

FEED BACK

ACT Branch

A General Meeting of the ACT Branch will be held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 19 April at the National Library Conference Room. The topic to be discussed will be Continuing Professional Accreditation — What Should ALIA Do About It? Speakers will be Warren Horton, Tom McKeon, Margaret Trask and Eric Wainwright. The speakers are known to support differing views and we expect that they will stimulate a lively discussion.

Literacy Section Public Libraries Section National Groups Literacy and Libraries Committee

Forty librarians took the plunge in a highly successful workshop organised by ALIA's Literacy and Libraries Committee (LLC) at the Public Libraries Branch (PLB) on 6 March. It was chaired by Linda Are, Executive member of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy. The speakers, Trish Branson, Chair of the South Australian Council for Adult Literacy; Sue Ross, Coordinator, Neighbourhood Houses, Northern Region; and Di Booker, User Services Librarian; Adelaide College of TAFE, covered a wide range of practical topics including raising community awareness; funding issues; the importance of networking; knowing your collection; accessibility of resources; staff attitudes; communication.

A successful literacy student from Gilles Plains College of TAFE joined the final panel session and provided valuable input from the user's point of view.

The workshop culminated in the launch, by John Steinle, Chair of the South Australian IYL Committee, of *Booknotes: Recommended readings for adult literacy students* and the *Guide to literacy contacts*. *Booknotes*, produced by Trish McLaine at the Adelaide College of TAFE, will be on sale from TAFE at \$21.95 very soon. The PLB will purchase copies for all public li-

braries. The *Guide to literacy contacts*, produced by the LLC is currently being widely distributed. Contact Margaret Dunstone at PLB on (08) 348 2351 for further information.

Many public libraries have already taken the plunge into the provision of literacy resources and services including Salisbury, Henley and Grange, Thebarton, Noarlunga, Lending Services, Unley, Woodville and Prospect. Some have received grants and are building their collections of resources, while others are working closely with volunteer literacy tutors and Neighbourhood Houses.

The PLB has successfully sought funding from the Libraries Board for the establishment of a central collection of literacy materials to be made available to all public libraries. The LLC will run two further workshops this year, one on computer literacy and the other on using non-book resources in literacy programs.

Sophy Athan
President
ALIA Literacy and Libraries
Committee

WHO'S WHERE

Griffith University wishes to announce the appointment of **Brian Cook** as Director, Information Services and University Librarian from 12 February 1990. Brian was formerly at the Brisbane College of Advanced Education where he was Head, Resource Centre for over 4 years and Assistant Director for a further 2 years. The Division of Information Services at Griffith encompasses the Library, Media and Computing Services and is in the fortunate position of having received capital funding over the next 2 years in order to bring all services together into the one building.



Brian Cook

Michele Burton has recently been appointed Library Manager of the Jerzy Toeplitz Library at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS). Michele was previously the Reader Services Librarian at the School. She has 14 years experience working in Arts Libraries. Prior to working at AFTRS, Michele was Manager of Information Services at Stanton Library, North Sydney.

Replacing Michele as Reader Services Librarian is **Gordon Thompson**, previously with Telecom in Melbourne.

Another new member of the Library team at the AFTRS is **Elizabeth McDonald**, recently appointed as Cataloguing/Film Librarian. Elizabeth most recently supervised NSW TAFE's Serials Retrospective Conversion project. She has also worked at the National Library of Australia, the University of Western Australia and the Western Australian Institute of Technology.

C H Currey Memorial Fellowship

The C H Currey Memorial Fellowship has been established by the Library Council of New South Wales under the terms of the bequest made by the late Charles Herbert Currey 'to promote the writing of Australian history from the original sources'.

The late Dr Currey was a well known Australian historian who was very conscious of the needs and problems of research workers not supported by grants from institutions such as universities.

The amount of the award this year will be \$10 000. However, this may be divided between two or more applicants. The money may be expended as the recipient sees fit, within the terms of the general intent of Dr Currey. Examples of use might be payment for photocopies or for typing expenses, or for travel in connection with research.

Application forms are available from the State Librarian, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000. Closing date for the receipt of applications is October 1990. An original plus two copies of applications should be supplied.

Alison Crook
State Librarian