

New editor for *Counterpoise*

Jenny Cram has accepted the (honorary) role of associate editor for Australasia for *Counterpoise*, a new international review journal to be published by the Alternatives in Print Task Force of the American Library Associations Social Responsibilities Round Table. *Counterpoise* is to be a quarterly journal and will commence publication in January 1997. This journal will approach the marketplace of ideas from the angle of social responsibilities and will identify, discuss and promote alternative English-language books, periodicals, and non-print materials worldwide.

Jenny is seeking to build a team of expert reviewers willing to review Australasian materials and is particularly interesting in identifying librarians, library technicians, archivists and editors with contacts with the alternative press, and significant knowledge of particular subjects. The alternative press revolution has been bought about for many reasons, one of which is new communications technology. However, libraries have historically rarely included

full representation of alternative viewpoints, despite collection development rhetoric. *Counterpoise* is designed to be a reliable source of information about significant, English-language titles which have been overlooked by mainstream review journals and provide concerned librarians with a way to identify, evaluate and acquire alternative literature. Contact: Jenny Cram, telephone: (07) 3237 0975, fax: (07) 3237 1108, e-mail: jcram@qednsl.qld.gov.au



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members, \$20 non-members, \$6 if attending both Specials and Branch AGM. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737 for details, RSVP by 27/11.

• 8/1/97 WA Special Libraries Section Committee meeting. Venue: The Well Bookshop. Time: 5.30pm. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• 5/2/97 WA Special Libraries Section. Icebreaker for 1997. Venue: CSIRO Library, Floreat Park. Time: 5.30pm. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• 24/2/97 WA Special Libraries Section Committee meeting. Time: 5pm. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• 7/3/97 WA Special Libraries Section. Bi-monthly breakfast. Venue:

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Techtalk

Katherine Raper, NSW library technicians section

Techtalk is a quarterly newsletter run by the NSW library technicians group. It is distributed to 333 library technicians in New South Wales. It contains reports on conferences, workshops, meetings, highlights of upcoming events, talking points of interest to all library technicians, general news items and lots more. Contributions to the newsletter should be sent to Katherine Raper, University Library, University of Technology, Sydney, PO Box 123 Broadway NSW 2007 and be received no later than 20 December for the final issue of the year.



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PREMIER AWARDS

Nominations are now being called
for the following honorary awards of the
Australian Library and Information Association

HCL ANDERSON AWARD

The General Council may confer the HCL Anderson Award on any person who is a professional member of the Association or who holds an overseas qualification in librarianship or archives, which is recognised as a professional qualification by a library association or archives association in the country concerned, and who has rendered outstanding service to librarianship or the library profession in Australia, or to ALIA, or to the theory or practice of librarianship.

REDMOND BARRY AWARD

The General Council may confer the Redmond Barry Award on any person who is not eligible to be a professional member of the Association and who is not employed in a library, who, in the opinion of General Council, has rendered outstanding service to the promotion of a library or libraries, ALIA, the theory or practice of librarianship, or to an associated field such as bibliography.

ELLINOR ARCHER AWARD

The General Council may confer the Ellinor Archer Award on any person employed or who has been employed in libraries, who is not eligible for Associateship of ALIA, who has rendered outstanding service to libraries, the promotion of a library or libraries, the theory or practice of librarianship or to an associated field such as systems, conservations, management or bibliography.

Confidentiality

It is essential that nominees should NOT be aware that they are nominated for an award. Nominations are considered by the Honorary Awards Committee and Council in committee, and details are published only when the nominations are successful. Divisions of ALIA are particularly asked not to note nominations in their agenda papers or minutes. Disclosure of such details can prejudice a nomination.

Nomination forms

Nomination forms and further information on each of the awards may be obtained from ALIA National Office. Nominations for the HCL Anderson Award, the Redmond Barry Award and Ellinor Archer Award close on 1 February 1997.



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John Metcalfe was responsible for establishing the basis of the profession of librarianship in Australia and was the dominating influence in the profession in this country until his retirement in the 1960's. John Metcalfe and his contribution to librarianship and library education are commemorated by the Australian Library and Information Association through the Metcalfe Medallion.

The award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on a topic of interest to library and information services and consists of a plaque and a year's membership of the Association. Students are invited to submit entries for this award.

To meet the criteria for this award entries for the ALIA Metcalfe Medallion should:

- be submitted in triplicate by a student undertaking a first-award course in library and information science;
- be an essay or other piece of work of up to 5000 words in length of interest to library and information science;
- be written in a form or style appropriate for publishing in an ALIA Journal or as an ALIA Press publication;
- indicate competence in the analysis, evaluation or synthesis of data, information or previously published material;
- include a declaration stating that the entry is the student's own work.

Entries close on 15 December and should be sent to:

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Australian Library and Information Association
PO Box E441 Kingston ACT 2604
Phone (06) 285 1877 Fax (06) 282 2249
E-mail enquiry@alia.org.au
URL <http://www.alia.org.au/alia/awards.html>

The Metcalfe Medallion

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