

Reviews — continued

rights of performers, authors and composers in the Pacific region'. This is more likely to be of interest to practitioners and academic lawyers. It is hoped that the major challenges thrown out by the authors will be taken up in appropriate quarters.

The book has a number of useful tables, normal in law books, a bibliography, an 'Index of Offices and Organisations' with addresses, and a good general index. It is well produced and sturdily bound and is a welcome addition to the as yet small number of publications from this enterprising young publisher. 'Sterling and Hart on Copyright' deserves a place in any library, if not for the benefit of the general reader then certainly for the education and safety of the librarian.

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## Library services

**THE MEASUREMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES: AN APPRAISAL OF CURRENT PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES** / John Allred. Bradford: MCB Publications. 1979. ISSN 0143 5124. ISBN 0 86176 024 7 v1, no2. US\$24 per issue.

The author states as the thesis of the pamphlet the proposition that, although library measurement needs to move on from the idea of simple enumeration, the present emphasis on output measurement is not the

final answer.

Allred argues that 'the nature of library service is that of a "broad aim" social program best judged (evaluated) by gathering "politically significant information on the consequences of political acts".'

Within the 39 pages, four chapters, of text the pamphlet ranges widely over the field of library measurement. The most valuable chapter, which is also by far the largest, is Chapter One, in which Allred traces the development of measurement techniques in librarianship.

In the remaining three chapters he seeks to present a personal view of 'philosophy' regarding measurement of library service. It is here, presumably, that Allred seeks to sustain the proposition stated in his introduction and quoted above. This would always have been difficult, given the limitation of space available, and the problem is compounded by the discursive style of writing.

The trend of the argument is not always clear and it cannot be said that Allred succeeds in upholding his thesis. Nevertheless, some readers will find these chapters useful for their references to cognate developments in fields outside librarianship.

In summary, although Allred has not clearly sustained his argument the work is of some interest as a review of the state of the art and of cognate developments in other fields. There is a useful bibliography.

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## AGM resolutions

**ALL RESOLUTIONS OF Annual General Meetings of the LAA must be referred to the General Council for discussion and ratification.** At the 1981 AGM held in Adelaide on 15 October the following motions were passed:

1 That the LAA adopt the McGraw-Hill publishing guidelines for eliminating sexism in future LAA publications and revisions of publications, including Regulations.

2 That members be given the opportunity to join either two Sections or one Section and one Special Interest Group as part of

their membership fee.

General Council discussed these motions and resolved that the first be referred to the Publications Board for comment and to report back to the first meeting of General Council in 1982.

The second motion was referred to the Queensland Branch, who are currently undertaking a study of the present structure of LAA fees. Membership of Sections and Special Interest Groups will be discussed in this study. The Branch will report on this item to the second meeting of General Council in 1982.

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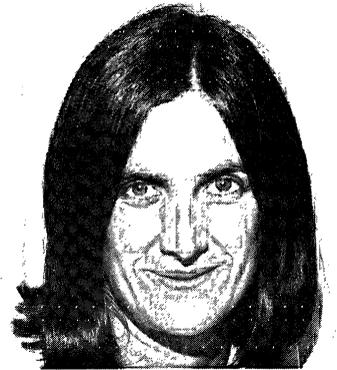
**John Cook . . . moves to Canberra**

JOHN COOK, of Infotech Library and Information Consultants, Perth, has been appointed as an Assistant Research Officer in the Department of Communications, Canberra. He will take up the appointment early in 1982.

ELIZABETH CARVOSSO has been appointed representative for the southern states of Australia by Ebsco Subscription Services.

Elizabeth was formerly Orders Librarian at the Central Library, CSIRO, Melbourne.

TONY FOSKETT, Head of Library Studies at SAIT will be spending two terms teaching at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of California, Los Angeles, as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar. Tony will return to Australia at the end of June.



**Frances Lemmes . . . Sydney Tech Librarian**

FRANCES LEMMES has been appointed Librarian at Sydney Technical College. Prior to this appointment, Ms Lemmes worked in the State Library of NSW and the Mitchell Library, spent a few years tutoring at the School of Librarianship at the University of NSW, then returned to the State Library to become Liaison Librarian. In 1978 she was Extension Librarian, and in October 1981 joined TAFE Library Services.

JUDITH WATERER has been appointed Librarian-in-Charge of the Branch and Departmental Libraries Division, University of Sydney.

Miss Waterer came to Sydney from Goulburn CAE. Prior to that she had worked in the State Library of NSW, Armidale and Wollongong Teachers Colleges, and at the University of Papua and New Guinea, where she was Reader Services Librarian, and for a time Acting University Librarian.

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