

IT'S OFFICIAL!

BY now you will have received your letter from Averill Edwards, ALIA President for 1989, telling you of the name change for your Association. After several years of hard work and persistence, we are now the **AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION**.

The Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, on 31 December 1988, approved the LAA's application for a Supplementary Royal Charter.

Initially, this will mean that until the By-Laws are also approved by the Governor-General, the Association can adopt only its new name. Once the By-Laws are approved, the other changes can also be adopted. This should be finalised by mid-1989.

With the change in the procedure for the granting of Royal Charters in Australia, the Association had to re-draft its original Royal Charter. So that you may see first hand this new Charter, it is being published in its entirety on the centre pages of this first issue of *InCite* for 1989.

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Footscray Institute opens multicultural collection

THE Footscray Institute of Technology in Melbourne has announced the opening of the Elda Vaccari Collection of Multicultural Studies which, it says, will be a significant resource for research into Australia's diverse population. The collection is not restricted to academic use: it is also open to the public at

evenings and weekends. Details can be obtained from collection manager Ms Susan Jennison on (03) 688 4608.

Photographed at the opening were the collection's patron, Signora Elda Vaccari, Mr Alan Griffiths (left), Federal Member for Maribyrnong, and Dr Irwin Herrman, Director of the Institute.



COLIN THIELE LAUNCHES 'FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY'



LIBRARIES are indispensable and the more Friends they have the better well known children's writer Colin Thiele told those attending the launch of a Friends of the Library group at Keith, SA.

About 65 people heard him speak about authorship, vocabulary, the origin of words and the impact of the Bicentenary and SA's 150th Jubilee on the interest in history in the community.

He said the public demand for Australian history books and information from Libraries had greatly increased with these two celebrations.

He said libraries had an important role to play in preserving history by holding the history and culture of a country, as presented in books, and keeping it.

The photograph (courtesy *Border Chronicle*) shows Mr Thiele signing copies of his books for two younger members of the Friends of the Keith Community Library.