

# News from the Divisions

## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GROUP

Annual General Meeting of the Regional Group was held on Wednesday 28 November 1984, in Armidale NSW. A Committee was elected for 1985 consisting of the following members:

**President:** Craig Grimison, Dixon Library, Armidale.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Judith Furnival, Armidale.

**Committee:** Jean McBride, Armidale Memorial Library; Vicki Williamson, Armidale CAE; Diana Leeder, Namoi Regional Library (Murrumbidgee).

The Meeting was addressed by Dr Neil Radford, University Librarian, University of Sydney, who spoke on the topic of 'failure in the library'. In recent years he has carried out considerable research into this area, attempting to measure those factors which prevent libraries from finding what they want in the literature. The findings of this study were discussed and possible solutions identified.

*Craig Grimison*

## SA BRANCH COUNCIL Annual Report

In 1984 the Branch was active in various association matters. Three members of the Association's Executive visited the State and met at meetings. In March Jenny Adams, Executive Director, paid her first visit to the State since her appointment. She addressed a meeting of the Branch speaking on the Association and its activities. Her three visits included a tour of a number of libraries representing the divisions of the Association.

May Warren Horton, the President of the Association, visited Adelaide and spoke on the future of librarianship at a meeting which preceded by an informal dinner when a number of members had an opportunity to talk with him. He also visited various libraries in Adelaide and the southern suburbs.

John Bunsell, the General Treasurer, spoke at a forum meeting held in July. When the forum discussed were the Draft Code of Ethics, Draft Media Release Policy and The Structure of the LAA. The latter was introduced by Alan who spoke specifically on program development. A previous forum meeting was held in February to discuss the use of volunteer staff in libraries, the role of General Secretaries and work level standards.

The Branch Council has been involved in correspondence with Unley and Mitcham Councils regarding posts advertised that required professional duties but did not require professional qualifications in the advertisements. Branch Council also raised questions with the Minister of Education concerning the changes made to the Local Libraries Branch. Although we have had some success the situation in the organization is being monitored to ensure the promised improvements do take place. The Branch also made a submission on

the librarian and library officer classifications to the Public Service Review Board in June.

The country conference was held this year at Keith Area School in October. The conference organisers, Joan Brewer, Pam O'Donnell and Lawrie Whitmore, and the local librarian, Carolyn Bullen, are to be congratulated on producing such a good conference.

Two overseas speakers who came to Australia for the Brisbane Conference also came to Adelaide to speak. One was Peggy Sullivan, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Northern Illinois University, who was the keynote speaker at the Seminar organised in cooperation between school and public libraries. The other was Patricia Battin, Librarian of Columbia University, who spoke at a meeting of the UCLS. It was for this visit that the UCLS, which had been wound up at the end of 1983, was brought back into life. The Branch has high hopes that this section will continue in 1985.

Another continuing education project was the National Seminar on Learning Resources for the Health Sciences in Australia held by the South Australian College of Advanced Education Library in conjunction with the South Australian Branch at the Sturt Campus Library. This was well attended and a great success.

As Jubilee 150 approaches, so the Branch will be involved in various projects. The Secretary and President were invited to the launching of the Professions Jubilee Project in July. This project, which all the professions in South Australia are invited to support is the establishment of a new information centre in the Museum. However, the establishment of the Mortlock Library is, no doubt, a project closer to the hearts of librarians.

The Branch also made a submission to the LAA on its report Document Delivery in Australia, which was the subject of a national seminar in November held in Canberra.

In retrospect, this year's activities have been related to the Association's activities as a watch dog of professional standards and development. Members put a great deal of effort into the tasks undertaken.

*G.A. Stafford*  
President  
SA Branch

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## SA BRANCH

Seventy people from the Northern Territory, Western Australia, ACT, Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia registered for the SACAE/LAA National Seminar on Learning Resources for the Health Science held at the South Australian College of Advanced Education, Sturt Site, on November 30.

The Seminar, opened by Mary Beasley, Commissioner, SA Health Commission, addressed the information and resource needs of health professionals and considered the librarian's part in meeting these needs. Health professionals, Joan Durdin, Ruth Grant, Keith Weir and Ann Pickhaver, representing the fields of Nursing, Physiotherapy and Pharmacy discussed collection development and presented challenging views on a librarian's role in research work, in the continuing education of the health professional and as an informal adviser to academics and students.

An interesting overview of health science education and librarianship in Canada was given by Ann Manning, Health Sciences Librarian, W.H.K. Kellogg Library, Dalhousie University, Canada. The successful provision of library service to health professionals in remote or country areas was illustrated by Ann's account of her library's service to health professionals in Canada's three maritime provinces and by Vicki Williamson, Reader Services Librarian, Armidale CAE, in her paper on library service to regional health workers in New England.

Information on Healthnet was presented by Bert Pribac, Chief Librarian, Australian Department of Health, while Julie Hooke, Librarian, Royal Adelaide Hospital, discussed local efforts to establish GRATISSA, a free inter-library loan service which operates between Health Science libraries in SA and is linked to GRATIS NSW. Bronte Turner, Medical Illustration and Media, Flinders Medical Centre, provided information on the production and use of video and tape-slide programs.

