

News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Multicultural Services Statement

The Executive Committee has set up a small working party (Marina Garlick—Convenor) to investigate the need for a policy statement on multicultural services. The working party has met and is to begin work on the development of a statement on multicultural service. It has requested that all Divisions consider what might be included in such a statement.

Branch supports the notion of such a policy and in response has set up a sub-committee convened by Virginia de Crespigny to examine possible content and reply.

Resolutions from the Library Workforce Conference

General Council has been asked to reconsider its decision to set up a short-term committee as opposed to a standing committee on the status of women in the profession. This would be in line with the original recommendation from the Workforce Conference participants.

A sub-committee of Branch has been formed (Janette Wright—Convenor) to forward further comments to the Executive Director. Branch has also requested General Council to support the creation of a Library Workforce Standing Committee which, among other roles, would act as a monitoring device for the supply and demand for librarians and technicians in Australia and would market the profession in non-institutional and less traditional environments.

Internal Branch Positions 1983

Jim Badger will act as Branch's Continuing Education Officer.

Graham Dudley will represent Branch as an observer at the National Book Council

Virginia de Crespigny is to convene the Hospitality Committee. Other committee members are Helen Hayes, Graham Dudley, Jean Truebridge, Ann Forbes and Angela Bridgland.

Margaret Findlay will take on the role of Promotions and Publicity Officer.

Recruitment

To date two sections, namely Schools and Education for Librarianship, plan recruitment functions this year. The Schools Section will concentrate its efforts on newly graduated teacher-librarians, whereas the Ed. Lib. section will focus on librarianship students. The possibility of combining the two functions is being explored.

Angela Bridgland

CATALOGUERS SECTION (WA)

Following on from several topics arising at its successful ABN and the West Seminar in October 1982 in Perth (papers published in *Cataloguing Australia*) the Cataloguers Section (WA) held a meeting to discuss the topic of 'Sharing Subject Authorities'. Represented libraries included University, College, Schools, State and specials.

The meeting resulted in the recognition of the need for more research into the use of various thesauri and the development of authorities' formats to meet this need. The meeting will be followed up by submissions to ABN on the use of subject headings other than LCSH.

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MEMBERS OF CLANN have recently been given an opportunity to gain further benefits from networking. CLANN Pty Ltd has signed an agreement with ACI Computer Services on behalf of its members, to allow co-operative use of AUSINET from April 1983. Interested CLANN libraries will share the annual membership fee of AUSINET and pay for their own search time. AUSINET will bill CLANN monthly for the cost of searches completed on each CLANN members' sign-on code.

This co-operative venture will allow libraries which previously found the annual membership fee of AUSINET prohibitive, to participate in and use Australian data bases. Initially eight CLANN libraries have expressed interest; they range from libraries which have never used AUSINET to libraries forced by shrinking budgets to cease their individual membership.

ACI Computer Services has arranged training sessions and refresher courses for CLANN co-operative members in April 1983. For further information about co-operative membership of AUSINET by CLANN members, phone Rona Wade at CLANN Pty Ltd on (02) 212 4444.

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