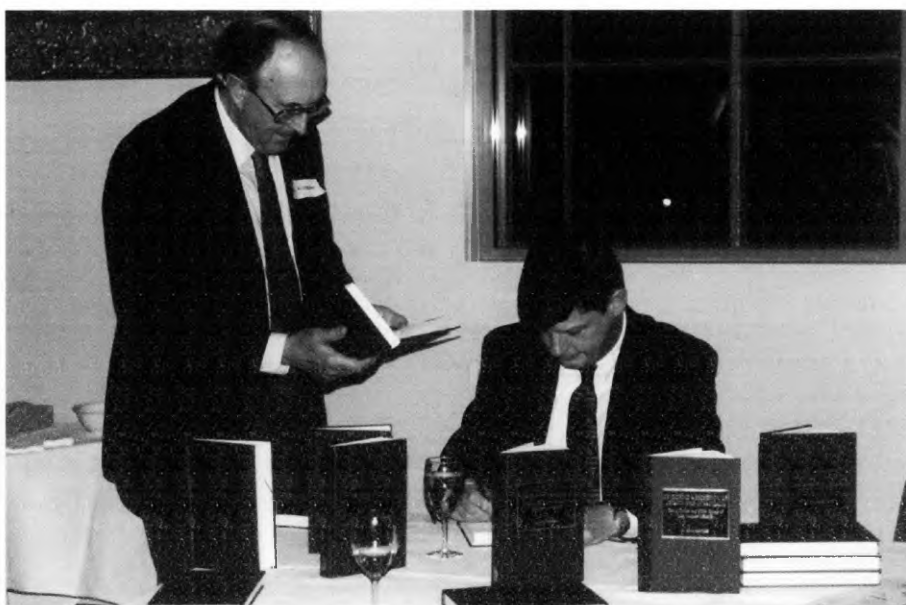


Successful launch at the State Library of New South Wales

On Friday 9 August over fifty guests gathered in the Dixon Room at the State Library of New South Wales for the launch of *Developing a profession of librarianship: travel diaries and other papers of John Wallace Metcalfe*, edited by Professor Boyd Rayward and available exclusively through ALIA National Office.

Professor John Niland, Vice-chancellor of the University of New South Wales officially launched the book. In his speech Professor Niland said that the book took him back to a time when books and collections of books were valued more. He also wondered what Metcalfe would have thought about the changes faced by librarians today, including the push towards electronic publishing, which he said lacked the soul of a good book.

Among the invited guests were many who had known and worked with Metcalfe during his time at the State Library



Professor Rayward signing copies of his book after the launch

of New South Wales and the conversation after the official proceedings focused on this remarkable librarian.

Our thanks go to the staff of the State Library of New South Wales for their assistance with the launch and allowing us to use Dixon Room free of charge. ■



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