

ALIA's Royal Charter



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SUPPLEMENTAL ROYAL CHARTER

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, GREETING:

WHEREAS WE on 29 January 1964 by Royal Charter (here called "the Original Charter") constituted a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of "The Library Association of Australia" (here called "the Association") with perpetual succession and a Common Seal:

AND WHEREAS on 8 December 1987 WE have assigned to Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia all our powers and functions in respect of the issuing of Letters Patent:

- (a) granting a Supplemental Charter to anyone in the Commonwealth of Australia to whom a Charter of incorporation has been granted by US or Our predecessors; or
- (b) revoking, amending, or adding to, any Charter of incorporation or Supplemental Charter granted to anyone in the Commonwealth of Australia by US or Our Predecessors,

and have authorized the Governor-General to exercise any of those powers and functions in Our name and on Our behalf.

AND WHEREAS the Association has made representation to US as follows:

That since the grant of the Original Charter the Association has pursued the aims and objects of the Charter and has sought to promote this standing, efficiency and usefulness of the profession of librarianship.

That it has done so by fostering a high standard of professional education and competence and by requiring the observance of proper rules of conduct as a condition of membership; and that this has enabled the Association to provide the Australian community with persons appropriately qualified to discharge the responsible roles demanded of librarians as these have developed.

That since WE were pleased to grant the Original Charter the membership of the Association has greatly increased as a result of the expansion and increasing complexity in Australia of library and information services and that the duties and responsibilities of members of the Association and the services which they are called upon to provide have grown to such an extent that it is desirable to expand the name, aims and objects of the Association and the scope of the services of its members to embrace wider activities which have come to be regarded as falling within the business of library and information science.

That it is the belief of the Association that the furtherance of such expanded aims and objects would be better achieved and the public interest would be better served if certain limitations on the operations of the Association were modified and if certain amendments were made to the Original Charter (here called "the Royal Charter").

AND WHEREAS the Association has by that representation requested US to grant a Supplemental Charter for the above-mentioned purposes.

NOW THEREFORE WE do, by these Our Letters Patent issued on Our name by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, grant and declare as follows:

1. The Association shall continue to be a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of the Australian Library and Information Association with perpetual succession and a Common Seal. Save as aforesaid, the Original Charter shall be and is hereby revoked, but nothing in this revocation shall affect the validity or legality of any act, deed or thing done or executed under or pursuant to the provisions of the Original Charter.

Definitions

2. In this Our Supplemental Charter and in the by-laws unless inconsistent with the subject or context:-
 - (a) "Association" means the Association hereby incorporated;
 - (b) "General Council" means the General Council established by this Our Charter;
 - (c) "Professional member" means a member of the Association who is the holder of a degree, diploma, qualification, certificate, registration certificate, or other mark of proficiency prescribed by the by-laws of the Association, or a member whom the General Council has declared to be the holder of a sufficient professional qualification in library and information science under another body;
 - (d) "Special resolution" means a resolution which has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy, at a meeting of which not less than twenty-one days' notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given, or, where voting by post without a meeting is allowed, vote by post; words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular; words importing persons include corporations.

Objects

3. The objects of the Association are -
 - (a) to promote and improve the services of libraries and other information agencies;
 - (b) to improve the standard of library and information personnel and foster their professional interests and aspirations;
 - (c) to represent the interests of members to governments, other organisations and the community;
 - (d) to encourage people to contribute to the improvement of library and information services by supporting the Association.

Membership and Cessation of Membership

4. 1 A person who is admitted or appointed to membership by or in accordance with the by-laws shall be a member of the Association.
- 2 A person shall cease to be a member if in accordance with the by-laws the person resigns or is removed from membership or the person's membership terminates.

General Council

5. 1 There shall be a General Council of the Association consisting of such members of the Association as are prescribed by the by-laws.
- 2 The General Council may, subject to article 10.1 of this Our Charter and to the by-laws, exercise every power of the Association.
- 3 The General Council may, subject to the by-laws, delegate to a committee of members of the General Council any of the powers of the General Council except this power of delegation.
6. 1 The General Council shall convene an ordinary general meeting of members of the Association once during each calendar year.
- 2 The General Council shall report to the ordinary general meeting on the activities and financial position of the Association during the last preceding accounting year of the Association.
- 3 The General Council may convene an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Association at any time.

- 4 The General Council shall convene an extraordinary meeting of members of the Association whenever required so to do -
 - (a) in accordance with the by-laws; or
 - (b) by one-fifth of the members entitled to vote at general meetings.

Board of Education

7. 1 There shall be a Board of Education consisting of such members of the Association as are prescribed by the by-laws.
- 2 The Board of Education shall be elected by the members of the Association and by the General Council in accordance with the by-laws.
- 3 The powers and functions of the Board of Education shall be as prescribed by or under the by-laws.

