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## Education for Librarianship Section WA Group

### New office bearers

The Education for Librarianship Section in Western Australia has new office bearers for 1989. They are President Vicki Williamson, Management Service Librarian, Curtin University of Technology, PO Box U 1987, Perth, WA 6001, telephone (09) 350 7151; and Secretary/Treasurer Trevis Lawton, c/- Department of Library and Information Studies, also at Curtin University of Technology.

The first meeting of the Section for 1989 on 11 May featured guest speaker Mr Eric Wainwright, Deputy Director of the National Library and Chairman of the ALIA Board of Education. During his visit to WA, Eric met the heads of library schools to explain the Board's position on the issue of amalgamation of library schools.

### ALIA Salary Scales booklets

are now available.

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## Status of Women in Librarianship Special Interest Group

### Report of AGM, 15 March 1989

1988 was a year when we concentrated on seminars and workshops — in April the highly successful one-day workshop on public speaking facilitated by Speaking Out; and in August our international seminar 'Women and the Power of Management Information', held as an adjunct to the LAA/IFLA conference.

We closed the year with a meeting at the Balwyn Library where Carmel Hannaker from Moonee Valley Regional Library and Phyllis Papps from the Municipal Association of Victoria spoke on the issue of women in local government, both as Councillors and as employees. Phyllis promoted the book *Women in local government* and a video *Hats in the ring*. Both these publications present a hard-hitting look at women's participation in local government.

In July our newsletter was issued. It included the annual update of literature on women and libraries. Many thanks must go to Janet Thompson, who word processed, printed and distributed the newsletter.

1989 brings a new Convenor, Eve Stocker, and Treasurer, Julie McInnes. The ever indefatigable Margaret Waller continues as Secretary.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me and the Group along the way. It has been a pleasure to have met and worked with so many wonderful women.

Jinette de Gooijer

## TAFE Section National Group

### 1989 State Coordinators

The Section now has members from all States/Territories. The Executive Committee for 1988-89 is based in Victoria, with sectional groups in Queensland and Victoria. The Section President is Pat Stewart, Northern Metropolitan College of TAFE, Preston Campus, Preston, Victoria 3072. Telephone (03) 479 3345.

Coordinators promote communication between interstate members and with the Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee has confirmed the following State Coordinators for 1989:

ACT: Mrs Margaret Richardson, c/- Reid Campus Library, ACT Institute of TAFE, GPO Box 826, Canberra, ACT 2601. Telephone (062) 45 1781.

NSW: Cathy Hall, 1 Morella Place, Castle Cove, NSW 2069. Telephone (02) 406 6072 (h); (02) 808 0279 (w).

NT: Jackie Miller, c/- Library, Community College of Central Australia, PO Box 795, Alice Springs NT 5750. Telephone (089) 50 0283.

Qld: Jim Graham, Queensland TAFE Library Network Centre, Department of Employment, Vocational Education and Training, Private Bag 3, South Brisbane, Qld 4101. Telephone (07) 840 4856.

SA: Diane Booker, Library, Adelaide College of TAFE, Light Square, Adelaide, SA 5000. Telephone (08) 213 0111.

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WA: Jim Downing, 27 Jimbell Street, Mosman Park, WA 6012. Telephone (09) 335 4633 (work — Fremantle College of TAFE).

Please check the list for the Coordinator in your State or Territory.

### Conference 1989

The Executive Committee is organising the second TAFE National Section Biennial Conference, to be held at La Trobe University, Melbourne, from Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 September 1989. Watch this column for further details.

## Public Libraries Section NSW Group

### New members welcomed

It was encouraging to see many new faces among the forty people who attended a welcome to new and prospective members at Stanton Library on 7 April. The social evening included a talk by the Library Director, Mrs Nora Hinchin. Stanton Library has recently completed a major refurbishment, and she gave a very entertaining account of the problems of balancing the needs of the librarian and the architect in this process. Following her talk, several members of Stanton's staff took groups on tours of the library. The Section appreciated the assistance of the staff in making this a relaxed and informative evening.

### Hearing-impaired members

Our group is keen to make our activities accessible to members who are deaf. Please contact us if you are interested in attending any of our activities during the year and would like an interpreter present. To obtain a copy of our program, ring Jillian Thompson on (02) 597 7497 at Rockdale Library.

### Change in program

The 'making the most of your resource dollar' seminar, which was to be held on 2 June, will now be held in October. The new date will be announced in *InCite*.

### New item on program

The next item on our program is a joint activity with the Health Librarians on the ethics of providing medical information to the public. This will be at Liv-

erpool Library on the evening of 14 June. Public Library members are urged to attend the meeting to discuss this important issue.

Jenny Kena  
Committee Member

## New South Wales Branch

### Lobbying lost

Why is it that NSW members have little interest in lobbying? Only twelve members registered for John Levett's 'Lobby or Lose' seminar when it was offered for a second time recently.

