

libraries in NSW. Master copies have been supplied to the Careers Unit of the NSW Department of Education, the Careers Reference Centre, and the Occupation Information Section of the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Training.

Library Services (NSW Department of Education) has distributed copies to school librarians in State High Schools. As the print run has been reduced this year, we hope that users will assist by producing their own copies. 'SYWTWIL' is aimed, primarily, at those responsible for providing career information to secondary students.

To assist with ready information distribution at busy Career Markets, master copies of a useful pamphlet, *Library and information studies* (inspired by the Victorian Branch), are now also available. One A4, double-sided page contains brief definitions and information on what library and information workers do, sources of job satisfaction, courses available in NSW and where to obtain additional information.

A SYWTWIL master and up to three copies are available from Diana Oliver, Sutherland Shire Libraries and Information Service; telephone (02) 521 0353. Single copies are available from ALIA head office.

Master copies of the pamphlet are available from the NSW Branch Secretary, Wendy Bartlett, c/- ANSTO Library, Private Mail Bag No. 1, Menai, NSW 2234; telephone (02) 543 3742 (w), (02) 523 4506 (h).

Education for Librarianship Section

EDLIBS and ADLIBS get together

The first meeting of the Section was held recently. The Guest Speaker was Eric Wainwright, Chair of the Board of Education. The meeting — held at the Department of Library and Information Studies at Curtin University — was a joint activity organised by EDLIBS (WA) and ADLIBS (the Curtin Library School Student Association). Approximately seventy EDLIBS and ADLIBS members attended, as well as three heads of library schools in Western Australia.

EDLIBS (WA) will be holding discussions shortly with the Western Australian Information Researchers Exchange (WAIRE). It is hoped that the two groups may be able to sponsor activities designed to promote the role of research in library education. EDLIBS will also be discussing the paper circu-

lated by the members of the Victorian Section of EDLIBS about a change of name and role for the Section.

Vicki Williamson
President, EDLIBS (WA)

Victorian Branch

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More than sixty members attended the Annual General meeting on 24 May at the Queen's Hall, State Library of Victoria.

After general business, which included a number of changes to the constitution of the Branch to allow for the Association's name change and the election of a Continuing Education Officer, the Branch welcomed the Guest Speaker, Ann Morrow, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Education, Victoria, who spoke of changes taking place in education and how those changes would be affected by the provision of library services.

Ms Morrow has an impressive background as an educator and administrator and has experience with the public library scene through her role as the first woman Mayor of the City of Malvern in Victoria. She spoke about the initiatives planned through cooperation between the Ministry for the Arts and the Ministry for Education, looking at possibilities for networking and joint use of some facilities.

A number of librarians working in the education system spoke of the difficulties of servicing the very special needs of the new curriculum program, particularly in the VCE courses. Members expressed their pleasure at being able to talk with the chief administrator in open and frank exchange, and to take the opportunity to pass on the concern of members regarding the poor ratio of librarians to students and to schools in the Victorian system. Members were able to speak about the 'only 52 per cent' campaign and the possibility that this figure was, at the time, significantly lower.

Bev Kirby
President, Victorian Branch

WA Branch

Professional development seminars

During 1989 the Professional Development Committee of the WA Branch has organised a number of well-attended professional development seminars. The first of these, in February, on 'Professional style and personal image' was presented by Margaret Fort of Image Update.

In April, Judith Hamilton, an Occu-

pational Consultant with the firm Career Change, gave a seminar entitled 'Career planning — your future'. She outlined the processes involved in identifying what is needed to achieve career satisfaction.

Strategic planning was the topic of an afternoon seminar in May. Eric Wainwright was joined by Liz Pattison, a strategic planning consultant, and Judith O'Keefe from DOCIT, to discuss the value of strategic planning with an emphasis on its importance for libraries.

Twenty-five librarians from a wide variety of backgrounds attended ALIA's June workshop on 'Mastering effective communication skills'. Dr Ron Cacioppe led the group with expertise and verve through a number of situations that highlighted common barriers to communication.

Participants examined past conflict situations to gain a better understanding of their interactions with others. Ways were demonstrated of lessening or resolving conflict by means of improved communication.

Future topics will include 'Making meetings work' and 'Negotiation skills.'

Margaret Jones
Publicity Officer



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Council. From the Association's viewpoint, the position of General Councillor is critical. To be an effective Councillor, that person needs to be a good communicator — able to participate effectively in vigorous oral debate and to make points strongly. It requires a good listener, able to hear and to balance the point of view of other Council members. It needs a person of considerable judgment and experience, given the kind of matters the General Council is required to decide upon — policies that determine the future direction of ALIA and of the profession, and financial decisions on ALIA's budget of \$1.5 million. And the possession of meeting skills and a knowledge of meeting procedures is necessary if the General Councillor is to participate effectively.

Participation in elections within the Association is a professional responsibility. Please exercise that responsibility well in the forthcoming elections.

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President, ALIA

