

What you get for your ALIA \$\$\$

Your professional association is involved in an array of issues and programs, all of which relate to you, its members. As a member of ALIA, here are a few of the benefits you receive:

Membership services

- reduced prices on all ALIA serials and monograph publications — up to 33 per cent;
- reduced fees on all ALIA national and divisional conferences, seminars, and professional development activities — up to 60 per cent;
- discounts on accommodation and travel through ANZ travel;
- *Vital link* — your key to office bearers and contacts throughout Australia;
- the opportunity to network with a vast range of people, exchanging information and ideas;
- the ability to develop a support network in areas of specific interest;
- through elected representatives, Branches and Divisions, a say in the governing of your Association;
- opportunities to participate in the activities of sister associations at member rates;
- purchase and redemption of ALIA inter library loan vouchers (for full institutional members and voucher only members only);
- a full tax deduction for your ALIA fees.

Lobbying: current issues

- representation in the Review of Higher Education;
- involvement and advice in the Award Restructuring and Skills Audit process.

Advice and liaison

- provision of advice to governments at all levels by participating on committees, making submissions to enquiries, providing information and statistics. This is often done by ALIA committees such as the Australian Committee on Cataloguing, Audio-visual Services Committee, Australian Booktrade Committee et cetera;
- liaising with a wide range of other professions and professional associations — local, national and international. Such groups include ACLIS, National Book Council, IFLA, COMLA.

Policy and promotion

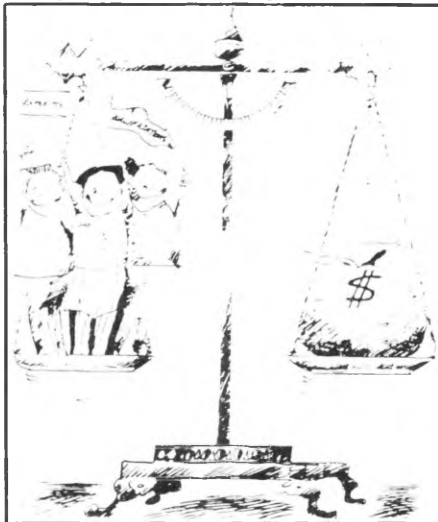
- development of policy statements;
- development of library standards;
- involvement in the Australian

Libraries Summit;

- coordination of Australian Library Week;
- response to advertisements depicting library and information personnel in outdated/stereotyped fashion;
- general publicity material.

Professional development

- development of professional development packages;
- nationally approved professional development courses;
- Branch, Section, Regional Group and Special Interest Group activities.



Conferences

- ALIA 1st Biennial Conference — Perth 1990;
- Divisional Conferences organised around particular interests: e.g. Information Online 91, 6th National Library Technicians Conference (1991).

Awards and distinctions

The HCL Anderson, Redmond Barry and Ellinor Archer Awards; Fellowships; the Metcalfe Medallion; Library Manager of the Year; Library Technician of the Year; awards for students at each school of library and information studies; Study Grant Awards.

Education

- course recognition visits to monitor the maintenance of professional standards;
- assessment of overseas qualifications;
- provision of careers information including production of courses booklets.

Publications

- *inCite*;

- the *Australian Library Journal*;
- Sectional journals, e.g. *ORANA*, *ASL*, *AARL*;
- specialist monographs — proceedings of conferences, standards, directories and handbooks.

Industrial matters

- collection of workforce data;
- provision of information about employment prospects;
- advice about staff exchanges;
- operation of employment schemes;
- development of work level guide lines;
- production of salary scales and salary advice;
- assistance with industrial problems;
- liaison with unions
- monitoring newspaper's advertisements for positions advertised incorrectly or at the wrong level.

Viewed together it is easy to see the substantial return one gets for just \$135.

Being an information professional may cost but the benefits to both the individual and the industry far exceed expenditure.



Children's and teacher-librarians take note

Fancy munching lunch with somebody famous? The Children's Book Council of Australia (NSW Branch) has organised a Children's Book Week luncheon in the Argyle Tavern, Sydney on 30 July 1990.

Feast on tomato soup, damper, chicken nuggets, french fries, vegetarian pasta, salads, chocolate cake and ice cream, cordial and tea and coffee for the grown-ups!

Each table will seat eight children, one accompanying adult and an Australian author or illustrator, so take your autograph books.

Just \$16 per person — booking and enquiries to Jane Smith, Macquarie Bookshop, 70 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150, telephone (02) 635 7726.

And don't forget **Imagine Children's Book Fair 1990**, staged in the Lower Town Hall, George Street, Sydney from 26-29 July 1990.

