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South Australian Branch

Recognition for school community libraries

Following on from the success of the school community library program in South Australia since its inception in 1977, ALIA's South Australian Branch is initiating an annual award for school community libraries in the State.

The Branch intends that the award — named the Val Gauld School Community Library Award — be granted annually for a program designed to enhance, for both the public and school clients, the services offered in school community libraries in South Australia.

South Australia now has more than forty school community libraries, servicing mainly rural populations of 3000 or fewer. The Val Gauld School Community Library Award recognises the major contribution made to the program by Val Gauld, Executive Officer of the School Community Libraries Committee for many years.

Adelaide-based publisher Auslib Press is sponsoring the 1989 award, the winner of which will be announced at the end of the year.



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Queensland Branch

Major branch activities during September and October included a copyright seminar, a seminar on award restructuring, a cataloguing seminar, and a transition-to-work seminar for QUT librarianship students.

The proposed review of education for librarianship has received broad-based support from the Queensland library community. Sufficient funds have been promised to start work on the survey. Branch Council resolved to give the market research firm the go-ahead despite a funding shortfall of \$1500. General Council and the Executive must be lobbied again to gain sufficient funds to complete the survey. All Branch Council positions have been filled for 1990. No positions were contested.

The working party to establish feasibility of a 'local presence office' here has met and deliberated. Yes! of course we can benefit significantly from such a service. How will we get the money?

The *Atlas of Queensland libraries* is going to be published by February 1990 — the Promotion and Publicity Committee said so. I'm sure it will be a significant publication to boost Year of the Reader programs.

Future reports will bring industrial relations news as the Branch begins a review of salaries for library workers in Queensland.

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ALIA Branch Councillor

ALIA Special Libraries Section

Queensland Group

Committee Members for 1990

The Annual General Meeting of the Special Libraries Section (Qld Group) will be held on Monday 27 November. The State Committee for 1990 is to be elected at the meeting.

The present committee is comprised of thirteen members. These committee members fulfil the roles of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Extra-Special Editor, Extra-Special Business Manager, Extra-Special Production Manager, Meeting Conveners, Directory Team, Branch Council Representative, Recruitment Officer and Regional Member.

Any financial member of Special Libraries Section (Qld Group) is welcome to nominate to become a committee member.

If you are considering nominating, please contact Helen Demack on (07) 229 0307 by Monday 20 November 1989.

ALIA Library Technicians' Section

Tasmanian Group

Members are advised that nominations are called for positions on the Executive of the Library Technicians' Section (Tasmanian Group).

Nominations — for the term of the 1990 calendar year — are being received for President, Secretary/Treasurer, and four committee members.

Completed nomination forms are to be forwarded to Lyndal Schneider or Margaret Hall, c/o State Library of Tasmania, 91 Murray Street, Hobart 7000, by Monday 20 November. They can be obtained from ALIA's head office, telephone (008) 02 0071, or from Margaret Hall at the address above.



Qualified librarians issue resolved

At their recent meetings, the National Advisory Committee on Library Services for People with Disabilities and the Committee of Chairmen of National, State and Territory Advisory Committees on Library Services for People with Disabilities passed the following resolution:

When a position becomes vacant in libraries specifically serving people with disabilities with work involving book selection (for stock) advising and/or selection of materials for readers, and bibliographic tasks, the position should be filled by a qualified librarian.

The basis for this resolution was information obtained from a survey conducted by the National Library of Australia of the number of qualified librarians in libraries serving blind and visually impaired people. The survey indicated that 78.4 per cent of staff with these tasks were not qualified librarians.