

News from the Divisions

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

Twenty people attended the first meeting for the year of the LAA Gippsland Regional Group, held at the Resource Centre of the Catholic Regional College in Traralgon, on 14 March.

Mr Patrick Morgan, Senior Lecturer in Gippsland History and Australian Literature at the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, spoke on Literature and Gippsland history, and the proposed Centre for Gippsland Studies. Mr Morgan, who is well known as an author and critic, is deeply involved with Gippsland history and literature, and is the compiler of the section on Gippsland in a book to be published in 1988 as part of the Bicentenary celebrations. *A literary guide to Australia* will list all the literary references to Australian towns and districts.

Mr Morgan spoke about the concept of 'regional consciousness' and historical reasons for the lack of its development in Gippsland, in contrast to areas such as Toowoomba, which have had regional archives established for many years. The proposed Centre for Gippsland Studies, to be established within the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, would collect information and documents about the region in general, to enable the development of the Centre as a focus for research into Gippsland.

RESEARCH USE OF AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

Applications are now being invited for an LAA Continuing Education Workshop on *Research Use of Audiovisual Materials* to be held in Sydney over Friday-Saturday, June 28-29. Workshop sessions will be at the Macquarie University Library and the Australian Film and Television School.

The workshop is expected to interest Audiovisual Librarians, Reference Librarians, Archivists and Librarians-in-Charge of Special Collections, as it is concerned with the problems of researchers in locating and using primary source materials in audiovisual formats, and will also seek to identify principles for the management of audiovisual research collections.

The programme will include a great deal of 'hands-on' experience through workshop exercises, together with case studies presented by researchers illustrating the research use of audio, film, video and still picture collections.

Publicity material has been widely distributed, but further information may be obtained from Workshop Organisers Marjorie Roe, Audiovisual Librarian, University of Queensland (07) 377 3479 or Bert Cornelius, Special Collections Librarian, Macquarie University (02) 888 9034.

MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION (SA GROUP)

The inaugural meeting for 1985 of the Medical Libraries Section (SA Group) was held at the South Australian Health Commission, on 15 February.

A large turnout of members discussed various issues for the forthcoming year, including the tabling of statistics for the GRATISSA Inter-Library Loans Scheme, the LAA Draft Code of Ethics and the approaching biennial Medical Librarians' Conference in Melbourne during August.

The President, Irene Doskatsch, reported the results of a questionnaire distributed late last year to gauge members' views on the Section's activities and to ascertain how they would like the Section to advance. A high rate of return of questionnaires indicated an overall satisfaction with the Section's recent performance. The survey found, in the main, expressions of interest in more social events, visits to some of the smaller and less well known health libraries and the possibility of organising some continuing education functions for health librarians. One of the perceived major benefits of the Section's existence was in providing a venue for members in widely varying libraries to keep in contact.

Lindsay Harris
Branch Council Representative
Medical Libraries Section (SA Group)

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION SA

A School Libraries Section (SA) committee meeting was held at Adelaide Area Education Office, Osmond Tce., Norwood on March 4.

The proposed shortened form of the Code of Ethics for librarians was discussed. With a minor reservation about the clarity of expression in one clause, the committee felt that this was a statement of ethical standards which all librarians should find acceptable, and wholeheartedly supported the principles contained in it.

It was decided that the School Libraries Section should put in a submission to the Corporate Plan and Review Committee. This would cover membership fee structure of the LAA and the influence that might have on the decision of some teacher-librarians not to become members. It would also address the question of what teacher-librarians should expect to give and to get as members and suggest ways in which their needs might be more adequately met.

Topics for general meetings during the year were suggested and the availability of speakers for these is being followed up by the Secretary. One in particular which should prove popular is a proposed 2-day Conference on 'computer software selection for classrooms, R-12.' More information will be available about this after the April committee meeting.

Beverly Stone

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION (NSW GROUP)

Sixty teacher librarians attended the Annual General Meeting of the School Libraries Section (NSW Group) on 27 February at the National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill, Sydney. The hard work of 1984 in the areas of continuing education, lobbying, professional liaison and publications was reviewed by the Past President, Jennifer Davoren. Plans for future activities were outlined by the incoming President, Beth McLaren.

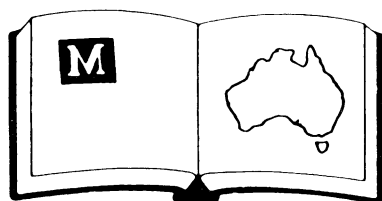
Christopher Levins, National Trust Education Officer, introduced the National Trust as a Resource, illustrating his talk with slides. He defined 'heritage' as the process of handing on and spoke of the importance of accepting responsibility for the inheritance of future generations.

Crystal Condous, Editorial Administration Manager of John Fairfax and Sons, presented a challenging talk on the marketing of the library's basic product, information. Business marketing procedures were applied to library services as issues such as product promotion, satisfaction levels, competition and ways of handling the money provider were discussed.

The evening also saw the introduction of a forthcoming work by Madeline Juchau entitled *Teacher Information Needs and the School Library*.

A return to the drinks and nibbles of earlier and a reminder of two upcoming events — an evening with Robyn Klein (contact Judy Bull 398 6777) and a seminar 'ASCIS Have You Traded Yet?' (contact Jeni Black 597 2266) — concluded the evening.

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The NSW Library Technician Certificate Course is currently being revised. Written submissions are invited from interested groups or individuals by 29th April, 1985.

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