The National Portrait Gallery

We have been taken gently to task by the National Library for not making it sufficiently explicit in inCite 5 that the National Portrait Gallery has been established under the NLA's management. To atone, here is another fine example of the Gallery's collection, Self Portrait 1959 by Ivor Hele.

WA Branch AGM and presentation of Sharr Medal

Members of ALIA WA Branch enjoyed another successful AGM on 21 March 1994. The highlights of the evening were the thought-provoking talk on 'Economic cycles and the health of Libraries' given by Dr Ali Sharr and his presentation of the Sharr Medal to Mr Peter Green, a graduate of the School of Information and Library Studies at Curtin University of Technology. The Sharr Medal is the most prestigious award made to a graduate of librarianship in Western Australia. The award recognises more than academic excellence and participation in professional activities; it is given to the candidate who demonstrates the greatest potential to contribute to our profession in the future. Peter Green 'exemplifies the qualities of the Sharr Medallist' and is warmly congratulated by his colleagues.

Peter Green, Sharr medal winner, being presented with his medal by Dr F A Sharr

Brian Stewart, returning for a second presidential term, presented his report on 1993 activities. The report highlighted the continuing achievements of Branch despite problems caused by inadequate funding for the local office. The training and development events have been an ongoing strength of Branch and have been complemented by the highly successful Mentoring Program begun in early 1993. The year was marked by increasing cooperation between ALIA sections and better coordination of events. A closer relationship with ACLIS was begun with the formal invitation to the WA State Committee to send an observer to Branch Council meetings. Branch's lobbying activities for the year culminated in an evening with the Minister for the Arts where the State Government library policies were discussed. The Branch can look forward to another busy and successful year in 1994.

After the formalities members sat down to a convivial and pleasant dinner. The relaxed evening was another excellent opportunity to relax and talk with colleagues. ∎