

# ALIA National Headquarters



**D**esign plans for ALIA's national headquarters building have been finalised, following meetings between the Association's building project team, the Project Manager (Bill Rushton), the architect (Philip Cox) and the assistant architects.

Philip Cox has achieved a creative mix of artistic and functional elements. Artistically, the design reflects a sense of libraries throughout history, while at the same time portraying a strong, forward-looking profession. On the functional side, the building will allow ALIA to perform its many and varied functions cost-effectively and efficiently. It will also provide an increasing financial return to the Association.

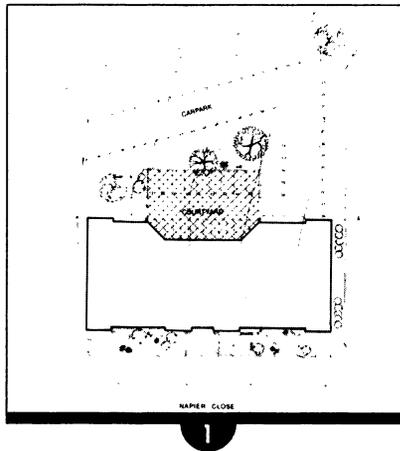
The experience of Bill Rushton in the Canberra market has been very valuable in helping the building project team identify and incorporate functional aspects that can both meet ALIA's building objectives and provide an economic return. The latter will come via lease income from the tenanted half of the building, and through a central conference facility, which will be available for both ALIA and non-ALIA functions.

Internally and externally, the building will have finishes that require the least possible maintenance. The building project team has been careful to ensure that public areas have finishes and fit-out that convey to visitors an

impression of a leading, image-conscious, national professional body.

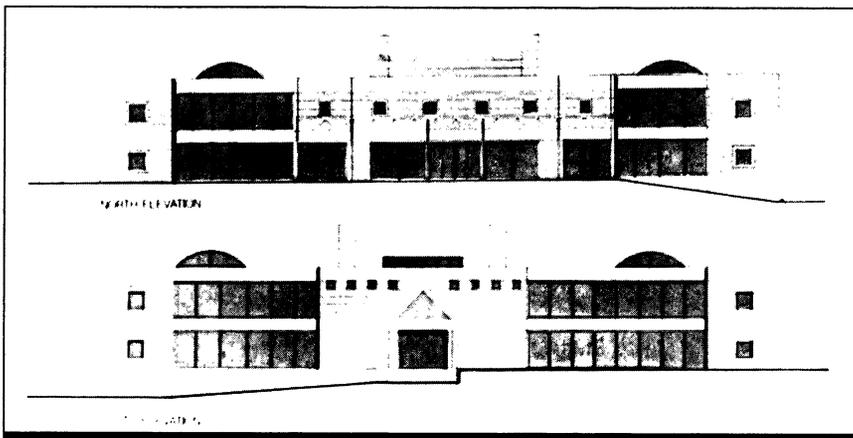
Particular attention has been given to the Members' room. Members will be able to use this as an office when visiting Canberra, as a place to meet in or to meet ALIA staff, or just as a welcoming place in which to have a cup of coffee. The fit-out for the Members' Room will be the main focus for donations from ALIA members to the building project.

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The final design plans for ALIA national headquarters, West Deakin, ACT.

- 1 Site plan.  
2 Top — North elevation; Bottom — South elevation.



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## YOUR DONATIONS

**D**onations for the national headquarters building have been coming in from ALIA personal and institutional members and supporting organisations at a most encouraging rate.

In total, more than \$7000 has been received. THANK YOU — your donations are most welcome. Together we are investing in our Association's future.

Donations to ALIA's Building Fund will be used to provide members with an attractive and useful Members' Room, which will be available for their exclusive use. Remember that they are tax deductible.

If you would like to make a donation to your Members' Room in the new national headquarters building, it is not too late! Please forward it to:



The Australian Library and  
Information Association  
376 Jones Street  
Ultimo NSW 2007.

Committees and Divisions were given responsibility for the carriage of these resolutions, with reports to be made to Council at appointed times. (For the report on 'user pays', see below.)

