

New Executive Director for AIMA

Brenda McConchie to head training and consultancy body

The Board of Directors of AIMA Training and Consultancy Services Limited has appointed Brenda McConchie as Executive Director in succession to Margaret Trask, who vacates the position at the end of the year.

Brenda is well known in the library profession. Currently she is Director, Information Resources, in the Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services. Before that she was Executive Officer,

Library Services in the ACT Education Department from 1986-88. She also has extensive other curriculum development, education and librarianship experience in her previous appointments.

In addition to her active involvement in professional organisations such as ACLIS and ASLA, she has been involved in wide range of other professional activities. Her extensive involvement in education for librarianship includes membership of the course advisory commit-

tee for library and information related courses for the University of Canberra since 1985, and as nominee of the Director-General of Education on the Steering Committee for the Schools Commission Library and Information Needs of Schools Project (LINOS) in 1987-88. ■



Budget support of libraries

NSW Govt gives gleam of hope to hard-pressed librarians

The annual subsidy to local government libraries will be increased by a further \$1 million to \$16.17 million—a 33 percent increase in Government funding to public libraries since this Government won office in 1988.

Other initiatives include:

- \$1 million to the Art Gallery of New South Wales for a new gallery of Aboriginal art;
- expansion of the General Reference Library within the State Library at a cost of \$2.2 million over two years, to cope with increasing demand;
- a major refurbishment of the exhibition spaces at the Australian Museum at a cost of \$1.2 million over two years;
- the First Government House Museum, managed by the Historic Houses Trust, on the site of the Nation's first seat of Government, to receive \$1.2 million towards exhibition development.

Finally, consistent with the Government's practice of sustaining the arts in difficult economic times, the Budget will provide \$10.4 million in 1993-94 to independent arts and cultural organisations. This will enable arts groups to maintain levels of activity and service to the community.

These measures represent a long-term investment in the cultural enrichment of the State, an essential recognition of that creative driving force which inspires and nurtures our community for modest reward. ■

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