

Ray Williams BA, ALAA 1930-1993

Ray Williams, Librarian of the former Warrnambool Institute from 1979 until its merger with Deakin University, and Warrnambool Campus Librarian of Deakin University until his retirement at the beginning of 1992, died suddenly on 8 July, 1993.

Ray's earlier career was in the State Library of Victoria and in pub-



lic libraries, where he served as Regional Librarian in the Wangaratta Regional Library (1960-63) and the Peninsula Regional Library (1963-79).

Ray was a good supporter of the LAA and ALIA and encouraged his staff to participate. He had served as President of the Victorian Division of the Public Libraries Section, as

well as of the MINTERLIB Committee and the Chief Librarian's Council of Victoria.

Ray was a great contributor to the Warrnambool community, especially to its musical life. He also supported the Warrnambool Institute Press, through his work as editor, style guide and indexer. Ray had hoped to spend his retirement growing lilies about which he was a noted expert and enthusiast.

Margaret Cameron ■

Joycelyn Ann Sheehan 1939-1993

Her many friends mourn the loss of Joy Sheehan, who died on 26 August after a short illness.

Joy was born in Sydney. She gained a BA from Sydney University, then her ALAA, and began her career in librarianship as a special librarian. After travelling overseas she married Brian and moved to Melbourne, where their three children were born. She gained an MLib from Monash and for many years ran a correspondence course for candidates preparing for LAA examinations.

Joy lectured at both Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and Melbourne College of Advanced Education, and was recognised for her expertise in reference and management, her organisation and enthusiasm, and her concern for individuals. She established the ALIA Education for Librarianship Section, which provided the vehicle for interaction between teaching staff and practitioners, and



also established and edited the EDLIB Newsletter.

Joy constantly supported and encouraged continuing education programs and played a significant role in The Library Workforce Conference held in 1983. She contributed to the professional literature in the fields of library education,

bibliography, acquisitions and library supply, and is the author of *Guide to sources of Australian business* published in 1981.

Joy moved to the commercial world in 1983, as southern Australian representative and manager of the Melbourne office for James Bennett Library Services. In 1986 she became owner and manager of the Tait Bookshop where she developed a specialised and personalised library supply service and was a trusted and reliable source of advice. Joy became an active member of the Australian Booksellers Association (ABA) in 1986, and represented library suppliers, being Convenor of the Library Supplier

Group of the ABA.

She was an invaluable member of the ALIA Acquisitions Section, serving as a committee member at both state and national levels in Victoria since 1977, as well as holding the offices of Secretary and President for several terms. Joy urged the need for a comprehensive study of the buying patterns of Australian libraries. The study is currently being undertaken under the auspices of the ALIA Acquisitions Section (Victoria) and when published will serve as a reminder of her practical approach to fostering the profession.

Joy made an outstanding contribution to librarianship. Her presence, her enthusiasm and humour, her expertise and experience, commitment and loyalty will be greatly missed. She lived a full and varied life, sharing her love of music, theatre, literature and the outdoors with her many friends. We extend our sympathy to her family and share their sense of loss.

Maggie Newman ■

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