

New appointments to the National Library



SIR Ninian Stephen, who recently retired as Governor-General, has been appointed as Member and Chairman of the Council of the National Library of Australia.

The Minister for the Arts and Territories, Mr Clyde Holding, in announcing Sir Ninian's appointment on 22 February, said 'I am delighted that Sir Ninian has accepted this appointment. His extensive legal background and the experience of his Vice-Regal and judicial appointments will be of considerable value to the advancement of the Library'.

Sir Ninian succeeds the internationally renowned author, Mr Morris West, who chaired the Council from 1985 to 1988.

The Governor-General has also appointed Queensland education consultant Emeritus Professor Betty Watts as a member of Council. Professor Watts has previously served two terms as a member of Council from August 1982 to March 1988. Mr Holding



Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen at the 'Images, Illusions and Reality' exhibition held at the National Library during 1986. (Photo courtesy National Library of Australia.)

said that Professor Watts had already made a distinguished contribution to the management of the Library during her previous terms on the Council.

Both the appointments announced in February are for three years.

Sydney librarians win Fulbright awards

TWO Sydney librarians—Dagmar Schmidmaier and Jenny Flint—have been awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarships by the Australia-American Educational Foundation, allowing them to visit the United States and study library developments there.

Jenny Flint is a Teacher-Librarian at Trinity Grammar School. She will spend some two months in the U.S. from late March observing and studying how whole school sequential information skill programs have been implemented there. She will also be looking at school evaluation.

Jenny's detailed itinerary will be worked out in Washington during the first week of her visit. However, she says she has already made a number of suggestions based on recommendations made by leading American school librarians such as Pauline Anderson, and other educationalists she has met at international conferences. She has also taken account of the *American School Library Media Quarterly* annual awards for, the best school media program.

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We'll see you in the West ... in spring 1990

IT was sixteen years ago, in 1973, that the LAA last chose Perth as the venue for its Biennial Conference. Since then the conference has been held in various Australian capital cities and also in New Zealand. The LAA is now the ALIA and is proud to be hosting its inaugural biennial conference in Perth, Western Australia.

The ALIA 1990 conference programme is being designed to allow discussion of issues of importance to the profession as a whole and those issues that are specific to groups of librarians and information professionals.

In addition to plenary sessions addressed by distinguished Australian and overseas speakers, there will be a variety of programme modules addressing specific themes or discussions on issues raised by sections of the profession. Topics to be discussed will range from children and literature, to the value of new technology. The special interests of local government officials will also be catered for.

A large trade exhibition is being

organised to support the conference and will cover the wide spectrum of librarianship, information management, communication and storage.

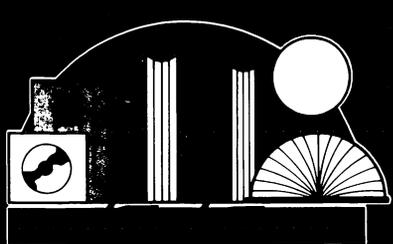
Delegates will enjoy a full and varied social programme which will incorporate much of the unique style of Perth. Our city possesses splendid variety and contrasts and a climate unequalled in Australia—especially in springtime with lots of sunshine and glorious wildflowers.

Don't believe the stories about the high cost involved in travel to Perth, they are a myth! In 1988, return air fares from the Eastern States and quality accommodation could be obtained for as little as \$750 for seven nights.

We expect that participants will leave refreshed, with a renewed, enthusiastic and positive approach to their library and information environment. Come and share the City of Perth with us—we are waiting to welcome you in September–October 1990.

Steve O'Connor
ALIA 1990
Conference Chairman

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION



A.L.I.A. 1990

1st BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Perth — Western Australia
September 30 - October 5 1990
at the Perth Concert Hall

Who's Where

Catherine Sexton BA DipLib ALAA has been appointed Associate Librarian (Reader Services) at the University of Sydney Library, succeeding Ms Joan Barry who retired in 1988. Ms Sexton began her professional career at the Macquarie University Library, joining the University of Sydney in 1976 as Undergraduate Services Librarian. She has been Information Services Librarian at Sydney since 1984.

Robert Scott BA DipEd DipLib ALAA has been appointed Information Services Librarian at the University of Sydney Library. Mr Scott joined the University Library as Social Sciences Librarian in 1984, following six years at the State College of Victoria, Burwood. He has been Lending Services Librarian since 1986.

Felicity McGregor has been appointed to the Position of Deputy University

Librarian at the University of Wollongong. A member of the University staff since 1975, Felicity was appointed Acquisitions Librarian in 1982. Before her recent appointment, she was Technical and Circulation Services Librarian.

In her new position, Felicity will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of library services with particular responsibility for personnel and budgetary matters. She has considerable experience in these areas and has co-ordinated the establishment of a dynamic staff development programme and the implementation of performance management for Library staff.



Craig Grimson has been appointed Information Services Librarian at the University of Wollongong and will take up his new position in early April. Craig has been Lending Services Librarian at the University of New England and is well

known for his work in library services for distance education. With Christine Crocker of Deakin University, Craig edited *External Students and Their Libraries: a Guide*, which will be published this year.

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Jenny has enrolled in Pauline Anderson's Workshop on Wheels around Virginia and Baltimore, and will attend the Association for Independent School Librarians Conference in Washington in early April. She also plans to travel to Vancouver and observe Co-operative Program Planning in action and, finally, if funds permit, to attend the American Library Conference in Dallas in mid June.

Dagmar Schmidmaier, who is Head of NSW TAFE Library Services, will take up her Fulbright award in May–June this year. During her two-month visit to the U.S., Dagmar will focus on four major areas: strategic planning and the development of information networks; the implementation of new technology, in particular the use of CD-ROM; the effective management of collections; and the development of commercial information services within the education sector.

Dagmar will begin her program in Washington, D.C., and plans to visit library and information services in Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, and California.