

## FEEDBACK ... continued

The meeting also previewed the calendar of events planned for the Young Ones in 1989. Plans are underway and include an evening meeting with the new LAA president in February, two workshops, the encouragement award and dinner in June, and dinner with a speaker in October. We are looking for extra committee members and also invite any new graduates or members to attend any of our functions. Any suggestions for activities are more than welcome and can be directed to Alison Reid (Convener, LAA Young Ones) on 230 1469 or Mary Baker (Secretary, LAA Young Ones) on 875 6289. The group was set up in interests of young members of the profession, so why not get involved!

### Mobile Libraries Special Interest Group

A very successful Mobile Muster has been held at Maleny, north of Brisbane. Around 50 delegates attended, from Queensland, Victoria, NSW, New Zealand and Malaysia. The Muster was opened by the Hon. B.D. Austin, Minister for Finance and Minister Assisting the Premier, followed by two days of excellently presented papers. Mobile libraries rolled up from Caloundra, Pine Rivers, Toowoomba, Logan, and all the way from Gosford (a tremendous effort). A great time was had by all and we look forward to the next one. Papers are presently being collated and will be available shortly for \$10 a copy from, Public Libraries Division, 24 Macquarie Street, Teneriffe, Q. 4005.

### SA School Libraries Section

#### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at SAIT following the Co-ordinating Committee meeting on Tuesday 15th November.

The 1989 committee is: Trish Bickley (President); Julie Fenwick and Sue Richmond (joint Secretary); Robina Weir (Treasurer and Branch Council Rep.); Jan Schmidt; Margaret Strickland; John Sloan; and Anne Hazell.

The interim report from the treasurer shows a balance of \$905.66.

During 1989 the committee will concentrate on the resolutions from the Library Summit, especially those pertaining to School Libraries.

#### Annual Report

1989 Committee

I would like to thank Anne Hazell, Robina Weir (Treasurer), and Jan Schmidt for their continued involvement in the School Libraries Section committee and

Julie Fenwick and Margaret Rowe for their contribution in 1988.

Co-ordinating Committee

• 1988 has been a continuation of the co-operation between SASLA, RCTA and the School Libraries Section.

The benefits include:

- a broader base from which to gather information and ideas and share knowledge.

- speaking as one voice.

- greater knowledge and understanding of the aims, objectives and activities of each group.

- development of common goals.

- shared information.

- facilitate the participation of more people in the decision making process.

• Many of the 1988 activities have been conducted jointly. These include:

- Two more Resource Based Learning Conferences on May 17th and 18th at WPTC.

- 'Spring Fever' - a literature update conference at WPTC.

- The publication of the papers from the four Resource Based Learning Conferences.

- Robina Weir has been the representative at meetings of professional associations with the Education Department to discuss possible Departmental support.

- Participation in a resource based learning teleconference with Queensland, Victoria, New Zealand and Canada.

- Visiting authors—Lois Lowry, Katherine Paterson, Dorothy Butler, Colleen O'Sullivan.

- The Dromkeen display.

Trish Bickley

### NSW Public Libraries

#### Seminar report—be prepared to fight!

That was the message from the seminar entitled 'Be a better communicator', conducted by the Public Libraries Section and the Public Libraries Division of SLNSW.

Janet Donald, a management consultant, put the challenge to public librarians that money is a scarce resource, for which, we must learn to compete.

If we believe our aims to be worthwhile we must be prepared to fight for the resources necessary to achieve them—no matter how limited the resources may seem. To do this successfully we must develop appropriate strategies. Seven skill areas were identified in which we need to develop superior ability to our competitors.

These were: Fact Analysis; People Analysis; Persuasion; Gaming—Tactics; Teamwork; Creativity; and Grovelling.

An interesting discussion followed where it was agreed most of us were more experienced in some areas than others!

The second half of the day was devoted to a discussion of internal communication methods and procedures.

Lyn Barakat, Deputy Librarian, Sutherland, and Marion Bannister, Deputy Librarian, Riverina, gave a wide ranging talk on various communication issues ranging from induction procedures and staff appraisals to dealing with the grapevine and the problems of distance and isolation. Again, a useful discussion followed.

It was a full program where either session could have occupied the whole day, however the quality of speakers and the issues they raised made for a very practical and useful day. Anyone wishing further information should contact Lyn Barakat for a copy of Sutherland's training program or Marion Bannister for a summary of her paper.

Richard Bonser

### Report from the Board of Education

**IN ORDER** to implement cost savings in 1989, the Board of Education has modified some of its activities.

**Course Recognition Visits.** A full programme of course recognition visits will be run in 1989. However, to ensure that the cost of the visits is kept to a minimum, the Board has altered some of the conventions previously applied to course recognition visits. In future, wherever possible, only one member of a visiting panel will be appointed from outside the state in which the school to be assessed is located. The convention that educators from schools of librarianship in the same state do not take part in the course recognition visits of other schools in that state will no longer apply.

**Professional Development.** A line item of \$10,000 has been inserted in the Association's 1989 budget for continuing education activities. A programme of mainly 'LAA approved' activities has been endorsed for 1989 as these activities do not require underwriting by the LAA.

**LAA Workforce Project.** Money is not available in the 1989 budget for the Board of Education's proposed study of advertisements for library and information positions however it is hoped that funding may be provided at a later date by a special grant allocation.

Louise Lansley  
Secretary to Board of Education