Elected Officers

8. 1 There shall be elected a President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President and such other officers of the Association as prescribed by or under the by-laws.
- 2 Each of them the President, Vice-President and the Immediate Past President and other officers elected pursuant to this section shall have the powers and duties prescribed by or under the by-laws.

Divisions

9. 1 There may be established, by or under the by-laws, a division of the Association for any State or Territory of our Commonwealth of Australia or for any region of our Commonwealth of Australia or for any activity or subject matter within the objects of the Association.
- 2 Rules for a division of the Association may be made by or under the by-laws and may establish a council as the governing body of the division.
- 3 A division council may exercise such of the powers of the Association as are prescribed by or under the by-laws.
- 4 Subject to the by-laws, the General Council may dissolve a division or may dissolve a division council.

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Distinctions and Awards

10.1 The General Council may with the consent of the Board of Education confer a distinction on a member proficient in library and information science.

2 The General Council may confer such other awards as are prescribed by or under the by-laws.

By-Laws

11.1 The General Council may, in accordance with this article, make by-laws, not inconsistent with this Our Charter or the Laws of Our Commonwealth or any State or Territory thereof, prescribing all matters which by this Our Charter are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Our Charter or the objects of the Association.

2 Without limiting the generality of paragraph (1) of this article the General Council may, in accordance with this article, make by-laws on any subject matter covered by the by-laws in the Schedule to this Our Charter.

3 The General Council may, in accordance with this article, make by-laws repealing, rescinding, revoking or varying any by-law.

4 The General Council may make a by-law by a special resolution of the General Council.

5 No by-law shall have any force or effect until it has been approved by Our Governor-General in and over Our Commonwealth of Australia or by the Administrator, for the time being, of the Government of Our Commonwealth of Australia.

6 The General Council shall cause all by-laws when allowed to be printed and published, together with the formal allowance, in the official Gazette published by Our Commonwealth of Australia.

Alterations to Charter

12.1 Subject to this article, the General Council may apply for a new or Supplemental Charter, or an Act of Parliament of any State of Our Commonwealth of Australia.

2 The General Council shall not apply for a new or Supplemental Charter or Act of Parliament unless the application has been approved by a special resolution of a general meeting of members of the Association.

AND LASTLY WE do grant and declare for US, Our Heirs and Our Successors that this Our Supplemental Charter shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to its true intent and meaning and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the Association as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all judges, justices, officers, ministers and other subjects of US, Our Heirs, and Our Successors any non-recital, mis-recital or other omission, defect or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

WITNESS under my hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 31 December 1988.

Maria Sjöberg
Governor-General



Library and information services for people with disabilities

THE year just passed was the third year of operation of the national special interest group LISPD. The group has 139 financial members representing every State of Australia, with four overseas members. Members of the group cover every branch of librarianship, an interest in library and/or information services for people with disabilities being their common bond.

The LAA/IFLA Conference was the focus of activities in 1988. The Round Table discussion on 'Information for Independent Living' organised by LISPD was the only LAA session directly concerned with the needs of people with disabilities and was very successful. There were many IFLA sessions of interest to LISPD members and a brief account of these was circulated for the information of those not able to attend.

The Sydney group held three other meetings during the year, one in

co-operation with the health librarians section on library services in mental health. The other topics were the Disability Thesaurus sponsored by ACROD/DPI, and the services provided by a large municipal library (for people with disabilities).

The Sydney group was also responsible for the first edition of the Guide to Resources for Providers of Information Services for People with Disabilities. The Guide lists Australian publications in this field since 1981 under the headings commonly used in community information services. Preparation of the Guide was a very time-consuming initiative but the result provides a very valuable check-list. The group is grateful for a special recoupable grant of \$1,000 from the LAA towards preparation of the Guide.

The Melbourne group, formed in 1987, has gone from strength to strength. Three successful meetings were held in 1988, on the subjects of access to libraries, audio books for people with

intellectual disabilities, and the Australian Disability Thesaurus. The group also co-ordinated with LISAD in an extremely well attended seminar on service delivery.

National headquarters for the LISPD group will be in Melbourne from 1989. Jan Murray (03) 555 9049 will be the Convenor. The Sydney sub-group will be convened by Allan Kamaralli (02) 893 1000 (Tues, Wed).

Maureen Webb
LISPD Convenor 1988

Workshops in Bunbury

BICENTENNIAL year 1988 was an eventful one in Bunbury, W.A. Associate Professor Patricia Layzell Ward of Curtin University of Technology, arranged for Professors Tom Wilson and Maurice Line to give lunchtime workshops at the Bunbury Institute of Advanced Education.

Topics discussed included, Information for the 1990s: the integration of automation and traditional information systems, and Lateral Thinking in Small Libraries.

These workshops attracted much interest, with participants attending from throughout the south-west of W.A. The opportunity to hear such noted speakers was appreciated. It is hoped similar interest will be generated for the 1990 conference.