

New edition

Stopping the rot launch

Sue Kosse did the honours of launching a revised and enlarged edition of the NSW Branch's bicentennial conservation publication *Stopping the rot: a handbook of preventive conservation for local studies collections* at the State Library of NSW on 9 November.

It was also the occasion for NSW Branch members and invited guests to publicly thank the author, Helen Price, for her 3-year unstinted effort on the project. Rosemary McLauchlan, Branch President, presented Helen with an inscribed copy of the *Macquarie dictionary and thesaurus*, and wished her well for her new appointment as Coordina-

tor, Conservation Access, in the Preservation Department of the State Library.

This 2nd edition of *Stopping the rot*, like the first (1988), stems from Helen's 'At-home' workshops in the Conservation Laboratory at the University of NSW, field experiences in metropolitan and country areas, the 'conservator-in-residence' program, and the flow of enquiries for advice and information on specific and general problems of conservation.

The new edition includes additional sections by invited specialists who were present at the launch — Disaster Pre-

paredness by Alan Howell (Manager, Preservation, State Library of NSW), Preservation Copying by Ann Pederson (Senior Lecturer in Archives Administration, School of Librarianship, UNSW) and Care and Storage Techniques for Maps and Plans by Kay Soderlund (Senior Paper Conservator, Campbell Conservation Pty Ltd).

Stopping the rot, 2nd edition (ISBN 0 86804 240 4), was printed on alkaline-based Bookprint HiBulk matt paper from APM. It is available from ALIA's head office in Canberra and costs \$12 plus \$2 postage for members (RRP \$16).



4 Pat Ward (left), Helen Price, Sue Kosse and Faye Laurence at the launching of *Stopping the rot*.

Stop Press

Victorian teacher-librarians temporary reprieve?

After considerable pressure from a number of bodies including ALIA's School Libraries Section, the School Library Association of Victoria (SLAV) and the Australian School Library Association (ASLA), the Victorian Department of Education has announced that it will drop the controversial Section 5.1 of the proposed new career structure for teachers.

Section 5.1 states '... teacher-librarians will be replaced by librarians and library staff in a staged process'.

A representative of the Department, when addressing the recent annual dinner of ALIA's School Libraries Section (Victorian Group), indicated that Section 5.1 would be re-drafted by March. However, it was suggested that the introduction of non-teacher-librarians and support staff would still be considered.

Julie Nutting, Vice-President of ASLA, warns that the Department's intentions will require continued surveillance.

Tom McKeon
Industrial Information Officer

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*a handbook of preventive conservation
for local studies collections*

Helen Price

Edited by Patricia Ward

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