

## IN THE NEWS

### Nibs poised

The Northern Territory's Arafura Short Story Awards and Red Earth Poetry Awards are on gain. The awards are for original works which have not been published previously, with preference going to stories not exceeding 3000 words and poems not over 400 lines. The closing date for entries is 4 August. For full details write to: NT Literary Awards C/- Box 1701, GPO Darwin NT 5794 or First Floor, Harry Chan Arcade, Smith St, Darwin.

### AV treasure hunt

Have you completed your questionnaire yet? Early in June questionnaires were sent out as the first stage in compiling the *Researchers Guide to AV Resources*. Mailings went to national, state and public libraries, universities and colleges, newspaper and broadcasting agencies and other organisations likely to have such collections.

If you have not received a questionnaire please ring Jenny Angus at the LAA (02) 692 9233 and she will send one out to you. And remember, not all 'collections' are organised. Your organisation may have in its possession photographs of awards, prize givings, special events and so on. A wealth of Australian social history may be lying unlisted and disregarded because it hasn't been officially made part of a collection. Those are just the kinds of things the *Researchers Guide* wants to know about.

### Joint-use Clearinghouse

The South Australian Institute of Technology (SAIT) is to establish a clearinghouse for information on joint-use libraries. There will be a comprehensive coverage of Australian material with some attention being given to overseas developments.

The task at hand for the Institute is to identify, acquire and index all Australian material available and to build the information into a computer file. Annotating the entries will be considered later. In due course, it is intended that the project will lead to the production of bibliographies and regular bulletins as well as acting as an information supply service.

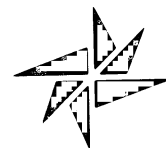
Joint-use library providers who have material (particularly unpublished or obscure documentation) are invited to contact Tony Brown or Jim Dwyer at the Institute (08) 236 2211.

### What's new?

The Business Law Education Centre has released a weekly news service on CLIRS called Business Law News. The service tracks the latest developments in the law covering the following areas: Accounting Standards & Disclosure; Australian Income Tax; Company Law; Family Law; Finance Law; High Technology; Insolvency; International Tax; Litigation Law; Sales Tax; Stamp Duty; Superannuation; Takeovers; Trade Practices.

Business Law News on CLIRS will cover new legislation, changes in the direction of government policies, changes in government practices, court decisions which result in major shifts in emphasis in legal interpretation and changes in legal, accounting and business practice. The emphasis will be on reporting events as soon as they occur, and news items on new cases are likely to appear before they are reported. Important new legislation will be briefly summarised in a 'Stop Press' section the day after it is introduced.

The LAA's Literacy Section has produced a new edition of their Literacy Kit. Pamphlets in the kit cover the following topics: literacy — what librarians can do; literacy contacts; literacy resources; suppliers of literacy materials. Send \$3.50 (plus postage) to Sue Pentland C/- Williamstown City Library, 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown Vic 3016.



## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

### Election of Vice-President 1988 (President-elect 1989)

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At a meeting held on 27 and 28 June 1986 the General Council of the Library Association of Australia resolved to change the composition of the General Council. It is now to consist of the President, Vice-President (President-elect), Past President, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, and one member appointed by each Branch. The positions of General Treasurer, General Secretary and General Councillor-at-large were abolished at the end of the terms of the present incumbents and therefore nominations for these positions will not be called.

In accordance with Division F Regulations nominations are now called for the position of Vice-President 1988 (President-elect 1989). Nominees must be financial members of the Association. Candidates and nominators should read the relevant regulations carefully.

Please note that nominations shall be:

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominations must reach the Director, LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 5.00pm on 1 September 1987.

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Director

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