

Pocket Time



Susan Ainsworth
Industrial Officer

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operating...**

HI, I'M SUSAN Ainsworth, the new industrial officer at ALIA National Office. I was fortunate enough to start work at ALIA just in time for Christmas celebrations. Over the slow holiday period I have been acquainting myself with industrial issues in the library and information sectors. But first some background on myself. I hold a Graduate Diploma in Industrial Relations and have worked in administration, EEO and academic research.

Directly before moving from Sydney to Canberra to join ALIA, I was a Policy and Research Officer in the Policy Unit of the Department of Industrial Relations, Employment, Training and Further Education. As a result I'm probably most familiar with the New South Wales industrial system but I'm looking forward to focusing more on issues and developments in other states and territories as well as in the federal sphere.

Although my job title has changed slightly (from 'Industrial Information Officer' to 'Industrial

Officer') the industrial information service is alive and operating. Please call me (and your union or employer body, if you are a member) for advice on industrial matters. I would also appreciate being kept informed of any industrial developments at your workplace. Now that most people are well and truly back from holidays I would like to establish contact with as many of you as possible. I hope to meet some of you at your branch and section meetings throughout the year and at the Biennial Conference.

A major part of my time in the next 12 months will be spent on the library workforce project (occupational skills analysis) which Sue Kosse outlined in her column in this issue of *inCite*. You will be hearing plenty about this project and its progress in the coming year. Its success will depend on your participation. People will be given the opportunity to contribute in various ways throughout the different stages of the project. You may be invited to offer your opinions, time and expertise in this process. I hope you will respond generously. □

Roslynn wins WA Specials award

ON FRIDAY 1 November the first WA Special Librarian Award was presented at a dinner held at Paesano's in Fremantle. The award is for outstanding contribution to the library profession by a special librarian.

The criteria on which the nominations were judged were:

1. A willingness to share professional expertise and to participate in formal and informal networking activities.
2. Evidence of good management practices.
3. Demonstration of successful promotion of the library/information service resulting in the achievement of a high profile within the parent organisation.

The award is also a way of promoting the profession of Librarianship, and in particular Special Librarianship to parent organisations.

The nominations for the award were of the highest calibre. So high that it was necessary for the award sub-

committee to conduct interviews with the finalists. A nerve-racking experience for all!

The award has been sponsored by RAECO who have provided a magnificent jarrah trophy in the shape of Western Australia, and a personal miniature trophy, as well as a substantial book token.

The 1991 award winner is

Roslynn Membrey, the Parliamentary Librarian, a familiar and popular figure in library circles in WA, and an outstanding Special Librarian.

The trophies and prizes were presented to Roslynn by the RAECO WA Area Manager, Roger Stanton.

Penny Tinsley

President, Special Libraries Section
(WA Group) □

(from left) Penny Tinsley (President), Ros Membrey, Diane Cooper, Roger Stanton (RAECO)

