

A man of vision and persistence

IAN McCALLUM, Manager, Information retrieval Systems for ACI Computer Services, has won the 1983 Robert D. Williamson Award.

The Award, which commemorates the late Bob Williamson and perpetuates his commitment to information systems development, was presented at the historic Windsor Hotel by Mrs Enid Williamson.

The judging panel has two main criteria: to recognise outstanding contribution to the development of information science in Australia; and to encourage people with the potential to make such a contribution.

Ian joins the two previous Award winners, Jim Gilmore (CSIRO) and Neil Speirs (*Australian Business Index*) in being acknowledged as having the ability and personality to influence positively the course of information science in Australia.

After completing his tertiary education with a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma of Librarianship, Ian spent a year in the Commonwealth Public Service Board Library before moving to the National Library in 1972.

During his seven years at the National Library Ian was Project Leader of the ERIC Research Project and occupied a similar position for the Online ERIC Project in 1976 – the first interactive service established in Australia.

In 1977, following a study at Monash University, the National Library and ACI embarked on the establishment of AUSINET and Ian's proposal formed the basis of this initiative.

Two years later in 1979 Ian moved to ACI in Melbourne and accepted the position of Product Manager, AUSINET.



Ian McCallum

In the following four years AUSINET struggled for survival; Ian consistently and persistently pursued his vision of online information services for Australia, often in the face of opposition based on extreme scepticism.

With AUSINET now firmly established and prospering Ian has accepted a new position at ACI; that of Product Development, Information Management. This will give him even greater opportunity to influence the development of Australian information industry.

Ian's professional activities have not been limited to AUSINET; he has given his time to serve as Foundation Secretary of the Information Science Section of the LAA, Foundation Treasurer of Australian Database Development Association, he has given frequent lectures at library schools all over Australia, and was recently elected to a committee position with the International Federation of Library Associations.

Worth \$550, the Award is financed from sales of the *Recipe Book Service of Online Searching*. The *Recipe Book* covers all publicly available online bibliographic and other systems, and is used as an authoritative reference by more than 300 subscribers.

CONFERENCE NEWS



Senator Chris Puplick

A MASTER of Arts graduate in political science and history from Sydney University, Chris Puplick, will address the 1984 LAA-NZLA Conference on: 'Freedom of Information in Australia and New Zealand'.

Mr Puplick is well qualified to speak on this topic. While a Liberal senator for New South Wales from 1978 to 1981, he served on the Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs (which undertook the enquiry into Freedom of Information legislation).

During his term as a Liberal senator, Mr Puplick also served as a Chairman of Government Members' Committees on Home Affairs and the Environment, and Education and Science, and was a member of the Library Committee.

Mr Puplick's political activities and interests have been very wide-ranging. From 1970 to 1972 he was engaged as Press Secretary to the Honourable W.C. Wentworth MP, Minister for Social Services and Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs. He then served as a Research Officer for the Liberal Party and various Liberal shadow ministers from 1974 to 1978, and was recently a member of the Liberal Party's National Committee of Review (Valder Committee).

Mr Puplick's publications include the book *Liberal Thinking* and various articles in such Australian journals as *Politics*, *Vestes* and *Meridian*, and overseas journals.

He is also active in the conservation movement in New South Wales and is a regular reviewer for the ABC science shows.

New post for Judith Hill

A New Year often seems to be a time for new beginnings, and this year it is true for LAA's Industrial Information Officer, Judith Hill.

Judith has left the LAA to take up a position as Executive Director with the Federation of College Academics.

Judith's clear thinking and forthright manner were great assets in carrying out her duties as Industrial Information Officer, as well as being qualities which were greatly appreciated by the LAA office staff!

The registration of the new Union (see page 1) is a fitting finale to the hard work she has done for the Association. We all wish her well in her new position.



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

National Library Fellowships

Applications are invited for National Library Fellowships for 1984.

The Council of the National Library of Australia has instituted a scheme of National Library Fellowships for established scholars and librarians to work for periods between three and six months on the materials in the Library's collections with a view to the publication of original research based on them or a description or listing of them, or of a study of the methods and techniques used in acquiring, listing, cataloguing, arranging or using them.

The National Library has outstanding collections of primary materials relating to Australia and the Australian people. These include printed materials, manuscripts, pictures, maps and films. Areas of especial strength include artists of Captain Cook's voyages, convict artists, artists of the goldfields, Australian flora and fauna, early maps and atlases recording European discoveries in the southern hemisphere, early maps and charts of Australia. There are strong collections of literary, political, legal and theatrical manuscripts.

Non Australian fields of interest where the Library's collections have strengths include Indonesian publications, eighteenth century English literature, the French Revolution, eighteenth century French popular drama, British social, political and economic history, English philosophy, and United States history and politics. The collections of Japanese, Chinese and Korean publications are the largest in the country.

The Council intends to award three Fellowships for 1984. Fellows will be expected to work at the National Library during their Fellowship. The Fellowship will cover the Fellow's travel costs to Canberra and include a grant-in-aid towards living expenses in Canberra. Fellowships will not be awarded to candidates who are working towards a higher degree.

Prospective applicants should write to the

Director-General
National Library of Australia
CANBERRA ACT 2600

for application forms and further particulars before submitting applications, which close on 29 February 1984.

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