

# NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



choice isn't the choice of the majority at least you will have expressed your opinion and, let's face it, there's a fifty percent chance that you'll be on the winning side!

### Speaking of voting. . .

It's that time of year again and in this issue of *InCite* you will find an insert to allow you to vote for office bearers for 1987. Again, I would urge you to have your say and register your vote. There's not much gratification in being voted into office by only 5-10% of the membership when those nominating are willing to put so much of their energies into working for the Association. Unfortunately, these votes can't be registered by telephone but it will take only a few moments of your time to fill in the voting form and put it in the mail.

### Another membership service

The Executive Committee, at its meeting on 5 September, gave the go ahead for the production of an LAA pocket diary to be produced for 1987 so don't buy all your Christmas presents yet. Stocks will be available shortly and you will have the opportunity to have the diary personalised for a small extra charge (a definite advantage at LAA meetings!). Watch *InCite* for the order form which will appear soon.

### Corporate Plan & Review — the new association

Work on the changed LAA is progressing smoothly. Comments have been received on the decisions made by General Council in June. Most of these centred around the name and there was considerable support for the suggested Australian Library and Information Association, which spurred on the decision to insert the questionnaire in *InCite*. Other areas to attract comment were the objects and a resolution to no longer include the *ALJ* as part of the membership package. Council will address these issues in November, but in the meantime work has been done on setting the membership fees for 1987 and comment has been sought on the role of General Council. A revised procedure for handling special grants has been set up and ideas for new services are being sought on the actual mechanism for changing the name and objects.

Jenny Adams  
Executive Director

### What's in a name?

The last issue of *InCite* included a questionnaire to give members the chance to have their say on whether they wanted the Association to be called the Library and Information Association of Australia or the Australian Library and Information Association. The closing date was 30 September but to make sure everyone has their say we will accept your replies for another two weeks (14 October). At the time of writing this (16 September) the response has not been overwhelming — disappointing, given that we made it very easy to reply by mail or toll-free phone for the cost of a local call. In its forty-nine years of existence, the Association has had only two names, firstly as the Australian Institute of Librarians, and since 1949 as the Library Association of Australia. Judging by that, there won't be another chance to have your say on this important decision for some time to come, so if you haven't replied yet do so immediately. Even if your

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### CAPL — Queensland

Approximately 40 people attended a public meeting held in Brisbane's Migrant Resource Centre in support of the Commonwealth Assistance for Public Libraries (CAPL) campaign focusing on multi-cultural library services.

Guest speaker Derek Whitehead, Chairperson of the Victorian Working Party on Multi-cultural Library Services, presented a paper highlighting 6 reasons why public libraries should be providing materials and services in other languages.

Mrs E.B. Lyons, Principal Librarian of the Public Libraries Service, State Library of Queensland and Ms Anna Raunik, former Ethnic Services Librarian at State Library of Queensland also gave papers looking at the local situation and historical development of the State Library Collection.

It was pleasing to note the attendance of Ben Humphreys, Federal Member for Griffith, Ann Warner, State ALP Member for Quilpie, Tim Quinn, a local Alderman, and Dulcie Turnbull representing the Lord Mayor of Brisbane. We hope to be enlisting their support for the campaign in the future.

Two resolutions were passed by the meeting — one supporting the campaign in general terms and empowering the newly formed Working Group on Multi-cultural Library Services (Qld) to follow up on much of the lobbying. The second involved stepping up lobbying for the appointment of an Ethnic Services Librarian in the State Library which was seen as an important priority within Queensland.

Copies of Derek's paper are available from LAA headquarters or any of the CAPL State Coordinators.

Kathy Grogan

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