

FEEDBACK

NORTHERN AREAS REGIONAL GROUP (TAS)

A joint LAA/Adult Education session with John Ohliger was a stimulating way to spend a wet Friday afternoon. Topics ranged from a lively discussion about the user pays principle for adult education and public library services to the need for security systems in libraries. Dr Ohliger spoke about recent trends in research in the USA particularly the work of Ivan Illich.

One of the most interesting aspects of the session was discovering where people get their information. Librarians join adult education classes while the adult educators go to the library!

LOCAL STUDIES SECTION

The Local Studies Section is currently undertaking a preliminary survey into the nature of local studies/local history collections. Public libraries throughout Australia are being asked to indicate varied formats in their collections, the extent of physical space for conservation and processing, storage and services, and the

number of staff working with the collection.

On receiving replies the Section will prepare a report for the LAA. This will be followed by a campaign to encourage greater awareness of the significance of local studies collections. All public libraries are urged to respond. The deadline for completion of the survey form has been extended to 18 December 1987 to enable completion by public libraries in states other than NSW.

Margaret Wyatt

INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION (NSW) NSW ONLINE USERS GROUP

Merger announcement

At a joint meeting held on 15 October 1987, the committee members of the Information Science Section (NSW) and the NSW Online Users Group agreed to merge their activities, effective from 1 January 1988.

The anticipated benefits are:

- LAA members who have belonged to both groups in the past will now only have to pay to belong to one group.
- It has been felt for some time that there was a substantial overlap in the objectives and activities of the two groups.
- By combining the two committees, the resulting larger committee can plan and hold functions more easily for members.
- The financial resources available from holding Information Online can be used more effectively to support Online User Group activities.
- Although the two groups will merge, it is planned to continue to hold Online User Group meetings as previously.

This arrangement will be reviewed at the end of 1988, and if members of either group envisage any problems with the merger, please contact Gaye McDermott, Secretary, Information Science Section.

Elizabeth Swan
President
Information Science
Section (NSW)

Maree Enright
Convener
NSW Online
Users Group

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

Committee members needed

Throughout 1987 the NSW Group of the Public Libraries Section has been organising seminars and evenings on a 'people shoe string'. At present we have only five people on our committee. More members are urgently needed — all that is required is that members attend a committee meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. It's a good way to meet people in the profession and to have input to LAA policy. I will be happy to talk to anyone who is interested; just call me at Warringah Shire Library during business hours on (02) 982 0502. Unfortunately if there is no response and there aren't the numbers to form a committee the NSW Group of the Section will cease to exist.

Glenys Murray
President

Specials/Law Conference

The Second Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference, which incorporated the 8th National Special Libraries Conference and the 3rd National Law Librarians' Conference took place in Brisbane between 28 September and 2 October, and was attended by 373 delegates including 28 from New Zealand.

It was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Sallyanne Atkinson on the Monday afternoon, and on Wednesday Miss Elizabeth Nosworthy welcomed delegates to the Law Librarians Conference. The organising committee believes that the biennial conference should provide a forum for professional librarians to share views, ideas and experiences. During the week a total of 58 papers were presented — including those on community welfare librarianship and records management.

A substantial trade exhibition of 30 stands was organised within the conference venue. Initial feedback indicates that the conference was a success, with delegates having ample opportunity to make 'contacts' for the future.

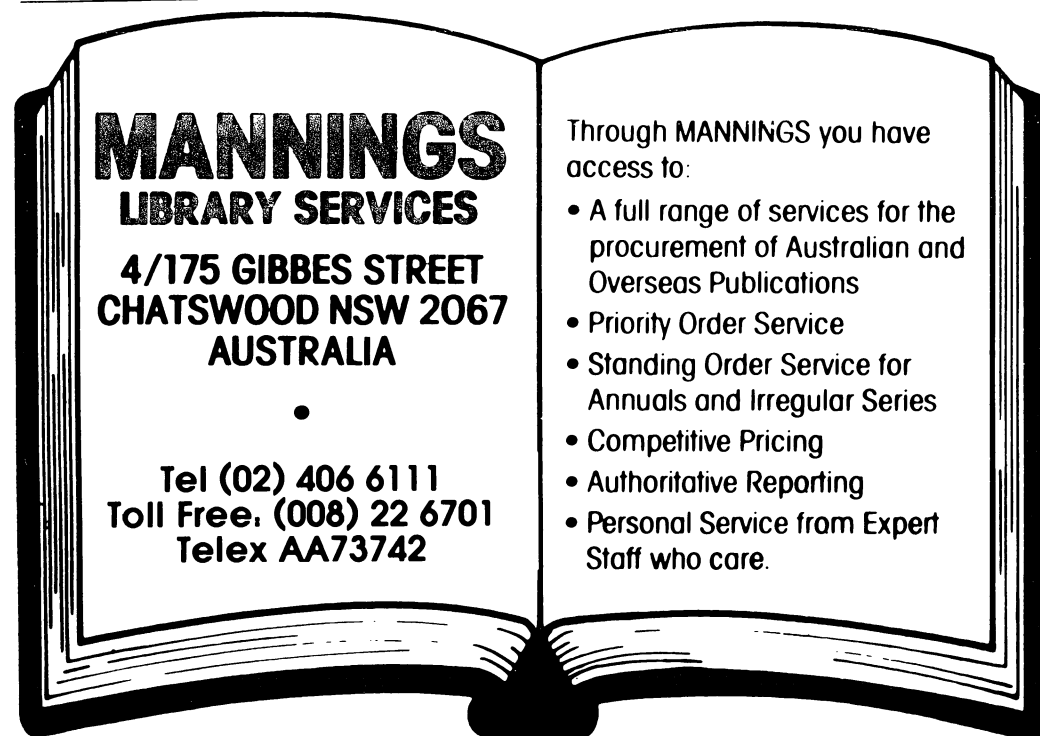
Two developments from the conference of immediate relevance to Queensland were first a decision to form an ACCESS group, and secondly the formation of a welfare information network.

Organisation for the publication of the conference proceedings is already in hand and the Program and Publication Subcommittee is hopeful that they will become available in the not too distant future. Details will appear in *Incite*.

Henry Thorburn
Convener

Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, 4th ed

The fourth edition of *BDAL*, in 1988, will mark the 20th anniversary of its first edition. Anyone who is eligible for Associateship of the LAA can be included. Anyone else interested in being listed should refer to the third edition for further categories of eligibility or contact Dr G. Kosa. Questionnaires, in addition to the insert in this issue of *Incite*, may be obtained from the Editor, Dr G. Kosa, 3 Lalwa St, Blackburn, Vic 3130. People interested in assisting with editing, as acting state or assistant state editors, please contact the editor.



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