The seminar was organised by the NSW Branch at the suggestion of ALIA's Head Office and was first scheduled for November last year. Six members registered then. Reasons put forward for such a poor response included inappropriate timing of the seminar and the fact that most libraries had spent their staff development budget by that time, especially since LAA/IFLA was a 1988 highlight.

As a result, the seminar was rescheduled for 17 March 1989. Flyers were inserted into all *InCites* for NSW and ACT members. The seminar was also highlighted in Events. Announcements were placed on electronic bulletin boards using Ilanet and the CLANN system. Again the response was disappointing — only twelve registrations by 13 March. I decided to cancel the seminar as a minimum of twenty-five people were needed.

Later in the week I was present at the AGM of the NSW Branch Council. Averill Edwards, National President, spoke persuasively about the benefits of moving ALIA Head Office to Canberra. One of the major benefits of a Canberra base, she said, was the lobbying potential for the Association. She

also referred to the need for more libraries, and for library staff to become more knowledgeable about, and skilled in, lobbying techniques! Not in NSW they don't! Sad, isn't it!

Frank Willems

Professional Development Officer

## Literacy Section National Group

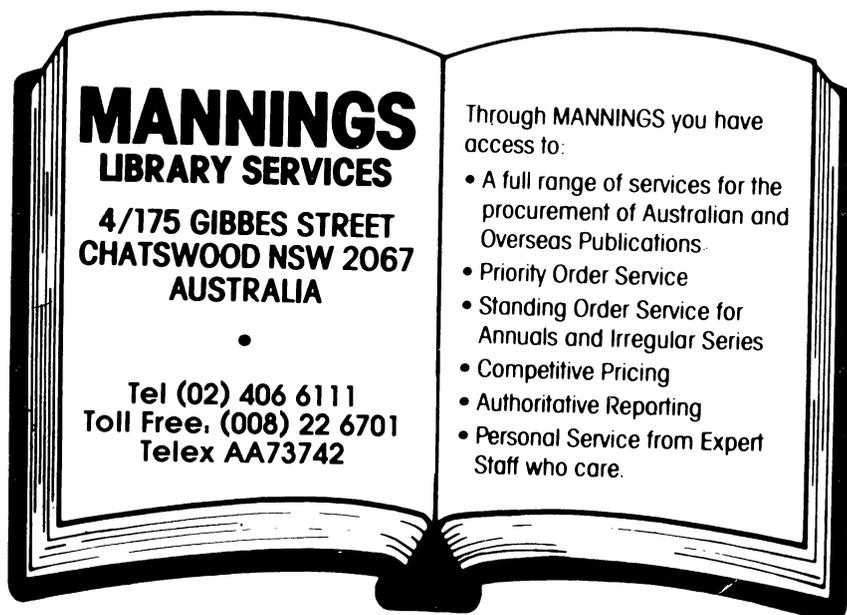
### Making moves in literacy

Gather together an audience on public librarians, add several literacy workers and librarianship students, and ask them to consider the role of the public library in enhancing the value of life of disadvantaged people in the community. You have, then, a thought-provoking session which throws up challenges to traditional ways of conceiving and planning public library services.

The workshop 'Making moves in literacy' was held at Northcote Public Library on 31 March 1989. It attracted more than forty people. A panel of speakers addressed the following topics:

- What's worked, where? (Chairman: Chris Stewart, DFE, Northeast Region. Speakers: Marie Gaspar, Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service; Jan Hanson, Carringbush Regional Library; George Eraclides, Northcote City Library; Lee Hayles, Council of Adult Education, Access Resource Centre.)
- Resourcing literacy programs. (Speaker: Lee Hayles)
- Access to funding. (Speaker: Judith O'Neill, General Manager, Division of Further Education, Victoria.)

Attention was brought to the issues of staff training, staff sensitivity to the



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needs of adult literacy students, the library's role in working with the local community, and resource development.

In discussing the last topic, the speaker emphasised the need to consider identifying people, needs, tutors, coordinators and existing literacy programs before you even start to consider your resource collection. In fact, consider your resource collection last. In addition, don't look to traditional selection sources, go straight to the users (students, tutors and coordinators) and ask them what they want.

A small publication will be produced as a result of this workshop. It will address questions of adult literacy for librarians to consider in the context of their own communities.

Future workshops are being planned. The ALIA Literacy Section welcomes feedback, and expressions of interest from librarians and literacy workers in participating in committee meetings and workshop planning.

Remember the focus for 1990 is International Literacy Year, and the

groundwork is being laid now for public librarians to become involved. Please address all enquiries to Eve Stocker, Secretary, Literacy Section, Northcote Public Library, telephone (03) 481 9425.

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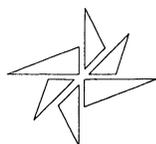


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### Reminder

Nominations for ALIA Library Manager of the Year close on 1 June 1989. Nomination forms are available from the Membership and Divisional Services Manager, ALIA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007. (02) 692 9233; Toll free (008) 22 1481.



## ALIA PRESS MANAGER

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