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President and Secretary of the Section's NSW Group. She is currently a committee member of the NSW Group of the Local Studies Section.

Patricia Ward's interests are diverse. Her professional development activities have extended to librarians in schools, local studies and local government and to library technicians. She has been a part-time lecturer at Kuring-gai CAE and for the NSW Department of Education retraining courses for teacher-librarians. She was a member of the Advisory Committee for the NSW Department of TAFE on the Library Technicians Certificate Course from its inception until the committee was discontinued in 1987.

Patricia Ward was instrumental in the foundation of the NSW Action Committee on Local Government Records, and has been secretary since its inception in 1981. This broadly-based group has been responsible for amendments to the Local Government Act which extend the classes of documents to be preserved, and this has led to the recent production of a General Disposal Schedule for Local Government in NSW.

One of Patricia Ward's most successful initiatives has been in conservation. She was the driving force in the preparation of a submission for funding to the NSW Bicentennial Council to appoint a consultant

conservator to advise on preservation, conservation and appropriate use of primary source materials held by local government bodies and societies and public libraries. The result was a three-year statewide program — Conservation on the Move — a joint activity of the LAA, the Regional Galleries Association of NSW, the Australian Society of Archivists (Sydney), the Museums Association of Australia (NSW) and the Institute of Conservation of Cultural Materials (NSW). Central to the success of the project was the agreement negotiated by Patricia Ward with the University of NSW to enable the conservator to work in the conservation laboratory at the School of Librarianship from her appointment in 1986.

Elected to the Publications Board of the LAA in 1982, Mrs Ward has been a strong advocate of divisional publishing, and a source of guidance and support for divisions in this area. She has edited a number of monographs in the fields of school and children's librarianship, local history resources, conservation and local government records.

Patricia Ward is an excellent communicator, and an active participant. She has formed links between the public and teacher-librarians, librarians and library technicians, archivists and local government.

Diana Oliver and Patricia Ward received their Fellowships at a reception held at LAA House on Friday, 25 November.

*Sue Phillips*  
Assistant Executive Director

## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### Statistics and libraries

The Cultural Ministers Council has established a Statistical Advisory Group (SAG) to improve the definition, range and quality of statistics needed by the culture-leisure industry. The data will be collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). A key element of SAG's task is to consult on specific topics with representative groups.

Libraries was the topic discussed by the SAG and representatives of libraries throughout Australia at its 10 October meeting in Perth. Andy Exon attended as the LAA's representative.

This meeting was promoted as being a discussion workshop, but was expected subsequently to decide the terms of the framework for the collection of statistics on libraries by the ABS.

Andy Exon has identified two difficulties in the approach being taken by SAG in this instance. These are the need to get clarification of the sectors of library as yet unexplored by SAG, (schools and specials) and to ensure that those in the library professions are seen to speak as one voice. These issues are being pursued with SAG.

SAG expects that the consultative process will be completed by the end of 1988, with the framework then being ready for the Cultural Ministers Council approval early next year.

### Australian Libraries Summit

A number of the recommendations emanating from the Australian Libraries Summit (ALS) have been given to the LAA for action. The November meeting of the General Council will be deciding how best to carry out these recommendations.

The Board of Education meeting in October discussed a number of those recommendations relating to education and research. It is establishing a strategy to carry out the relevant recommendations.

A number of the recommendations were for joint action by the LAA and either ACLIS or ASLA. A consultative process is being established to consider how best to carry out these recommendations.

### Another 10...

Congratulations to the Northern Territory Branch on turning ten! The anniversary celebrations included a most successful birthday party, and the launch of the anniversary publication *Great Gnus*.

### Another year...

Best wishes to all LAA members and readers of *InCite* for the coming Festive Season and New Year.

*Sue Kosse*  
Executive Director



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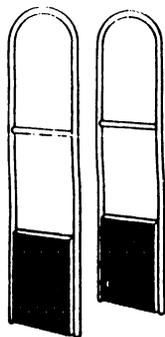
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The LAA has taken delivery of the special conference issue of *Education for Librarianship: Australia*. This conference publication provides a forum for debate on issues relating to education for librarianship, and attempts to present an overview of the art of education for librarianship in Australia at present.

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