

## NATIONAL

**29 JANUARY 1991.** DIALOG UPDATE for Dialog users. Hilton International Sydney. Contact: Insearch/DIALOG, PO Box 123, Broadway, NSW 2007 (02) 212 2867.

- **30 JANUARY-1 FEBRUARY 1991.** Information Science Section. 'Information online and on disc 91': 5th Australasian Conference and Exhibition. Hilton International, Sydney. Contact: Wael Foda, Australian Convention Management Services, (02) 332 4622, fax (02) 332 4066.
- **9-12 JULY 1991.** 6th National Library Technicians Conference. 'Bringing the pieces together: communication, change and consolidation'. Manly Pacific, Sydney. Contact: Jean Bailey (02) 692 4691.
- **1-5 SEPTEMBER 1991.** Achieving Excellence. 4th Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians Conference with 9th Biennial Health Librarians' Conference. National Convention Centre, Canberra. Contact: Conference Organiser, Gail Hawke, Capital Conference Pty Ltd, PO Box E345, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, (06) 285 2048, fax (06) 285 2334.
- **29 SEPTEMBER-3 OCTOBER 1991.** Australian School Library Association Conference. 'Treat yourself: professionally — the Future, Technology, Literature and Education'. Leura, NSW. ASLA XII. Contact: June Wall, Box 89, Wimallee, NSW 2777, (047) 51 5137, fax (047) 54 3562.
- **29-30 NOVEMBER 1991.** Cataloguers' Section. 9th National Cataloguing Conference: Cataloguing for Online Access. Keynote speaker: Michael Gorman, Ormond College, University of Melbourne. Cost: TBA. Contact: Margaret Waller (03) 669 9049 or Stephen Gillespie (03) 660 3108, fax (03) 663 3047.

## INTERNATIONAL

**8-11 JANUARY 1991.** Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference. 'Exploring Elements for Education Excellence: experience, expectations, enhancements, evaluation.' Contact: Daniel Callison, ALISE Publications Officer, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

**15-18 JULY 1991.** The Second International Information Research Conference, Churchill College, Cambridge. Contact: Karen Merry, Multi-Media Information Conference, The British Library R & D Department, 2 Sheraton Street, London, W1V 4BH, United Kingdom. 071 323 7050, fax 071 323 7251.

**23-27 JULY 1991.** IASL Conference. Everett, Washington. Tours to follow (including Alaska). Contact: Lalita Brond, IASL Director, Australasia, 5/16 Tennyson Street, St. Kilda, VIC 3182, (03) 534 1582.

### • Activities organised by ALIA Divisions

#### Fryer Library, University of Queensland

5 November-16 November 1990: manuscripts will be unavailable. No evening openings. Service otherwise as usual.

19 November 1990 - 2 January 1991: the library will be closed. Enquiries: (07) 377 2329 ■

# WHO'S WHERE

## Conspectus officer appointed

**Margaret Henty** has been appointed to the newly created position of Conspectus Officer at the National Library of Australia. This position is being funded jointly by ACLIS and the NLA for an initial period of 15 months, after which the NLA will take full funding responsibility for the position.

Prior to taking up this appointment, Margaret was Research Officer at the ANU library. Earlier this year, she was Executive Secretary to the Working Party on Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions (the NBEET Review).

Margaret is already planning a series of meetings with ACLIS State and Territory based Conspectus Committees, and developing an Australian version of Conspectus. She can be contacted at the NLA on (06) 262 1157. ■

## ...a late item...

### Dear Editor,

In your editorial comments on the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Long Term Strategies for Australia as an Information Society (*inCite* 29 October) I noted that you claim that ALIC failed.

I do not remember that you, Peter Judge, as a member of ALIC, ever suggested that we were proceeding in the wrong direction, or proposed a different approach to the problems we were attempting to address.

There is such a thing as collective responsibility. As a former chairman I do not wish to be defensive about ALIC, but you might, at least, have given it some credit for moving the

## Melbourne University's management school attracts Marianne Broadbent

### Marianne

**Broadbent** is leaving RMIT at the end of 1990 to take up a new position at Melbourne University's Graduate School of Management. In January 1991, Marianne commences as Program Manager for the Graduate School's Key Centre for Strategic Management.

Marianne has been Head of the Department of Information Services since July 1987, after commencing at RMIT in January 1982 as a Lecturer and being appointed Senior Lecturer in May 1983. In October 1990, Marianne submitted her doctoral thesis, titled *The Alignment of Business and Information Strategies*, to Melbourne's Graduate School of Management.

The position of Head of the Department of Information Services is expected to be advertised late in 1990 or early in 1991. In the interregnum, Barry McIntyre will act as Head of the Department. ■

debate forward and for preparing the ground for what has followed.

Laurie Brown

**Peter Judge replies:** I actually wrote (*inCite* 17, p 4) that ALIC 'failed to give much practical advice to governments and was considered by the profession to be incapable of dealing with the burning issues of the day'. I stand by this, but I would not duck my share of any collective responsibility.

However, I also chaired two ALIC working parties seeking new directions for its activities, introduced as an agenda item at each of its later meetings the identification of issues then facing the profession, and wrote ALIC Working Paper No. 1 (and only) on *Public Sector/Private Sector Interaction in Australian Information Policy*. ■

## What on earth is GNAB?