

# In the News

## ALIA House gets building award

ALIA's new home won the award offered in the Canberra region by the Master Builders' Association and their major sponsor St George Building Society, in the category 'Commercial buildings above \$2 million in unit value'. It was entered for the award by the builders, Kell and Rigby.



Criteria for the award included:

- overall construction excellence;
- quality of specification;
- the quality of the execution of the job;
- the difficulty of the task;
- its user specification;

- overall presentation; and
- value for money.

Fortuitously, the runner-up in this category had links to our field: the Tuggeranong Town Centre College and Library.

## Achieving excellence

### Now under the Training Guarantee Scheme

The 4th Asian Pacific Special and Law Librarians Conference, with the 9th biennial Health Librarians Conference, to be held in Canberra from 1-5 September 1991, satisfies the requirements of the Training Guarantee (Administration) Act 1990. Employers please note!

The conference has been designed and approved by the three undersigned librarians. Each has appropriate academic qualifications, directly relevant working knowledge and over 3 years experience in the subject matter.

There are approximately 60 speakers and session leaders who are acknowledged authorities in their special fields. They include the Law Librarian of the Library of Congress, the Harvard University Law Librarian, the UNESCO Information Advisor for the Asia Pacific region, the Deputy President of the AAT, several senior librarians from the National Library of Australia, and two medical librarians from New Zealand.

A range of professional skills will be acquired through formal lectures, panel sessions, participative workshops, and seminar groups.

The conference aims to ensure the professional development and continuing professional education of all participants.

This conference is, therefore, a structured and eligible training program. All expenditure directly related to the conference can be counted as eligible training expenditure.

*Rosemary Bell*  
Conference Convener  
*Lorraine Weinman*  
Law Convener  
*Prue Deacon*  
Health Convener

## Do you index the arts?

### ARLIS/ANZ survey: in-house indexing of the arts

The problem of locating information on the arts in Australia has been exacerbated by the demise of the ARTSDOC and AARTI databases due to funding difficulties.

Some promising results from a pilot survey of in-house indexing in libraries in NSW and Queensland were presented at the ARLIS/ANZ Pre-Conference in Perth last year. As a consequence, letters were sent to ARLIS members in each State requesting that they distribute the survey form.

If your library holds a relevant collection or is indexing any aspect of the visual arts and crafts in Australia, and you have not been contacted, Jill More, Librarian at the College of Fine Arts, UNSW would be grateful if you would contact her on (02) 339 9520 as soon as possible. A survey form and more information will be sent to you forthwith.

They plan to produce a low cost updatable publication, hopefully by mid-year.

## The 67th ABA Conference/Trade Fair 1991

The World Trade Centre in Melbourne will be the venue for the Australian Booksellers Association's 67th annual conference. The conference, combined with Australia's major book trade fair, will be held from Tuesday to Thursday, 13-15 August.

This year the conference has a particular emphasis on librarians — 'A Must for all Booksellers, Publishers and Librarians', according to the booksellers' publicity. Wednesday, 14 August has been called librarians' day, and will include an address by the President of ALIA, John

Levett. This will be followed by a light lunch. This year there will be no charge for admission to the trade fair, and all librarians are invited to attend, either from 9-11 am (before the session with John Levett) or after 12.30 pm.

Registration costs \$395 for all 3 days, or \$135 per day. ALIA members may register at the ABA members rate. For further information contact Susan Girling-Butcher at the ABA on (03) 387 5422 or write to: ABA Conference, PO Box 173, North Carlton Vic 3054.

## Bibliographies on disk:

### A new venture for ALIA Press

ALIA Press will shortly produce its first *Bibliography on Disk*, covering the life and work of Sir Robert Helpmann. Kathryn Dan's annotated bibliography includes over 100 works and 10 000 words on this flamboyant Australian.

The cost will be \$60 (prepublication price \$50, until 30 July only) plus \$5 post and packing. Libraries can take out standing orders to this new series to get every title in the series automatically, and qualify for the prepublication discount every time. The *Bibliographies* are available on 3.5 or 5.25 inch

floppy disks to suit DOS-compatible machines (MS Word 5 or ASCII format) or Macintosh (MS Word 4 format).

And if you've been working on a bibliography — and wondering if anyone would be likely to publish it — why not consider ALIA Press?

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