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Newsletter of the Australian Library & Information Association

The new team is in!

inCite wishes good luck and every success in 1991 to ALIA's new Executive Officers —

President: John Levett, whose Front Line appears on the next page.

Vice-President: Bev Kirby
Bev writes:

'My thanks to members who took part in the election process and to those who gave me support and encouragement.

It is good to be on the team to lead ALIA. I am confident that in 1991 under John Levett's leadership ALIA will grow and strengthen.

An individual I make the assumption that every member is important and that ALIA must hear their concerns. My work with the Executive, General Council and National Office will be based on this.

General Council will set objectives for 1991. I look forward to participating in that process. And now the work begins.'

Past President: Dr Lynn Allen

General Secretary: Tanya Whitmarsh

Tanya writes:

'I'm pleased to be back in service to members as an 'old hand' — this will be my 5th year on General Council as a NSW representative and my second term as General Secretary.

Working with a fine team of national office staff and honorary office bearers, and with a brand new investment in our national office building, I am looking forward to our next exciting strategic steps into the future.'

General Treasurer: Philippa Middleton
Philippa writes:

'I am Manager of Noarlunga Library Services, which includes one of the largest

public/TAFE joint-use libraries. I was SA Branch President of ALIA in 1989 and am currently SA General Councillor. I am particularly interested in promotion of, and lobbying for, library and information services.'

Chairperson, Board of Education: to be elected 11 February.

The **General Councillors** for 1991 are:
ACT: Colin Steele; NSW: Tanya Whitmarsh; NT: Ruth Quinn; QLD: Geoff Chapman; SA: Philippa Middleton; TAS: Peter Cohen; VIC: Jane King; WA: Roslynn Membrey.

Executive Director: Sue Kosse, who has just accepted re-appointment for a further

term of 2 years, writes: 'I and my colleagues in the National Office are looking forward to 1991 as a year of challenge. Our first and over-riding priority is to maintain and improve our services to members. At the same time we shall be establishing the new building, reaching decisions on our new computer system and preparing for much greater conference activity. It promises to be an exciting and absorbing time for all of us.' ■



Interlibrary loans

Can we develop better systems of payments?

The library community has been discussing the desirability of libraries benefiting from the increasing use of communications technology for interlibrary loans. In consequence, the ALIA General Council decided in March 1990 to convene a meeting to consider future strategies of payments for interlibrary loans in Australia. This development fitted in well with the Association's own plans to replace its existing computing system, with one of its functions being the issuing and redemption of interlibrary loan vouchers.

The Association currently offers libraries a

simple mechanism for payments for interlibrary loans involving the purchase, exchange and redemption of vouchers. This system has been in operation since 1977. The Association manages the voucher system, with ACLIS, and previously AACOBS, setting the recommended charges for interlibrary loans.

An Organising Committee established to plan the meeting included representatives from the Association, ACLIS and the National Library of Australia. The meeting was held on 22 November 1990. Its objective was to develop strategies for a better service to

Australian libraries through the development of efficient systems of payments for interlibrary loans. Its outcome was to be the identification of possible alternatives for the future, each of which would require subsequent investigation.

The meeting brought together 24 representatives from the Association, ACLIS, CAUL, State Libraries Council, ASLA, the National Sections of the Association for Public, School, Special and TAFE libraries,

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