

# Notes from the Executive Director



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**C**anberra move update  
The documentation for ALIA's national headquarters building in Canberra should be finalised by the architects within a month.

During May, expressions of interest are being sought from potential tenderers for the building contract. These will be screened, and a select number will be invited to submit tenders. The building contract should be let by the end of June, when work can begin.

Following a tree-planting ceremony at the building site on 21 May — arranged by the ACT Branch and ALIA office staff and including an address by Averill Edwards, the 1989 President — two more ceremonies are planned before the building is finally commissioned. These are the laying of the foundation stone towards the end of 1989 and the opening ceremony in mid 1990.

There have been many expressions of interest in the auction of the Ultimo building on 31 May. ALIA's solicitor is drawing up a contract of sale, which will be available for potential purchasers to peruse well before the event.

A Move Coordination Committee has been established to assist me in

managing the move to Canberra. The members of the Committee are Kerry Webb (ACT Branch Councillor and General Treasurer for 1989), Jan Cree (a representative of the NSW Branch) and myself. Our first meeting was on 18 May.

I have provided the General Council with draft plans and a budget for the relocation, for discussion by the Executive Committee at its 19 May meeting. A date for the move should be established sometime in May.

Meanwhile, in ALIA's Sydney office, temporary arrangements and appointments have been brought into effect to cover the loss of senior staff. Please do not hesitate to contact us on ALIA matters — we shall do our best to assist you.

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Executive Director ALIA



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376 Jones Street,  
Ultimo, 2007. Cost: \$5  
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ian, Curtin University of Technology) began a process of review of this system in October 1988.

- ALIA's Special Libraries Section has begun to address the issue of statistics in its own sector.
- TAFE heads have reached agreement on statistics to be collected in this sector.

ALIA proposes to keep a vigilant eye on this important development, and is seeking to maintain its representation at SAG Workshops. Those who doubt the necessity for such vigilance may like to note, as a 'for instance', the recent Western Australian<sup>2</sup> forecast of a 56 per cent oversupply of librarians in WA — both the supply and demand figures are based on the ABS definitions to be used by SAG.

For your information, the Second SAG Libraries Workshop in Perth in October 1988 was attended by:

**Peter Brokensha** (Senior Consultant, Corporate Concern)

**Jacqui Ecclestone** (State Librarians' Council Statistics Project)

**Andy Exon** (representing Sue Kosse, ALIA)

**Anthony Ketley** (National Library of Australia)

**Alice Leong** (representing Geoff Allen, ANZALDATA)

**Chris Mulder** (WACAE)

**Nigel Penfold** (WA Dept of the Arts, SAG member)

**Jean Ryding** (Wanneroo Public Library)

**Ian Smith** (Director, Cultural Statistics Task Force, SAG)

**Kerry Smith** (Cultus Group)

**John Videbich** (ABS, WA)

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<sup>2</sup>Forecasting and Labour Economics Research Branch, Western Australian Department of Employment and Training. Occupation: Librarians, in *Occupational Supply/Demand in 1990-91*, 30 November 1988.

## Correction

A mistake was made with the delegate registration cancellation date in the 5th National Library Technician Registration Brochure.

It should read: A cancellation fee of \$60.00 will apply if notice of cancellation is received any time after 25 June 1989. You may nominate a substitute delegate at no charge.