

News from the Divisions

NSW BRANCH

On Wednesday 6 July the NSW Branch held a members' evening in the Gallery at the State Library. The guest for the evening was our National President, Barrie Mitcheson, and the evening was designed to allow members to meet him informally.

The Branch President, Aileen Stevenson, reported on the Branch's activities this year and raised future issues for discussion. These included admission of Information Scientists to the LAA, the proposed referendum for North Sydney on User Pays, the role of sections and section groups within the LAA, fees and membership and the LAA objectives for 1983.

A very lively discussion followed a short address by Barrie. Despite the rail strike which kept attendance down, the evening provided an excellent opportunity for the members to question their executive and to voice their opinions.

The next NSW Branch members' evening will be Wednesday 10 August, 6 for 6.30 pm. As part of our activities for Information Technology Week, Dr Ellen Baker, senior lecturer NSWIT, will address this meeting.

Aileen Stevenson

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION NORTHERN TERRITORY GROUP

The Group has successfully organised its second duplicate exchange with the assistance of the Northern Territory Library Service.

Northern Territory libraries have had the opportunity to browse and acquire any items of interest. The remaining materials have been sorted and listed for the National Library Clearing House. The response on the first occasion was such that we considered it worth repeating.

We did our best to link up with other special libraries for the satellite conference on LAA vouchers. Unfortunately the interference was so bad we didn't hear much with any clarity, and we weren't heard at all!

We wish to thank the Darwin Community College - Northern Territory External Studies Centre for their assistance for providing the facilities. A record of the proceedings, with transcript, has been sent to the NSW Group.

ACT BRANCH

The Annual Midwinter Dinner and presentation of prizes was held by the ACT Branch on Wednesday 15 June and about 58 librarians and library technicians were present at this occasion.

After a sumptuous meal we enjoyed Harrison Bryan's address which covered a history of the LAA and anecdotes on many librarians who have contributed to the profession over the last fifty years. He recommended LAA membership to all, saying it had enabled him to meet a wide range of people and to travel to places such as Jamaica and Nigeria.

The prize winners were: Patti Rudwick, library technician; Helen Johnstone, librar-

ian; Roslyn Hay, librarian. All expressed their thanks to the Association for recognising and encouraging the work of students in the CCAE courses in Information Retrieval and in the CTAFE courses for Library Technician students. *Roxanne Missingham*

ACQUISITIONS SECTION

The Acquisitions Section is to hold a one day seminar in Sydney on September 23 at the Clairmont Inn, Kings Cross.

This is a seminar for librarians and librarians contemplating automating their acquisitions systems. Entitled 'Automated Acquisitions Systems: the Transition Phase' it will deal with points to consider when planning for the new system, the objective: as well as possible pitfalls. Papers will include case studies from a public library and a small university library, with both systems and library points of view being represented. There will also be a look into the future at how the library computer will be able to talk to that of the book supplier.

Further details will be given in later issues of *InCite*. For information in the meantime phone Pam Glock at the State Library of New South Wales on 221 1388 ext. 252.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' SECTION

There has been a change of office bearer for the Medical Librarians' Section and the Medical Librarians' Sectional Group (WA).

In both cases the secretary is now Mrs Rita Higham, c/- Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, GPO Box D184, Perth WA 6001. (09) 382 8465. Her home address is 17 Kennedy Street, Melville WA 6156. Phone (09) 330 4479.

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