# INDUSTRIAL NEWS

### CAPL

The Victorian Working Group on Multicultural Library Services has prepared a petition in English and a form letter in 10 community languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, Greek, Italian, Macedonian, Maltese, Slovenian, Turkish, and Vietnamese) which call on the Federal Government to provide assistance to multicultural public library services.

Copies of these are available from Louise Lansley at head office.

### **Status of women**

The Association has been advised by the Federal Government's Office of the Status of Women that a wide range of material on Status of Women issues is available from its office and also from the National Women's Consultative Council.

Individual library services wishing to receive this information can be placed on the mailing list by phoning Margaret Pender on (062) 72-4855 or by writing to her care of the Office of the Status of Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra, ACT 2600.

> Louise Lansley Manager, Education, Industrial Services

## National Library fire

Readers may remember the lengthy article by my predecessor on the National Library fire in *InCite*, 26 April 1985. The cause of the fire was a matter of great interest to the Australian library community, and Mr Bryan said at the time that it was subject to a coronial inquiry and the library would comment further when it could.

This inquiry finished late last year with the coroner making an open finding on the cause of the commencement of the fire, saying that it could not be established. He found no suspicious circumstances or evidence of foul play. His conclusion was that the fire commenced New LAA Section cover story cont'd

historical resources.

Speakers during the evening represented various groups and the interests of the diverse audience. Gail Griffith, Executive Officer, Affiliated Societies (Royal Australian Historical Society) introduced Nick Vine-Hall, Executive Director, Society of Australian Genealogists; Peter Orlovitch from the School of Librarianship, University of NSW; Ian Jack, from the Dept of History, Sydney University; Dr Carol Liston, Historian and Convenor, Affiliated Societies Sub-committee; and Dr Peter Spearritt, from the Dept of History, Macquarie University (Convenor, Bicentennial National Historic Records Search Program) to the meeting respectively.

Nick Vine-Hall took to the rostrum first and commented on the current surge of interest in things historical and the demand that this interest is putting on institutions holding historical resources. The new section will help to form an appropriate new organised national approach to helping the public find and use historical resources.

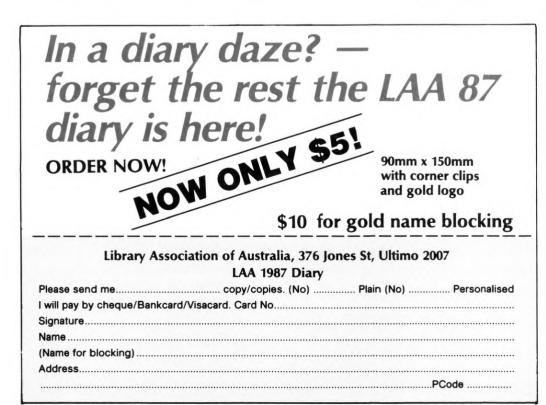
Peter Orlovitch spoke about the role of the Action Committee on Local Government Records in the creation of policies for preserving the archives of local government. The creation of the Local Studies Section is the next step and it will play an important role in giving access to resources and in creating adequate facilities for reception, storage and use of documents.

Ian Jack drew the audience's attention to

in the roof cavity area of the upper level of the National Library in an area where asbestos removal was taking place, but that any more precise comments were speculative.

We know from inquiries to the library that there has been considerable interest in the Australian library community about any lessons we have learnt from the fire, and in particular what we have since done about counter-disaster planning measures. Dr Jan Lyall, Director, Preservation Services Branch is therefore preparing a comment on this for circulation to major libraries and other interested parties in the near future.

W. M. Horton Director-General, NLA



the current 'Bicentennial fever'. He com mented that it will take 'flair and far-sighte planning' to make projects begun durin 1987-88 continue after 1988. Groups such a the new section will be fundamental to th 'after 88 thrust'.

Carol Liston spoke on the relationshi that can exist between local history librarian and other groups, such as local historical sc cieties and professional historians. Pete Spearritt gave a brief account of his involve ment in the Historic Record Search and out lined the focus of the program.

This concluded the first part of the evenin and the election of office bearers took place The following people were elected:

- Local Studies Section (National) President: Mrs Margaret Wyatt Secretary: Ms Chrys Meader Treasurer: Ms Linda Fairbarin Local Studies Section (NSW Group) President: Ms Judy Washington
  - Secretary/

Treasurer: Ms Michelle Nichols

Margaret Wyatt, the new National President and catalyst of the group, ended the evening by thanking the speakers and by giving special thanks to Pat Ward, Diana Oliver Jenny Adams and Sue Phillips for their help and advice. She also outlined the priorities of the new section as being concerned with iden tifying the role of local studies librarians an setting up a network of support. She remarked that as far as the work, enthusiasm and commitment of the new section is concerned 'it's only the beginning'.

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What a difference — attend ing a conference in an at tractive bushland setting The LAA TAFE Section and Queensland TAFE Sectiona Group have chosen the Bar don Professional Develop ment Centre as the venue fo their first National Confer ence, 8-10 July 1987.

Situated only 8km from the centre of Bris bane, the venue is set in the suburb of Bar don, at the foothills of Mt Coot-tha. Ample car parking is available and buses will be pro vided each day from the accommodation a Kelvin Grove to the venue. Enquiries should be directed to B. Burgess, C/- Bankstowr College of TAFE (02) 707 8566.

#### 60 minutes

*Minor book repair workshop* is a 60 minut video recording produced by the University o Queensland's Library and the Department o Audiovisual Services.

Based on a workshop conducted by M Clive Bennett, supervisor of binding oper ations at the University's printery, the video now forms part of the library's ongoing inser vice training program.

Minor book repair 'covers' rebinding and replacing the spine on a hardcover book and miscellaneous repair techniques such as re pairing paper tears and glueing covers.

VHS copies are available at a cost of \$5( each. Orders should be sent to: Librar Audio-Visual Services, University of Queens land Library, St Lucia, Qld 4067.

Do you need to discuss something with an LAA staff member? Don't forget about the new toll free line. You can ring us on (008) 221 481 throughout business hours.