to consult on specific topics with representative groups.

Libraries was the topic discussed by the SAG and representatives of libraries throughout Australia at its 10 October meeting in Perth. Andy Exon attended as the LAA's representative.

This meeting was promoted as being a discussion workshop, but was expected subsequently to decide the terms of the framework for the collection of statistics on libraries by the ABS.

Andy Exon has identified two difficulties in the approach being taken by SAG in this instance. These are the need to get clarification of the sectors of library as yet unexplored by SAG, (schools and specials) and to ensure that those in the library professions are seen to speak as one voice. These issues are being pursued with SAG.

SAG expects that the consultative process will be completed by the end of 1988, with the framework then being ready for the Cultural Ministers Council approval early next year.

Australian Libraries Summit

A number of the recommendations emanating from the Australian Libraries Summit (ALS) have been given to the LAA for action. The November meeting of the General Council will be deciding how best to carry out these recommendations.

The Board of Education meeting in October discussed a number of those recommendations relating to education and research. It is establishing a strategy to carry out the relevant recommendations.

A number of the recommendations were for joint action by the LAA and either ACLIS or ASLA. A consultative process is being established to consider how best to carry out these recommendations.

Another 10...

Congratulations to the Northern Territory Branch on turning ten! The anniversary celebrations included a most successful birthday party, and the launch of the anniversary publication *Great Gnus*.

Another year...

Best wishes to all LAA members and readers of *InCite* for the coming Festive Season and New Year.

Sue Kosse
Executive Director



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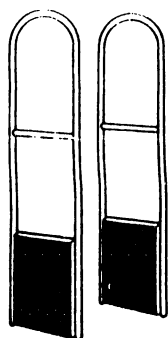
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The LAA has taken delivery of the special conference issue of *Education for Librarianship: Australia*. This conference publication provides a forum for debate on issues relating to education for librarianship, and attempts to present an overview of the art of education for librarianship in Australia at present.

Copies are free but you will need to send \$1.50 in postage to the LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, and address, of course. So, be quick! The offer is for a limited time only!

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