

## RESURRECTION OF MIND

In February 12 1986 a number of NSW librarians gathered to resurrect the special interest group previously known as MIND.

In light of the membership of the group, which now includes teacher/librarians, special librarians and public and academic library staff, it was decided that the scope be broadened from the original academic library focus. A change in name was also agreed on: we are now Special Interest Group on Library and Information Services for People with Disabilities (LISPD).

The flexibility of functioning as a special interest group allows us to establish a national entity to undertake those tasks best handled at a national level, while not in any way interfering with the existing state groups.

Many suggestions for activities have been made; immediate attention is being given to arranging a breakfast meeting in Darwin (full details below), and, in late April or early May, Val Moon will be speaking about her study tour of libraries in the US, Britain and Europe. This column will continue on a quarterly basis.

### LISPD at Darwin

A breakfast meeting of librarians interested in the area of service to people with disabilities will be held at 7.30am-9.00am on July 4 1986, at The Travelodge Hotel in Darwin.

Steve Martin, Acting Community Services Librarian, would like to hear from you if you wish to attend.

Steve may be contacted at: c/- Adult Education Library, 5-7 Phillips Street, Kogarah, NSW 2217, telephone (02) 588 4095.

### Office Bearers

Barbara New (Librarian, Regional Developmental Disabilities Unit) is Secretary/Treasurer of the Group and Maureen Webb, Librarian at Technical Aids for the Disabled, is Convenor. Barbara's address is: PO Box 2496, North Parramatta, NSW 2151, and Maureen's is 227 Morrison Road, Ryde, NSW 2112.

This column will be edited by Jennifer Berryman, Chief Librarian at The Royal Blind Society Library. Contributions are eagerly sought; please send them to Jennifer Berryman, Royal Blind Society Library, PO Box 176, Burwood, NSW 2134.

## LAA Policy on library service to people with disabilities

The LAA is currently reviewing policy statements and seeking comment on the existing policy from this group.

The policy statement appears below. Please send your comments, suggestions, criticisms to: Barbara New, Secretary, LISPD Special Interest Group, C/- PO Box 2496, North Parramatta, NSW 2151.

### Statement of Library Services for Disabled People\*

- 1 The Library Association of Australia believes that everyone has the right to access to library services and materials to meet their needs for information, inspiration, education, and recreation.
- 2 The Association supports programs that will strengthen and expand library and information services to everyone including those with physical or intellectual disabilities.
- 3 The Association encourages federal, state, regional and local authorities to provide adequate financial support to enable libraries of all types to offer the specialised services and materials needed by disabled people at a level not lower than those provided for the remainder of the community.
- 4 The Association supports efforts to ensure that library and information services complement the services to disabled people provided through voluntary and government-sponsored programs and by agencies concerned with direct support to the disabled.
- 5 The Association promotes the universal application of building standards, in particular Australian Standard 1428-1977, which will ensure maximum ease of access to library buildings for those with mobility, visual and auditory difficulties.
- 6 The Association supports efforts by the National Library and state libraries to achieve maximum access to the specialised materials required by disabled people and in ensuring that appropriate and timely arrangements are made and standards established for the production of materials for the various categories of disabled people.
- 7 The Association is concerned to ensure that copyright law provisions do not unnecessarily hinder access by disabled people to copies of material in special formats.

Note: \*Disabled people are understood here to be those with a physical or intellectual disability which handicaps them in their use of conventional library and information services and materials.

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## CSIRO signs with Geac

CSIRO has signed a \$1.26 million contract with the Canadian-owned Geac Computers Pty Ltd to install an integrated computer system for CLINES, the CSIRO Library Network System, which links 47 divisional libraries and 33 book-holding centres throughout Australia.

Announcing this, the Officer-in-Charge of the CSIRO Central Information, Library and Editorial Section (CILES), Mr Peter Judge, said the system would consist of acquisitions, serials control, on-line public catalogue, technical processing and circulation modules.

'When the system is installed, CSIRO will have, for the first time in its 60-year history, on-line access to all recent materials in its libraries, which hold some 1.5 million volumes and 40,000 current serials,' he said.

'Full implementation of CLINES on the Geac system will begin as soon as the equipment is unpacked and installed in March, and will continue in stages around Australia throughout the year. The Geac system is specifically designed for large library networks, and its acquisition is a major step forward in supporting CSIRO's information needs.'

Peter Dawe, CSIRO's chief librarian, said that Geac was selected from eleven tenders primarily because of its ability to handle the unusually complex requirements of CSIRO's library network, which include:

- its size and spread — up to 5,000 miles across the continent;
- the wide range of specialist subject areas;
- the small, highly specialised library staff (the average Divisional library has a staff of three);
- the complexity of the collections, most of which are long-established and incorporate material acquired through unique exchange agreements;
- the unusual importance are serials, especially 'difficult' serial literature such as irregular serials, monograph series, and government reports which are hard to acquire and keep track of;
- the unique structure of the network, with a mixture of Divisional autonomy and centralised co-ordination.

CSIRO evaluated tenders from December-May 1985 and selected GEAC because it was the only system tendered which came close to meeting the specifications without major customisation.

## HISTORY QUIZ

1. Which Australian company began trading in the year the overland telegraph line was completed, King's Park, Perth was dedicated for public use and Victoria introduced comprehensive State education? What was the year?
2. Which Australian company began service to libraries in the year the National Library paid \$73,000 for Bligh's notebook, Australia had its first national strike over Medibank changes and unemployment reached 5.45% of the workforce? What was the year?
3. Which Australian company pioneered the development of national information systems including AUSINET, ASCIS and BOOKNET?
4. Who would be pleased to talk to you about Australia's widest range of library management systems and services?

Answers: 1. ACI, 1872; 2. ACI Computer Services, 1976; 3. ACI Computer Services; 4. Bernhard Hengst or Ian McCallum on 03 544 84:33 or 008 335 067.