

Metcalfe Medallion

John Metcalfe and his contribution to librarianship and library education are commemorated by the Association through the Metcalfe Medallion. Metcalfe was New South Wales state librarian before he became university librarian of the University of New South Wales and also served terms as president of the Institute of Librarians (1946-1948) and later of the renamed Library Association of Australia (1949-1950 and 1957-1960).

This award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic of interest to library and information science. Entries should be pieces of work of publishable or reproducible standard. Winning entries may be published or reproduced by the Association, usually in the *Australian Library Journal*. Entries for this award close on 15 December each year.

The first Metcalfe Medallion was presented in 1984 to Averil Condren for her entry *The finding aid as Duke of Omnium: a standard to fail by*, the

Sue McNight and Sarah Charing at the Victorian Branch AGM. Sarah was awarded the Metcalfe Medallion for her essay titled 'The 1850 Public Libraries Act'



1996 award was presented to Michael Cooper for his paper *Total quality management in libraries and information services* (see *Australian Library Journal*, Volume 45, No 2, May 1996, page 92).

Information on this award is distrib-

uted to all library schools and ALIA Divisions each year. Further information on the Metcalfe Medallion is available from ALIA National Office, telephone (06) 285 1877, e-mail enquiry@alia.org.au. ■

Snippets...

Honorary degree to prominent librarian

Emeritus Professor Jean Whyte is one of Australia's most distinguished and influential librarians and in May this year she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters for her pioneering work in establishing librarianship as a university discipline at Monash University. Monash University was the second university to establish a chair in librarianship and Professor Whyte was appointed as Foundation professor and chairman of the Graduate School of Librarianship at Monash in 1975. Professor Whyte served as a member of the Board of Examiners of the Australian Institute of Librarians, and was editor of the *Australian Library Journal* from 1959 to 1971. The title of Emeritus Professor was conferred upon Professor Whyte on her retirement from Monash University in 1988.

State Film Centre restructuring

The State Film Centre of Victoria has undergone recent restructuring. Two new positions for client services librarian and technical services librarian have also been created. The previous manager of the Education Unit, Gael McIndoe, is now manager, Library and Education Services. Client services librarian is Serena Bellotti, previously library officer and technical services librarian is Miriam Iuricich also previously a library officer. Lynda Bernard has moved from the library to the newly established Research and Development Department as research and projects officer. ■

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