

## IN THE NEWS

### Best of British books

Perth City Library recently hosted the British Council's exhibition of books which have won British literary prizes since 1984. The exhibition is the Council's contribution to Australia's Bicentenary and will be on show at various venues around the country.

The prize-winning books cover almost every category of writing: science fiction, religion, travel, detective fiction, history, romantic fiction, books on folklore and the performing arts. The Lord Mayor, Mr M. A. Michael and the British Consul General, Mr Leonard Boyes, launched the exhibition. The exhibition gave the people of Perth an opportunity to browse through a representative collection of the best of British books.

### Children are the future

The 1988 theme for Children's Week is 'Children are the future — looking at the next 200 years'. A series of awards are made during Children's Week, held this year on 22-30 October, including Parenthood Awards, Young Person's Award, Childcare Worker's Award and a Family and/or Children's Award. Nominations for these must be received by 31 August. The Herald Youth Community Awards are also presented in Children's Week. Entry forms are available by ringing (02) 235 6614.

### Libraries for lighthouses

The lighthouse keepers of Neptune and Althorpe Islands can look forward to a little relief these days thanks to Minlaton Community School Library. The Library has extended its services so that, once a fortnight, a box from the Library is airlifted to the islands. The box holds a treasure trove of material including books, music and tapes.

The scheme started in November 1986, with a phone call from Althorpe Island asking if the library could supply them with books and tapes. Only too happy to oblige, the Minlaton Library took on the challenge. Since then another family from Neptune Island has come forward requesting the same service.

### What?

*W.H.A.T. (What's Here and There)* is a state-by-state and town-by-town guide to Australia's galleries, museums, exhibitions and historic houses. Published by Campbell Publishing, the 200-page colour guide, with nearly 2000 items listed, reflects the changing face of Australia's museums.

*W.H.A.T.* will be available from the beginning of July in bookshops, selected newsagents and gallery/museum shops at a recommended price of \$15 or by calling Campbell Publishing (02) 406 0100 or toll-free (008) 25 1924.

### ACLIS at the Roundhouse

Avril Edwards, the Executive Officer, Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS), will be available for consultation during the IFLA/LAA Conference at the National Library of Australia stand in the Trade Exhibition in the Roundhouse, University of NSW.

Those who would like to discuss matters relating to ACLIS, the transition from AACOBs and ALIC, or any other relevant issues, can meet Avril on: Sunday, 27 August 1.30 pm — 2.00 pm; Monday, 28 August 3.30 pm — 4.00 pm; Tuesday, 29 August 10.30 am — 11.00 am. Messages can be left at the stand at any time.

### IFLA/LAA Conference Casual Day Enrolment

Casual day enrolment for the Conference will be available for any *one* of the following days: Sunday, 28 August; Monday, 29 August; Wednesday, 31 August; Thursday, 1 September; Friday, 2 September.

The enrolment fee will be \$120 for IFLA/LAA members and \$150 for non-members. LAA members should present their membership identity to obtain the discounted rate. This enrolment will be available for only one of the days listed above.

Enrolment entitles you to:

- name badge (with date identification)
- conference handbook
- morning/afternoon teas
- entry to all Conference sessions on day of enrolment (except social functions)
- entry to exhibition

Enrolment should be made at the Conference Registration Centre, The Round House, University of NSW, from 8.30 am on the morning of the day on which you wish to attend. Enrolment prior to the Conference is not available.

For enquiries contact: LAA Head Office, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, NSW 2007, (02) 692 9233 or Dulcie Stretton Associates, 70 Glenmore Road, Paddington, NSW 2021, (02) 357 6862.

### Ever onwards . . .

The revised Supplemental Royal Charter has recently been approved by the General Council through a postal ballot. Subsequently it has been sent to the Awards and National Symbols Branch of the Department of Administrative Services for checking.

If all is in order, it will then go on to the Governor-General for final approval.

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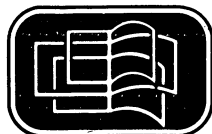
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