

WHO'S WHERE

John Thawley has been appointed Acting Manager, Library Services following the resignation of Elizabeth Oley from CSIRO's Information Services Unit. John Thawley is based in East Melbourne and can be contacted on (03) 418 7358 or fax (03) 419 0459.

Sue Halbwirth has been appointed manager of the Australian Centre for Publications Acquired for Development (ACPAD). ACPAD, established under the auspices of the International Development Program of Australian Universities and Colleges is a book and journal donation scheme, collecting surplus materials in Australia for donation to tertiary institutions in developing countries. ACPAD is located at 1-5 Geils Court, Deakin, ACT 2600, telephone (06) 285 3077.

Liz Oley left CSIRO as Manager of Library Services on 30 April after 15 months at the Information Services Unit at 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne. She will be working on a consultancy basis and can be contacted on (03) 267 7426.



Judy Campbell

Judy Campbell started at the University of New South Wales Library on 12 February as Associate Librarian (Resources Management). She replaces former Associate Librarian, Bob Langker, who retired in 1989. Judy has formerly held numerous positions in the University of Sydney Library Acquisitions Department, and enjoyed a stint as Badham Librarian. In 1976, she was appointed Acquisitions Librarian at Macquarie University, where she spent a very happy 13 years; the last 8 as Associate University Librarian (Acquisitions and Budget).

Tony Ralli was appointed Deputy Librarian, Australian Defence Force

Academy after 16 years at the University of Western Australia. He previously held positions at the Universities of Leeds and York, in the United Kingdom. He is an active member of the library profession, having just been West Australian Branch President of ALIA and involved in the organisation of the Association's Conference in Perth later this year.

Canberra information broker New appointments

A new management team, led by well known librarian **Jennefer Nicholson**, has been appointed to the Canberra office of information brokers, Political Reference Service (PRS).

Jennefer, formerly head of the Current Awareness Section of the Parliamentary Library, and with extensive experience in information management in the public and private sectors, has been appointed the Manager of PRS Canberra office.

'We have set our sights on becoming the undisputed leader in the field of monitoring and research on government related issues' Jennefer said. 'Special and law librarians in particular are aware of the contribution we can make to their work'.

Other recent appointments include **Andrew Snedden** as Parliamentary Affairs Manager and **Nada Dobrijevic** as Senior Analyst.

Andrew worked in the Senate for 14 years and was the Secretary to a number of Parliamentary Committees while Nada, an information management graduate, worked as a researcher for a Federal Minister, managed an information resource centre and joins PRS from a trade consultancy in Melbourne.

Political Reference Service was established in Canberra in 1983 by consultants Greg Ray and Peter Timmins.

Jeanette Rosengren has recently been appointed to the Principal Librarian position of Cataloguing Librarian at Griffith University Library, Brisbane. Jeanette was formerly Chief Librarian at the McAuley College of Teacher Education, Brisbane, and before that, Chief Cataloguer at the State Library of Victoria. The position of Cataloguing Librarian at Griffith University to which Jeanette has been appointed became vacant following the retirement in March of **Marianne Eastgate** who had held the position for 15 years. A large gathering at the University library wished Marianne a happy and fulfilling retirement.

FEED BACK

Information Management and Consulting Association Special Interest Group

The Information Management and Consulting Association (IMCA) has formed a new committee and is now based in Sydney. The new convener of the Group is Ruth Ward of INTO Information Resources Pty Ltd and the new Treasurer is Craig Boaden of Craig Boaden and Associates.

IMCA is a Special Interest Group of ALIA. It was established in 1982 in Melbourne to meet the needs of people around Australia who are involved in information work as independent consultants. IMCA provides a vital forum for the discussion of ideas and exchange of information among its members. An important function of the Group is to foster a Code of Practice in this developing field.

To promote the wide variety of services offered by its members, every year IMCA produces the *Information consultants, freelancers and brokers directory*. The latest edition of this very successful directory was published in 1988 and top priority of the new committee is to publish the sixth edition as soon as possible.

