

# IN THE NEWS

#### **New Editor for AARL**

Mr John Horacek was announced as the new editor of Australian Academic and Research Libraries at the UCLS Biennial General Meeting in Brisbane in August.

The choice of Mr Horacek was a very strong recommendation from the AARL Search Committee after serious examination of many possible candidates. Mr Horacek's term of appointment is for 1985 and 1986. He replaces the founding editor, Mr Dietrich H. Borchardt. As Associate Editor of AARL for many years, Mr Horacek has already contributed much to the success of the journal. Mr Horacek is Selection Librarian at La Trobe University's Borchardt Library.

## Tapes 'n' Texts

The Hear a Book Services, based in Hobart, is set to launch a series of recorded books as a reading education aid.

A team of Hear a Book narrators is recording selected titles from a series of books published by Oxford University Press; this is a breakthrough for Hear a Book to obtain copyright clearance for reading and listening together. Popular titles in many interesting categories, and with varying headword levels, have been chosen.

TNT will be used for teaching migrants, in literacy schemes and in schools for deaf children. A kit, comprising the recordings on two track cassettes and the book, is available for a trial on a 'return or pay' basis.

To find out more about this project or to test a kit, write to Hear a Book Service at 6 Letitia Street, North Hobart, Tasmania, 7000, or telephone Mrs Noel Stevenson on (002) 34 1101.

## Successful fund raising

Students at Hawkesbury Agricultural College presented their Resources Centre with a cheque for over \$6,000. Each year students organise activities, displays, entertainment, parking and food for over 15,000 people who attend the Open Day.

This year, the Open Day Committee decided to present money raised for the purchase of books for the College's Resources Centre. From a variety of activities, including face painting, hay rides, amusements, icecream and devonshire teas and other food, the students raised over \$6,000. They requested that the money be used to purchase more text-books for some of the undergraduate programs.

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## Theological Library Consultation

The 1984 Library Consultation of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools was held at the Baptist Theological College, Eastwood, NSW on 26 August, with 25 people in attendance.

The main topic of discussion was union catalogues, with Margaret Baggott of the National Library putting the case for theological libraries to become involved in the Australian Bibliographic Network. Local libraries shared their experiences of the CLANN network.

The matter of standards for theological libraries was advanced to the stage of a preliminary draft and the ANZATS gave its formal endorsement to the formulation of a set of standards. ANZATS also undertook, on the recommendation of the consultation, to investigate the formation of an Australian and New Zealand theological library association.

The next consultation will be held at Luther Seminary, North Adelaide, 26-27 August, 1985. The length of the conference will be expanded to two days to include a full day of workshop sessions.

(Rev.) Trevor Zweck, **Luther Seminary Library** 

## **National conservation survey**

With the assistance of the Queensland Government, the Australian Libraries and Information Council (ALIC) is undertaking a national survey of libraries and archives to identify collections of national importance which are considered to be at risk.

The Chairman of ALIC, Mr W.L. Brown, said that this important survey, which was being undertaken at the request of the Cultural Ministers Council, would cover the whole range of library and archive collections including the print-based collections traditionally associated with these institutions.

Speaking in Brisbane at the first meeting of ALIC to be held in Queensland, Mr Brown said that ALIC hoped that the survey, to be conducted by the State Archivist of Queensland, Mr Paul Wilson, would lead to the launching of a long-term national effort designed to safeguard this important component of the national heritage.

### In brief

Lane Cove Public Library has just released the second in its Local Studies Monographs series, The Sydney Harbour Tunnel: Greenwich to Balmain by James Dargan, a Greenwich resident.

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James Dargan has written this as part of a larger history he is writing about the Communications Section of the Department of Railways.

The Sydney Harbour Tunnel: Greenwich to Balmain is available for \$3.00 per copy from the Lane Cove Public Library, PO Box 20, Lane Cove NSW 2066.

A meeting of Australian Federal Government librarians and members of management and user representatives was held in Canberra on November 16. A report of the seminar will appear in the first issue of *InCite* for 1985.

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