

Acquisitions basics

An introductory seminar will be held in SLNSW on 24 Sept, writes Geraldine Barkworth

NSW Acquisitions Group will hold a full-day seminar on *Acquisitions Basics*, to give an introduction to the procedures involved in acquisitions, aimed at those who are new to acquisitions work, new librarians and library students. Anyone else who is interested is welcome to attend. The seminar is eligible under the Training Guarantee Act Levy, and it is necessary to prepay and register, as there are only 100 seats available.

Topics covered in the seminar will include: policies and issues, pre-ordering and purchasing, supplier evaluation, costs and charges, non-print formats, serials, budgeting and accountability. The topics will be covered by guest speakers, and there will be time for questions and some discussion.

Acquisitions Basics will be held in the Metcalfe Auditorium of the State Library of NSW, on 24 September, between 9.15 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. The registration desk will be open at 8.30 a.m. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea are included in the cost, which is \$70 for non-members, \$60 ALIA members, \$55 Section members and \$40 full time students.

Further information from Judy Ryan tel (02) 689 5724 or Ross Coleman tel (02) 692 3352. To register and arrange prepayment, please call Joyce Kirk on (02) 330 5250. ■

Awards



(left) Evette House, and (right) Mairéad Browne

At its recent July meeting, General Council resolved to confer the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association on Professor Mairéad Browne of the University of Technology Sydney.

The Library Technician of the Year Award for 1993 was awarded to Evette House from the State Employment Skills Development Authority in Western Australia. The Association thanks Co-op Subscriptions and the University Co-operative Bookshop Ltd for their generous sponsorship of this award. More information on these awards will be published as soon as it is available.

Book bounty to continue

...and PSA to monitor book prices

The book printing industry is assured of a viable future and has a better chance of becoming more internationally competitive following the Government's decision to extend the book bounty by another four years. Alan Griffiths, the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development, announced new bounty arrangements in June.

The bounty will be progressively reduced from the current level of 13.5% to 4.5% by January 1997. Previously the bounty was to cut out from the end of next year. Assistance beyond 1997 will be reviewed to ensure the bounty is aligned with the tariff rate on imported books.

The changes come in response to the Industry Commission's October 1992 report on Book Production which examined the nature and duration of assistance for the produc-

tion of books. The bounty will also be extended to all directories, other than Australian telephone directories, timetables, and accommodation directories. Books containing more than 30 per cent advertising will be excluded from bounty eligibility.

On the same day that the book bounty news was released, the Assistant Treasurer George Gear announced that the Prices Surveillance Authority would monitor book prices, and report the outcome of this monitoring to the Government. The review will determine the impact of the reforms so far and will assist the Government by assessing recent public comment about the impact of the amendments on book prices. The PSA will report after three months and will undertake a detailed review of the impact of the book reforms by the end of 1994. ■

Join in!

The following Divisions are looking for office bearers. If you are interested, send your nomination to the nominated Returning Officer.

Childrens and Youth Services Section, Victorian Group

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members (10). Nominations to be sent to Anne Stuchbery, Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service, PO Box 263, Rosanna VIC 3084.

TAFE Section, Queensland Group

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members (2). Nominations to be sent to Mrs C Campbell, 458 Jackson Road, Sunnybank Hills QLD 4109

University College & Research Libraries Section, Queensland Group

President, Secretary, Treasurer. Nominations to Bronwyn Meikle, QUT Library, Carseldine Campus, Carseldine QLD 4034.

University College & Research Libraries Section, Victorian Group

President, Treasurer, Committee members (6). Nominations to be sent to Philip Kent, CSIRO Information Services 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002.