

ALIA's National Headquarters

WORK is progressing rapidly on developing the plans for the new national headquarters building in Canberra for ALIA. A Building Project Team consisting of Averill Edwards, Alex Byrne, Ian McCallum, and the Executive Director Sue Kosse was established by the November 1988 meeting of General Council to oversee the construction of the building.

The Team will work with the Project Manager, Mr Bill Rushton of Baillieu Knight Frank, ACT on the project. Each member of the Building Project Team brings a particular expertise essential to ensuring that the building suits as many of ALIA's current and future requirements as possible.

Averill Edwards, as ALIA's 1989 President, will be ensuring that the building reflects what she perceives as ALIA's members requirements and expectations of the building. Alex Byrne is the Deputy Librarian at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Canberra. As well as being a professional librarian, his first degree was in electrical engineering from the University of Sydney. He has been involved with library re-arrangements and recently has been responsible for developing the architectural brief for the major extension to the library building at ADFA. Ian McCallum is a Past-President of the ALIA (1986), and is the Manager for the Commonwealth Information Services Division of ACI Computer Services,

Canberra. His expertise relates to his long involvement in private enterprise and the commercial development of projects, including properties for ACI in Melbourne, and in this building project for the ALIA. His familiarity with the complexities of private enterprise will aid the ALIA in ensuring that this project will symbolise the ALIA's expectations of its future direction, and be commercially viable. The Executive Director will ensure that the building performs the functions required for ALIA's efficient operation, and that approval and reporting procedures are followed.

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As all members of the Team, except for the Executive Director, are located already in Canberra, the travelling expenses for the Team meetings can be kept to a minimum.

In addition to the Building Project Team, David Jones, Library Building Consultant with the State Library of New South Wales, is being employed as a consultant to the project.

So far the Building Project Team has had two meetings with the architect for the project, Philip Cox. The design of the building has changed considerably since the first design stage, and it is now coming closer to meeting ALIA's functional and aesthetic requirements. A fourth meeting is scheduled for 22 February 1989.

Training Programs

Following the success of the LAA's Industrial Forum 88, the Trade Union Training Authority (TUTA) which runs a variety of training programmes for trade union members and officials, will be running a course specifically designed for union members in the information industry from October 29–November 3 at Clyde Cameron College at Wodonga, Victoria.

The course will cover topics such as the Australian industrial relations system, current industrial issues, the roles of shop stewards and union organisers and skills training in negotiation and dispute handling.

Further information about the course may be obtained from Kay Hathway, Senior Librarian, Clyde Cameron College, PO Box 510, Wodonga, Vic. 3690. Telephone (060) 55 3211.



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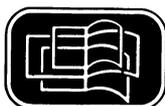


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