The coordination of ALIA's activity on the Summit resolutions is to be undertaken by the Industrial and Educational Services Manager and the Victorian General Councillor.

## ALIA and ACLIS

After considerable discussion, the General Council resolved to adopt a new policy towards the Australian Council of Library and Information Services (ACLIS). This new policy states that:

1. General Council requests ALIA members to encourage their institutions to join ACLIS.
2. General Council considers that it is in the interests of Australian library and information services for there to be maximum cooperation between ALIA and ACLIS at both the national and State/Territory levels. General Council does not consider that this cooperation necessitates formal membership of each body by the other, and requests the President and the Executive Director to discuss further with the Chairman and Executive Officer of ACLIS appropriate cooperative mechanisms at the national and State levels.
3. The above resolution be brought to the attention of all Branches, national Sections and Special Interest Groups with requests:
  - i. that Divisions do not pursue membership of ACLIS until the results of further discussions with ACLIS have taken place and been reported on;
  - ii. that Branches seek discussions with State and Territory ACLIS committees aimed at the establishment of appropriate cooperative arrangements in each State and Territory.

## Policy on free library service to all

Following the Australian Libraries Summit resolutions on user pays, the General Council in November 1988 requested the Tasmanian General Councillor to convene a Committee to review ALIA's policy statement on free library service.

The Tasmanian General Councillor presented a draft policy statement to Council for discussion. Council decided that any major change to this

basic Association policy should receive discussion at the Branch and Division level of the Association, before it is considered by Council. All Divisions will be asked to comment on the draft prior to the July Council meeting.

The Special Libraries Section will be asked to comment on the need to have a similar policy statement covering government departmental libraries.

## ALIA policy statements

The General Council endorsed a proposed Statement on Library and Information Services in Schools. This Statement has also been endorsed by the Australian School Library Association and, as such, it will be promoted in a Joint Statement (see Box).

## ALIA Publications Board

In 1988 a consultant was employed to review the Association's publications' operation and to make recommendations on its future direction and operational structure.

The consultant's report was presented to the Publications Board in November 1988. The Board considered it at two meetings, and made recommendations to the General Council for approval.

The Council has now resolved that the Association establish ALIA Press to publish Association monograph titles on a commercial basis, and that a manager be sought to establish ALIA Press. It further resolved that members should continue to receive favoured treatment

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Contracts for the building will go out to tender in May, and work should begin in June 1989. The building should be completed by mid 1990.

The Sydney ALIA office staff and the ACT Branch are currently planning a tree-planting and sod-turning ceremony for late May. More details on this will be provided in the next issue of *InCite*.

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in the pricing of ALIA Press publications.

The Publications Board will develop further the guidelines for the operation of ALIA Press.

## ALIA role in library promotion

The ALPC has been experiencing financial difficulties, and has decided to go into voluntary liquidation. This will leave a gap in Australian library promotion. The General Council has decided that ALIA has a leading role to play in library promotion, and is supporting a national forum on the subject. Anne Hazell and Alan Bundy

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## Joint ALIA/ASLA Statement on Library and Information Services in Schools

1. School library and information programs and services are integral to the goals of the school and the aims of the curriculum.

2. As a member of the school's teaching team, the teacher-librarian has a role in the planning, implementation and evaluation of educational policies, curricula, outcomes and programs, with particular reference to the development of students' information literacy.

3. As a member of the school's management team, the teacher-librarian has a role in ensuring the school community's access to an organised collection of teaching and learning resources and services designed to meet the educational, recreational and cultural needs of the community.

4. As a significant sector in Australia's total information resources, school libraries should provide access to a network of library and information programs and services at the local, State, national and international levels.

5. So that the library and information services offered through the school library both shape and reflect the school's goals, professional staff should be qualified in teacher librarianship on entry to the profession, and have the opportunity to undertake continuing professional development. Appropriately qualified technical and clerical staff should assist professional staff.

6. Library and information programs and services in schools should be developed within the context of other ASLA- and ALIA- endorsed statements.