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HE WELL-ESTABLISHED Victorian bibographic network, CAVAL, has decided to bin the nationwide Australian Bibliographic letwork (ABN) and to make ABN its prinary use system.

This was announced jointly on 25 June by ne Director-General of the National Library f Australia, Mr Harrison Bryan, and CAVAL's Executive Director, Mr Hans

roenewegen.

Both CAVAL and ABN are computer-based ystems which provide cost-cutting and abour-saving services for participating liraries and library users.

CAVAL, a consortium whose acronym is deived from Cooperative Action by Victorian academic Libraries, is the major library network in Victoria. Its membership includes the tate Library, the four Victorian universities and 15 Colleges of Advanced Education.

ABN, which was established by the national Library last year and which also opertes on a cooperative basis, has a broader ange of members and users, including hospial and military establishments and Government Departments. It operates nation-wide, ut has not included Victoria until now.

Mr Groenewegen said the announcement eflected CAVAL's recognition of the imporance of ABN to the Australian library community and the mutual benefit that both rganisations could derive from a close ollaboration.

He said it provided the opportunity for furher development of reciprocal resource-sharng activities already well-developed in fictoria. CAVAL, while contributing to and enefiting from ABN's progression with a ational data base, planned to maintain and evelop its regional catalogue of material alled by its members.

## CAVAL and ABN have joined forces



Three cavaliers . . . though only two are CAVALiers! At left is the Executive Director of CAVAL, Mr Hans Groenewegen, centre is Mr Harrison Bryan, Director-General of the National Library of Australia and on the right is Mr Warren Horton, State Librarian of Victoria who is also a director of CAVAL.

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## Children's Literature Research Collection for NSW

A PUBLIC MEETING to receive the report rom the Children's Literature Research Colection will take place on Monday, 19 July at 6.30 pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, City of Sydney Public Library in the Queen Victoria Building in George Street, Sydney.

A comprehensive report will be presented for comment, possible modification and enlorsement) which will show the remarkable growth of interest in books and reading for roung people since 1945.

It will clearly demonstrate the growth of nterest in children's literature, nationally and nternationally, and at state level, and its actionally and its action ledged influence on human development, particularly in the formative years.

The report will list courses on literature for he young, offered by tertiary institutions, and will emphasise the importance of an acressible research collection with a clearly fornulated selection policy to support the esearch of a wide range of users which includes authors, publishers, librarians, educaors and film and television producers.

Another section of the report will deal with existing collections, describing their scope,

nature, selection policies and accessibility, and an assessment in terms of a research collection to meet expressed needs. It will argue that the interests of future generations of young Australians will be better served by the creation of a research collection as outlined in the report. Recommendations in the light of the committee's findings will be included for discussion.

The establishment of a research collection of reading which has shaped the minds of the young in New South Wales since 1788, is seen as a fitting project for Australia's bicentenary celebrations. It could become as vital an asset to NSW as the famed Osborne Collection is to the Province of Ontario.

Mr Robert Sharman, WA State Librarian is seen with Cuddly Dudley, the Mystery Sleuth at the launching of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA's READ-a-thon in Perth in June. The Society hopes to raise \$50,000 to help maintain services for MS sufferers. Almost 30,000 children in WA will be involved in this year's READ-a-thon

## MS READ-a-thon



Children's Book Week July 24-31