

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Canberra building

At its August meeting, the General Council considered at length the financial implications of constructing the proposed \$2.8 million Canberra building.

However, as the budgetary implications for servicing such a loan are wide-ranging, the Council needed further time to consider the full range of financial options available to finance the project. It was therefore decided to defer the final decision on finance until the November meeting of General Council.

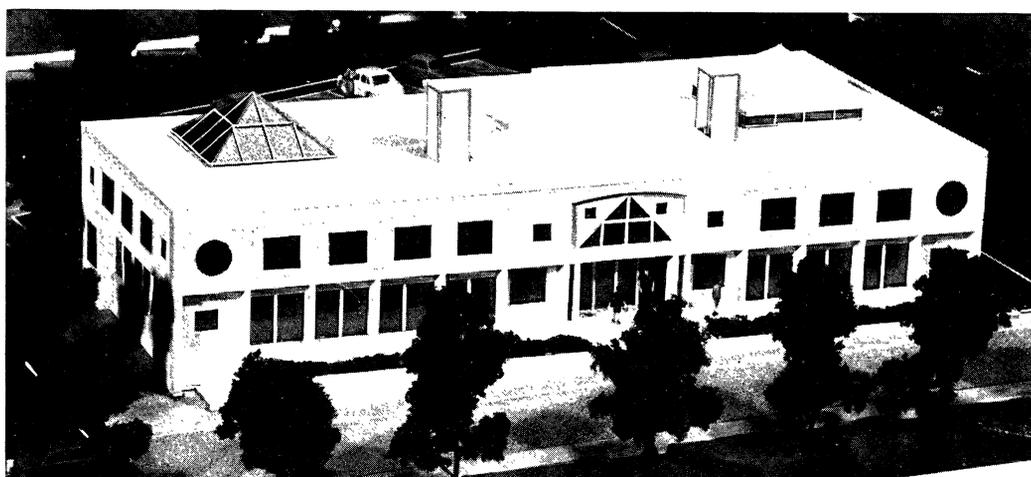
Council was able, however, to endorse the nomination of the prominent Sydney architect, Philip Cox, as the architect for the proposed building. Philip Cox has developed a reputation as being a founding 'hero' of the Sydney School of Australian Architecture, particularly during the sixties and early seventies, and for his 'fascination with articulated structural expressions and ... his concern for the understated architectural good manners of simple forms and materials, clean detailing and integration of inside and outside' (*Australian Architects 1*).

Philip Cox's preliminary proposal for the LAA proposed Canberra building clearly reflects a continuation of this approach.

A break with tradition

The General Council Meeting of 26 - 27 August gave the go ahead for the 1992 LAA Biennial Conference to be held in the regional centre Albury-Wodonga. This is both a first for a regional centre and a first for the LAA.

A delegation from the Riverina Regional Group, which included James Henri, Roy Sanders, and the Executive Director for Tourism Albury-Wodonga, Robin Giason, put to Council that Albury-Wodonga could meet



A model representing the preliminary proposal for the LAA's Canberra building as developed by Philip Cox

all the necessary pre-requisites to hold a biennial conference, and that the Regional Group was well able to manage the organising of a biennial conference.

The Albury-Wodonga biennial conference will be the second ALIA Biennial Conference, (the first being in Perth in 1990), and will continue to reflect the extended interests of the LAA in representing members across the full spectrum of the library and information community.

Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, 27 August 1988, some 150 people - LAA members and LAA/IFLA delegates - attended the 49th AGM of the Association which was held in the Science Theatre of the University of NSW prior to the conference opening ceremony at the Town Hall.

At this meeting, the HCL Anderson Award was presented to Warren Horton in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Aus-

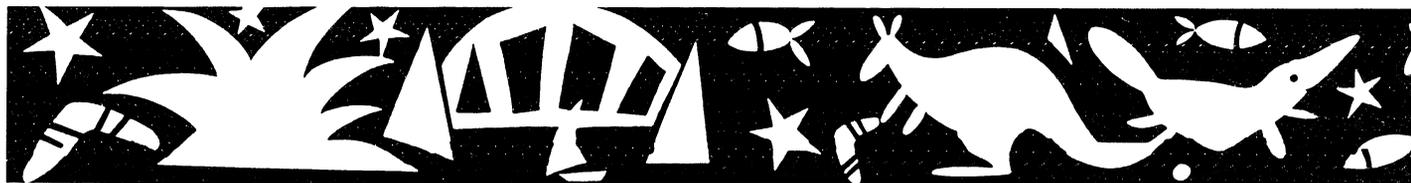
tralian librarianship and libraries, and to the LAA. The Library Manager of the Year Award was presented to Alison Crook in recognition of her contribution to library management practice at the State Library of New South Wales.

Two motions were put to the meeting:

1. that the LAA biennial conference become an annual conference;
2. that the location of biennial conferences no longer be determined by rotation through the states, and that Branches, Regional Groups or other Divisions be invited to bid for them.

Of the two motions put to the meeting, only the second was so resolved by the meeting. This will be put to the November meeting of the General Council for ratification.

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