During the lunch break participants had opportunity to view videos and tape-slide programs as well as tour the Sturt Library. The seminar was organised by Claire Clark, SACAE Sturt Site Librarian, who is to be congratulated and thanked for producing such a successful seminar.

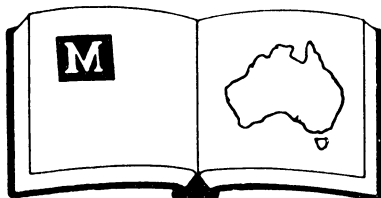
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**STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

The Group held its first Annual General Meeting in Brisbane during the LAA-NZLA Conference at which some 40 people attended. JINETTE DE GOOIJER, Convenor of the Group, reported on the year's activities which included three public forums, attendance at meetings related to the issue of women and libraries, and the continuing compilation of a resources booklet.

Membership had grown from 70 in 1983 to over 800 at mid-1984; evidence of a large interest in the Group's objectives and activities.

Discussion was opened by Margaret Aitken on the issue of the Group's objectives and whether they were adequately reflected by the Group's name. No conclusions emerged, but a resolution was passed that the Group would issue a discussion paper to its larger membership to publicly air various points of view. It was suggested that *InCite* would be a suitable medium.

A motion to assume a logo of the LAA symbol within the woman's symbol was proposed by Irene McGinnigle, and unanimously passed.

The meeting also called for nominations for State Convenors and the following people have agreed to co-ordinate activities in their own State:

NSW: Margaret D'Evelynes, Librarian, Corporate Affairs Commission, G.P.O. Box 7018, Sydney 2001.

WA: Pat Ellis, 18 O'Neill Street, Panorama 5041.

SA: Judy Morrisey, 27 Banksia Street, Joon-danna 6060.

QLD: Anne Draper, 54 Eighth Avenue, Coor-paroo 4151.

TAS: Karen Wilson, 432 Huon Road, South Hobart 7000.

The National Executive is currently based in Victoria. Members wishing to make personal input to the Group are recommended to approach their State Group Convenors directly. We wish to emphasise that the Group

is not restricted to LAA members, and participation from all levels of the library workforce is encouraged.

For those not fully aware of the Group's objectives and activities, these were published in the 6 April, 1984 issue of *InCite*. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting 1985.

*Jinette de Gooijer*  
Convenor

**SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION WA GROUP**

Can it be that my last report was of our meeting on June 9, 1984? Since then, WA Specials have had a busy time:

Meetings were organised with representatives from ABN in June and December 1984 for those special libraries seriously considering joining ABN as a full participant.

Forty of us braved driving rain to visit ALCOA's new premises in Booragoon to hear librarian June Caunt's account of the joys and woes of setting up one's own data base.

Our Brisbane Conference Consolation Prize meeting of August 27 was held at 15 Altona Street West Perth. Graeme Dudley from the Records Management Association (WA Branch) spoke on 'The Shape of Future Information Provision: Records and Management'. Enough interest was generated by Graeme's talk for his offer of a tour of the Sir Charles Gairdner records management facilities to be taken up in our 1985 programme.

Not only is the Library Board of WA interested in the completion of the new Alexander Library building. Peter Bloomfield — expert extraordinaire in 'hard hat' tours — escorted the WA Specials Committee, and later two groups of specials through the voids, wires and bowels of the new building, during September 1984.

Six submissions were received from WA Special Librarians for the Student Project exercise carried out in conjunction with the WAIT Department of Library and Information Studies. Three of these topics (two as a joint presentation) were undertaken by students in the Information Centres 300 unit. It was full house on October 27 for results of their efforts; professional presentations were given by all students:

Vivian Edmeades, Diana Keeling and Rita Choy studied the logistics in the merging of the two established collections of the Metropolitan Water Authority and the Public Works

Department.

Oliver Gatty and Monica Dixon spoke of a hit rate of ABN for Woodside Offshore Petroleum Pty Ltd's cataloguing.

And . . . we did it again with our Brea and AGM on November 30. Forty two were at Miss Maud's at 7 a.m. (or a bit for what is becoming an annual even daren't change our tack (nautical term creeping in already) for 1985.

The Committee of WA Specials joins in wishing all at LAA House and all members a very happy 1985.

*Kerry J.*  
Publicity Officer

**UCLS VIC GROUP**

At a UCLS-Vic Group Workshop held November at MCAE — Carlton Campus signed for user instruction librarians, decided that librarians with responsibility for user instruction would try to meet on a regular basis, say 2 or 3 times a year, to provide a forum for information exchange, to coordinate new projects or to invite speakers to give guest lectures concerning user instruction related services. Participants at the Workshop felt that such meetings could be organised as regional groups to keep the groups small, flexible and to avoid unnecessary travel.

If you are interested in participating in a Victorian regional group please complete form below and forward to Helen HARRIS, the Education Resource Centre, Melbourne College of Advanced Education, Carlton Campus, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton 3053.

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Library .....

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Area of Regional Preference:

Country  Suburban  Central

I am willing to assist with arrangements for the first meeting in 1985:

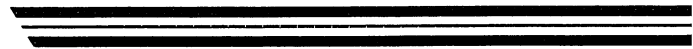
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*Helen*  
Secretary, UCLS — Vic Group

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