

In Brief

Literacy in the Pacific region

Joe Hallein has received a Victorian International Literacy Year Grant to enable school librarianship staff of Monash University College Gippsland to develop literacy programs for public libraries in the South West Pacific Island states. As part of the project, Joe Hallein and Judy Phillips, lecturers in school librarianship, have been in the Cook Islands in November to test and revise the materials developed for the project.

NZLA Conference

The next NZLA Conference, will take place in Auckland's Aotea Centre, 23-27 September 1991.

A number of overseas speakers have been contacted, in the US, the UK, the USSR, Japan and Hong Kong, and of course, in Australia.

The Conference Committee would also like to have suggestions from other potential speakers, librarians or otherwise, who can contribute to the theme of 'The Once and Future Library' — or on any issue of current concern to our profession.

Let's hear from you.

K I Porter, Convener, University of Auckland Library, Private Bag, Auckland.

Community Information Association

This association was officially launched on 8 December 1990 at the State Library of New South Wales. Its aims and objectives are to promote the efficient dissemination of freely available information to the community, by

- acting as a focal point for providers of community information;
- liaising with all levels of government;
- encouraging a sharing of information through networking.

For further information, please contact Molly Lim at the State Library, telephone (02) 230 1598 or Diane Cook at Ryde Municipal Library, telephone (02) 808 0575, or write to the Secretary, Community Information Association, PO Box 61, Carlingford, NSW 2118.

Victorian Public Records Support Group

In consequence of recent and proposed changes at the Public Record Office of Victoria, a Public Records Support Group has been formed and its first newsletter has now appeared (the first issue is free, thereafter \$20 a year). Any ALIA members interested in obtaining more information about the group should contact it at PO Box 789, Mount Waverley, Vic 3149.

National Library of New Zealand

The NLNZ Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 1990 has just reached us. In spite of a 15 per cent reduction in staff to match decreased funding since 1988, the library has maintained its services and met performance standards in all areas where this has been the objective. The use of the library's information services has gone up by 56 per cent and of the Alexander Turnbull Library by 42 per cent over 1988/89.

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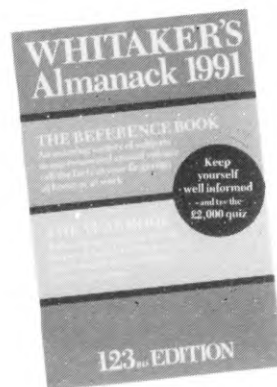
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