



IN THE NEWS

New arrangements for Government energy research and development announced in 1981 have resulted in the closure of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission's Head Office at Coogee and transfer of staff to Lucas Heights. The Head Office Library's collection at Coogee was divided between the Commission's Mascot Office and Lucas Heights libraries.

Another result of Government decisions is the transfer to CSIRO of a number of AAEC staff, and their co-location with the AAEC at Lucas Heights. The CSIRO Divisions represented at the renamed Lucas Heights Research Laboratories are Chemical Physics, Energy Chemistry, Energy Technology and Mineral Physics.

The Lucas Heights Research Laboratories Library (or LHRL Library) is providing a service to both the AAEC and CSIRO staff. Inter-library loan requests formerly directed to the Coogee library should now be sent to Lucas Heights at the following address: Inter-library Loans Officer, Lucas Heights Research Laboratories Library, New Illawarra Rd, Lucas Heights, NSW. Postal: PMB Sutherland, NSW 2232. Phone: 543-3741.

Words into dollars

Lyn Howard, head librarian at the Inala library in Queensland has become part of the worldwide network of writers of the Mills and Boon romance books.

Lyn started to write three years ago to save some money to build her own home. Seven of her books have been published, and her success is indicated by the fact that she has now moved into her dream house.

Lyn, who writes under the name of Lynsey Stevens, is at present working on her eighth Mills and Boon book, set in Norfolk Island.

Year of the tree display

Mortdale Public School library had a special display to commemorate the Australian Year of the Tree. A tree was made up with over 250 large leaves, on which each child in the primary school wrote the name of an Australian tree and their own name.

The tree utilised the existing pillars and beams in the library and was the result of co-operation between an artistic member of staff and the librarian.

The school is also holding a competition for the best photograph, drawing or painting of a tree and these will be displayed during Education Week.

A change is as good as a rest

Avid *InCite* readers may recall an item earlier this year in which librarian Barbara Jones from Liverpool, England, made enquiries about someone interested in exchanging job and house for a month.

A suitable exchange has been arranged with Stephen Due, librarian at Colac Technical School, and Barbara will be arriving in Australia early in September. She is staying for about a month and will report on her experiences to *InCite*.

Stephen is to spend about six weeks in the UK and plans to look at as many school and other libraries as possible and also to take the school library computer system which has been developed at Colac Technical School.

Watch this column for further news!

LAST YEAR a Special Projects Grant of \$11,000 was made from the Library Council of Victoria to Hawthorn City Library to investigate and evaluate the reference services of six Melbourne public libraries: Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service, Hawthorn City Library, Heidelberg Regional Library Service, Moorabbin City Library, Nunawading Public Library and Oakleigh Public Library.

In May 1981 Barbara Tout was appointed as Project Officer and after thirteen months of selected staff participation in tests, in-service training and up-grading of reference stock the project has been completed. Barbara finished her report early in July and handed it to the Public Libraries Division of the Library Council of Victoria. The PLD will be responsible for editing and publishing the report.

As well as highlighting the importance and future possibilities of reference services to the participating staff, the project has cre-

ated a wider professional awareness of the existence and role of public library reference services.

It is hoped that the Project's methods of evaluation may have state-wide application as a means of testing reference services in other public libraries. Many librarians are anxiously awaiting the published report.

Ian G. Powell

Reference Librarians Co-operative

Australasian Urica Users Group — AUUG

The AUUG was formed and held its first meeting in Sydney on 6 & 7 July, 1982. The AUUG held its first National Workshop from 8.30am to 8.00pm on 8 July.

Four URICA sites, Blacktown City Public Library, Preston College of TAFE, Ryde Municipal Library Services and the University of Tasmania Library, were represented at the first meeting of AUUG. Representatives from AWA and AWA Computer Services also attended the meeting and the workshop. The Workshop was attended by 24 delegates from libraries in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and the ACT.

At its first meeting the AUUG elected an executive of four with a representative from each of the four URICA sites. This executive elected office bearers as follows:

President: Richard Goodman, University of Tasmania.

Secretary: Patricia Stewart, Preston College of TAFE.

Treasurer: Marilyn Beamish, Ryde Municipal Library.

Member: Heidi Dyke, Blacktown City Public Library.

The AUUG Executive will finalise a draft constitution for ratification at the second Annual General Meeting of AUUG. The Executive have also undertaken to organise the next National Workshop to take place in early 1983.

Many topics of mutual concern were covered at the first AUUG meeting but perhaps the most important was the scheduling of the development of live system modules. This schedule was a mutual agreement between AWA and the User Libraries concerning the priorities and expected dates of completion of URICA developments. Responsibility for the preparation of User requirements and the testing of these developments has been undertaken by the different User Libraries.

Patricia A. Stewart

Australian URICA Users Group

Shirley Hughes in Australia

World famous children's book writer and illustrator, Shirley Hughes, will be visiting Australia in September.

She will give illustrated talks for parents, teachers, libraries and children's book organisations. She will be in Brisbane from September 14-16, Sydney from September 17-21, Hobart on September 23, Melbourne from September 24-26, Adelaide from September 26-29 and Perth from September 29-30.

Her latest books are *Alfie's Feet* and *Charlie Moon* and the *Big Bonanza Bust-up*.

Work exchange

George Leighfield, librarian at Dandenong College of Technical and Further Education, recently advertised for a UK librarian interested in a work exchange with him.

He has received more replies than he can handle and would like to help the interested people to find suitable exchanges in Australia.

Anyone interested should contact him at 212 Punt Road, Prahran, Vic. 3181.

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