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included compiling books, establishing a local history collection, arranging walking tours, helping clients with research, and assisting with projects to record the sites of old schools. This year the Librarian, Pauline Jolly, will be working with a group of secondary students to research the history of the shops in Ceduna. These ongoing local history activities provide a fine example of a program which fosters links between the library and its users and extends library services to support the local history interests of the community.

The South Australian Branch will be calling for submissions for the second Val Gauld School Community Library Award in September.

Jan Heath
President

WHO'S WHERE

Brian Howes, formerly of the Public Library of South Australia, has moved to Angaston, in the heart of the wine area of the Barossa Valley in South Australia, from where he will continue to operate as Magpie Books, publishing guides and directories for the antiquarian book-trade. He also offers a collection development service to libraries and would be pleased to have contact with libraries or individuals interested in hearing more about this service. Address is 111 Murray Street, Angaston, SA 5353.

Nora Hinchin, formerly Library Director, Stanton Library, North Sydney has been appointed City Librarian, City of Sydney Public Library. Nora took up her position on 5 March 1990. She becomes the fifth City Librarian, following Charles Bertie, Frank Bell, John Lyons and Sarah Walters.

A member of the City Library's staff from 1962 to 1969, Nora brings an awareness of the library's history and traditions to her new role. Added to which are the drive and determination to launch the library into the new decade and the 21st century. The relocation of the Haymarket Branch to a heritage building on the corner of George and Hay Streets, Sydney is high on her agenda, and plans for a new Central Library are already underway.

IN THE NEWS

Libraries and expert systems at Wagga

Two leading international figures in information management with computer expert systems will be the keynote speakers at a conference at Charles Sturt University — Riverina, Wagga, in July. The conference, from 22-24 July, will bring together librarians, information managers and expert systems developers to explore current Australian and overseas research in this field.

The special speakers are Forbes Gibb from the University of Strathclyde in the United Kingdom and Dr John Richardson, Professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, UCLA in the United States.

Papers will explore the technology of the expert system, its various applications in information management, the implications of expert systems for the librarian and the managerial-social issues.

For registration forms see page 14 of this issue. Further information is available from the conference convenor, Craig McDonald, at Charles Sturt University — Riverina, telephone (069) 22 2594, fax (069) 22 2733, or write to PO Box 588, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650.

Eusidic forms 'future' group

Eusidic, the European Association of Information Services, has formed a group of ten membership representatives to look at scenarios for Eusidic's future. The group will be meeting during the first part of 1990 and will present various options to Eusidic's Council and membership in the Autumn of this year. Chairman of the group will be Arnold de Kemp of Springer-Verlag, current Chairman of Eusidic.

For further information contact Eusidic's Secretariat at 9A High Street, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0BS, England, telephone +44 (0) 249 814 584, fax +44 (0) 249 813 656.

IBM be-Stowes award

Stowe Computing Australia has won the prestigious IBM Marketing Contractor of the Year award for South Australia.

A director of Stowe and the company's General Manager — Local Government, Steve Howe, said the award particularly recognised the company's Local Government, Library, and Application Solutions divisions.

Extel cards

Ferntree Information has introduced an online version of Extel Cards, in-depth financial and corporate summaries of leading British and international companies, to its profile service from the *Financial Times*.

Extel Cards have established a 70-year track record for accurate facts, figures, background, news and analysis on more than 7000 companies. The cards are compiled by financial specialists to a standard format. For more information contact Steve Cartland, telephone (02) 437 6322.

New book base

Tait Bookshop has moved. After having been in the Melbourne CBD for all its life (from about 1908!) the big change was effected in March. The inner suburb location at 687 Nicholson Street, North Carlton, VIC 3054 has plenty of parking or alternatively is only a 20 minute tram ride from the city.

Manager Joy Sheehan hopes that this convenience will prompt Victorian and interstate librarians to visit Tait's new base — where they will be made most welcome. Joy can be contacted on (03) 322 1533.

Research Project

Expressions of interest are invited for a research project concerning the provision of library services in Tasmania for people with disabilities.

The research project, for which funds are currently being sought from the Sir John Morris Memorial Trust Fund, will be supervised by the State Advisory Committee on library services to people with disabilities in association with the State Library of Tasmania.