



TIP-OFF

News from the Executive Director

THE LONG-AWAITED move from Elizabeth Street has successfully taken place. The LAA office is now settled in to 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, and all of the high expectations have been met. The converted factory/warehouse definitely has a charm which becomes evident as one mounts a rather daunting staircase (there is no lift except for a goods hoist). The attractiveness of the office has been enhanced through the closure of a street beside the building. This has been converted to a paved plaza, scattered with turf and trees. The whole area of Ultimo is thriving with the sounds of redevelopment as terraces are being renovated and warehouses converted.

From the Association's point of view the

aesthetic aspects of our new office are of least importance. The successful management of the LAA depends to a large degree on its functionalism. At last we have space – for the staff and members. We look forward to welcoming our members to the office where they can view the large range of Association publications, and speak with members of the staff. We also have a fairly large meeting-room which will be used for LAA meetings and available for hire by other bodies.

The building will be officially opened at a function on 26 November when the General Council meets in Sydney. Let us hope the LAA is home and its previously nomadic lifestyle has ceased for some time.

Competition

Now that the Association has a building which we will hopefully inhabit for some time – it seems appropriate that the building should have a name.

General Council decided that we would conduct a competition to decide the name for our new office. Entries are to be received by 5 pm, Friday, 29 October.

It is envisaged that we may receive many entries for the same name, therefore entries will be marked in order of receipt and when the judges make a decision the first correct entry will be the winner. There will be a prize consisting of sixty dollars worth of LAA publications and two bottles of LAA wine.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Ena Noel, Australian National President of IBBY, who was elected to the Executive Council of IBBY at its meeting on 9 September.

1982 Annual General Meeting

The 1982 Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia was held at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 25 August in the Festival Theatre, Adelaide. Approximately 450 members were in attendance. A number of overseas delegates representing their own library associations were also present – Margaret Obi, Papua New Guinea Library Association; Dorothea Brown, New Zealand Library Association; Mastini Prakoso, Indonesian Library Association and Peggy Hochstadt, Singapore Library Association. All sent their greetings and best wishes to the Library Association of Australia.

James Dwyer, presently Past President of the Association, was presented with a Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia. A Fellowship is conferred on a member who is considered by General Council to have reached an exceptionally high standard of proficiency in Librarianship.

The 1981 Annual Report was adopted by the AGM, as was the 1981 Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet. The President outlined the activities of the LAA in 1982. Coopers and Lybrand were appointed auditors for the Association until the 1983 AGM.



Mr James Dwyer, Past President of the LAA, receives from Judith Baskin, President, a Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia

Two notices of motion were received before the meeting and the President accepted another as being within the scope of the meeting as well as an urgency motion.

The first motion put forward by the Special Libraries Section was: 'The membership fees of the LAA should be substantially reduced.'

The motion was lost following interesting debate on the subject.

The AGM passed the motion 'That a celebration for the 50th birthday of the LAA be held in Canberra in 1987'.

The third motion moved from the floor was 'That General Council be directed to appoint a working party representative of all LAA parts to examine the organisational structure of the LAA. Further, that a report

of this working party be presented to General Council in 1983'. The motion was lost following considerable debate.

An urgency motion 'That this meeting deplores the threat to the National Library of Papua New Guinea and directs the Executive to take appropriate urgent action to bring our concern to the attention of the Government of Papua New Guinea' was passed by the meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

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