

to learn of the enormous variety of work done by librarians. The Sub-Committee is also preparing an *Atlas of Queensland libraries*, to provide an instant guide to all libraries in the State. Funding has been arranged, and publication is expected by the end of the year.

The Continuing Education Committee has pulled off yet another coup. The evening meeting — 'Copyright update' — presented by Derek Fielding, University of Queensland Librarian, attracted sixty-four members. Tapes will be available for members. They should contact Robyn Collins on (07) 209 0420.

Public Libraries Section

ACLGO meets the Minister

The Australian Council of Local Government Officers (ACLGO) met in Canberra on 30 August, with David Clark representing public librarians.

Discussions of most importance to public libraries were: the review of local government labour markets; the training and research needs of local government; and a proposal by the University of Technology, Sydney, to establish a local government studies unit.

Of particular interest was a talk by John Flannery, the Vice-President of the Institute of Municipal Management, on

the Institute's training and on-going accreditation scheme. The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program, as it is known, has been designed to better equip the Institute's members to do their jobs and to prepare them for the challenges facing local government. The program requires that all participants attend a number of seminars or conferences each year to qualify for accreditation. The merits of such a program should be considered by ALIA, as continuing education and retraining are becoming more important, and employers are increasingly demanding a commitment to continuing professional development.

The meeting then adjourned to Parliament House for a meeting with the Minister, Senator Margaret Reynolds. The major item discussed with the Minister was the training and research needs of local government. Mention was made of the proposal by the Sydney University of Technology to establish a local government studies unit, and the difficulties some sectors of local government have had in interesting academia in their disciplines. The meeting concluded with a short discussion on broadening the revenue base of local govern-

ments. While the Poll Tax approach was soon dispensed with, public libraries should be concerned with the Minister's apparently reluctant acceptance of the user-pays philosophy. Developments in this area should be watched carefully.

Members of the Association wishing to discuss matters concerning the meeting or the working of ACLGO please contact either Ross Gibbs (03) 649 8710 or David Clark (062) 98 0256



Who's Where

Gay Sussex has been appointed Library Manager of the Nunawading Library and Information Service following the retirement, owing to illness, of Constance Pavey, City Librarian. Gay was previously the Deputy Librarian, and, prior to that, had spent 10 years working in libraries in Manchester, England.

Patricia Hulskamp has been appointed to the position of Coordinator: Information and Technical Services and Glenda Benness is the Coordinator: Administration and Readers' Services.



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