

Feedback

Health Libraries Section

NSW Group

Recent Activities

At the end of 1990 the Section organised two successful sessions. On 24 October, a meeting on copyright was held at Butterworths. Two officers from the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) addressed the meeting and explained the provisions of the Copyright Act which affect libraries. Librarians were reminded of the requirement to display the 39(A) Section warning notice near photocopiers.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members had the opportunity to view some new medical titles with refreshments supplied by Butterworths. Butterworths have kindly offered to host a meeting of the Health Libraries Section each year.

On 14 December, the Section held its annual Christmas Party. This function was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Plans are well underway for Section meetings during 1991. Members will be advised of details once they are finalised.

Rolf Schafer
Executive Member □

Distance Education

Special Interest Group

Some 20 members of the DESIG attended the biannual general meeting held during the Perth Conference in October 1990. Craig Grimison (Wollongong University), and Morris Bellamy (Melbourne Public Library), who had been Convener and Secretary/Treasurer respectively for 4 years, both retired.

The new executive is: Convener: Margaret Maticka, University of New England — Armidale; Secretary/Treasurer: Pam Pitkeathly, Cumberland College of Health Sciences; Newsletter Editor: Shirley Cohen.

Inspired by the success of the last DESIG conference in 1989, the executive is now planning another, to be held 2-3 December 1991, in Armidale. The conference will focus on using new technologies in library service to external students. Proposals for papers for the conference are invited, and should be addressed to: Margaret Maticka, Dixon Library, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351, telephone (067) 73 2187, fax (067) 71 1602.

Margaret Maticka □

Developing Training in Your Enterprise — An Employer's Guide

This looseleaf publication was issued in September 1990, and is a remarkably swift response to the needs of employers created by the Training Guarantee legislation.

It aims to assist employers by providing basic information on developing a training program; illustrating the relationship between training, business planning and productivity; providing useful contacts for further information about training; and explaining the Training Guarantee legislation.

Its presentation is clear and it commendably links training guarantee material into a wider business context appropriate to the members of the Australian Chamber of Manufacturers. These are many examples to illustrate the content, which is well set out graphically. The sample forms, which will assist employers in keeping the essential records for the Australian Taxation Office, are very useful indeed. For Sydney-based businesses, the lists of organisations to go to for help are very useful. However, employers in other States will have to provide their own lists, using these lists as a guide to what might exist elsewhere.

Buyers of this guide are promised an updating service which will hopefully overcome some of the current shortcomings of the book. By responding so promptly to the Training Guarantee legislation, the book was published before some of the auxiliary information was available. In particular, the legislation for Registered Industry Training Agents was passed just before Christmas. No doubt a future update will provide more information on this topic.

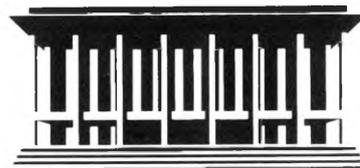
I was unable to find a statement defining the qualifications needed by people designing courses, although this is clearly stated in the initial legislation. More importantly, some topics which cannot be treated fully in a publication of this nature, do not have further reading suggestions.

Whether the publication price of \$80 is seen as good value by employers will depend on the quality of the updates.

However, the Australian Chamber of Manufacturers is to be complimented on the rapidity of its response to a very real issue for all Australian employers since July 1990. (Contact: ACM on telephone 02-957 5792, fax 02-923 1166)

Carol Kenchington □

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA



HAROLD WHITE FELLOWSHIPS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN 1992

The Council of the National Library of Australia has called for applications for Harold White Fellowships at the National Library for 1992. The Fellowships are to enable established scholars, librarians and writers to work for periods of between three and six months on materials in the Library's collections. This work may lead to the publication of original research based on the materials, or a description or listing of them, or of a study of the methods and techniques used in acquiring, listing, cataloguing, arranging or using them.

The National Library has outstanding collections of primary materials relating to Australia and the Australian people. These include printed materials, manuscripts, pictures, maps and music. Areas of special strength include artists of Captain Cook's voyages, convict artists, artists of the goldfields, Australian fauna and flora, early maps and atlases recording European discoveries in the southern hemisphere, early maps and charts of Australia, and the papers of Australian politicians, writers, artists and other national figures.

Non-Australian fields of interest where the Library's collections have strength include 18th-century English literature, the French Revolution, 18th-century French popular drama, British social, political and economic history, English philology, and United States history and politics. The collection of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai and Indonesian publications are the largest in the country.

Harold White Fellows will be expected to work at the National Library during their Fellowships. Each Fellowship will cover the Fellow's travel costs to Canberra and may include a grant-in-aid towards living expenses in Canberra. Fellowships will not normally be awarded to candidates who are working towards a higher degree.

Applications will close on 30 April 1991. Prospective applicants should obtain application forms and further particulars about the different categories of Fellowships before submitting applications by writing to:

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