If you would like to join the Group or if you'd like your service to be listed in the latest directory, please contact IMCA as soon as possible. You can telephone Ruth Ward on (02) 997 7499 or fax (02) 997 5430. Or you can send details of your service to IMCA at PO Box C297, Clarence Street Post Office, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Special Libraries Section NSW Group

The Maria Gemenis Award

Maria Gemenis encouraged librarians, particularly special librarians, to be active ALIA members and to be involved in the professional issues of the times. The Maria Gemenis Award for Outstanding Contributions to Special Librarianship has been established to encourage the members of the Special Libraries Section, NSW Group, to contribute to Section activities and to



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continue the work which Maria so actively carried out.

Nominations are now being called and perhaps you know of a special librarian who has made a significant contribution in the areas outlined in the award criteria in the Call for Nominations notice in *inCite* [11 (7) 28 May].

This award will be presented on 24 July at our Mid-Year Dinner (see Events — this issue).

Jan Cree
President



Education for Library and Information Services Section WA Branch

The Education for Library and Information Services Section in WA (ELISS — WA) recently played host to a visit by ALIA Industrial Information Officer, Tom McKeon.

Tom's schedule included a busy round of engagements including visits to the three library schools (Curtin University, Perth Technical College and WACAE) to meet and speak with students and library educators, as well as a session with members of Branch Council, a lunchtime forum with the Special Library Section and an afternoon session for Government network librarians. The issue of Award Restructuring and Structural Efficiency featured heavily in Tom's discussions. Tom also had the opportunity to speak with staff employed in academic libraries in Perth when he presented a session organised for the Curtin University Library's in-house staff development program.

Vicki Williamson
President
ELISS (WA)



New Release from
ALIA Press
the Australian
dictionary of
acronyms and
abbreviations

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Theatre of the deaf

As part of Bookprint Reading 1990 the State Library of NSW sponsored library visits by the Australian Theatre of the Deaf. Fifteen public library services in New South Wales saw performances entitled *Jumping Off the Shelf*. The audience at each library were given the opportunity to vote for three storytelling performances from a list of nine current, popular children's stories.

At Lane Cove Public Library, the audience of over 200 enthusiastic youngsters voted to see performances of: *Crusher is coming* by Bob Graham, *Princess Smartypants* by Babette Cole, and *The trouble with Mum* also by Babette Cole.

By allowing the audience to select the stories that they would like visualised, the tone was set for audience participation.

The versatile actors/mime-artists/gymnasts are all deaf or hearing-impaired. By use of movement, physical expression, acting and visual language the actors told the stories in addition to presenting the young audience with a broader, underlying message about deafness and the role of non-verbal communication.

After each story the youngsters were asked to analyse the meaning of the gestures used to perform the stories. From the observant replies it was obvious that non-verbal communication is a potent source of information for the young.

The performances were undertaken to celebrate the International Year of Literacy. In our complex society literacy is much more than just reading and writing. The dramatised story telling provided by the Australian Theatre of the Deaf used non-verbal means to make a statement about books and reading. Hopefully it assisted in the development of a love of stories and broadened the horizon of the audience and its view on the role of the local public library.



The Australian Theatre of the Deaf plays to a packed audience at Lane Cove Public Library.

State Library of New South Wales foundation dinner

Three hundred and forty guests attended an elegant dinner to launch the State Library of New South Wales Foundation. The Dinner was held, after pre-dinner drinks in the foyer of the Macquarie Street Wing, in the exhibition galleries of the State Library. The candlelit galleries provided an intimate atmosphere with the Palm Court Orchestra playing for much of the evening.



Robert Hughes (left), Alison Crook, State Library of NSW, and Jim Bain, Chairman of the State Library Foundation of NSW and President of the Library Council of NSW, at the State Library of New South Wales Foundation Dinner.

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State Library of NSW.

The dinner was organised by a Functions Committee of the Foundation which is under the patronage of Lady Rowland. The Committee Chairwoman is Virginia Henderson and the other Committee members are Lady Neal, Janette Bain, Jill Wran, Rowena Danziger, Di Jagelman, Joy Richter, Rosemary Harper, Joanna Capon with State Library staff, Janette Parkinson and Catherine Walsh.

The keynote speakers at the dinner were Jim Wolfensohn AO and Robert Hughes. Jim Wolfensohn was not able to appear in person at the last minute due to illness. However he was able to arrange for his speech to be taped in New York and transmitted via satellite to Sydney. The video tape, when played during the dinner, proved to be an impressive substitute.

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