

Feedback

Winner of the Anne Harrison Award 1991

The Anne Harrison Award is made biennially to further the development of health librarianship in Australia. This year, the winner of the \$2500 Award is Anne Batt of the Medical Library, University of Western Australia.

Anne won the award for her proposal to develop a model collection development policy capable of implementation in those TAFE colleges and Aboriginal Medical Services that provide training for community health workers in general and for Aboriginal health workers in particular.

The official presentation of the award to Anne was made at the ALIA Health Libraries Section dinner at the Australian National Gallery on 4 September 1991.

Katherine Keily
Secretary, Anne Harrison Fund
Health Libraries Section

Shifting LIAISE's on!

The ALIA NSW Branch employment service, *LIAISE*, is now being administered by Jo-anne Fuller, NSW Branch Local Presence Coordinator.

Jo-anne will take care of the service for the remainder of 1991. The Branch will soon be advertising for a coordinator for the service for 1992.

LIAISE is a contact service which brings together those looking for work with prospective employers.

The service is available to all employers. Full Institutional Members of ALIA and personal members who are consultants are charged a \$25 service fee and \$25 for a list of 1-5 names of people matching the employer's stated requirements.

Non-member employers are charged a \$50 service fee and \$50 for the list of names.

ALIA NSW Branch personal (financial) members can register with the service for free. Non-members cannot register.

There are currently 28 librarians, two library technicians and two library assistants registered with the service. So if you're looking for work, or looking for workers, *LIAISE* first!

For further information and registration forms contact Jo-anne Fuller, PO Box 246, Artarmon, NSW 2064, telephone (02) 906 6000, fax (02) 906 5987.

Jo-anne Fuller

The SLiC campaign

In defence of Victoria's public libraries

Representatives of a range of professional and industry organisations and local government have joined forces to campaign for a better deal for Victoria's public libraries. The new body is called **SLiC** — the **Save Libraries Coalition**.

Organisations involved so far are the Australian Booksellers Association (ABA), the Metropolitan Municipal Association (MMA), Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), Save Our Libraries Victoria (SOLV) and the Victorian Public Library and Information Network (VICLINK). It is hoped that other groups concerned about the welfare of public libraries will also join.

SLiC believes that Victoria's public library system is suffering a death by a thousand cuts. The State Government's contribution to public libraries has declined to the stage where it now pays only one quarter of the costs of operating the system.

Public libraries are the most accessible of our learning institutions, are vital components of our communities and are symbols of the strength, richness and

diversity of our culture. Yet these very institutions are being paralysed, says SLiC, by the neglect of the State Government. Last year, by the deferral of payments, the State Government delayed paying half of their share of funding to public libraries.

The Government's own advisory structures, the Public Libraries Liaison Committee and the Libraries Board of Victoria have recommended that there be increased cooperation and coordination of library services. For this to happen, an additional \$1 million is needed immediately but from the Government SLiC has heard nothing.

SLiC wants a commitment in next month's Budget from Arts Minister Jim Kennan and the Government, that funding will be provided to halt the disintegration of Victoria's public library system, including restoration of funding to an adequate level, a commitment to indexation and an additional \$1 million for cooperation and coordination.

For further information contact Jane King on (03) 429 3644.

Mike Ingram
Metropolitan Municipal Association

RAILS Conference Canberra, 6-8 November 1991

The newly-formed Reference and Information Librarians Section (RAILS) in the ACT, has come up with an innovative and exciting program.

This will be the successor to the previous Reference Conferences but the first under the auspices of RAILS.

The theme of the conference is *'Reference and Information Services — Priorities for the Future'*. This theme is taken up strongly from **Day 1**. We are heading for the 21st Century — what sort of reference/information services do we want for the future? What demands are being made of libraries now? Which of them can we meet and how well? What resources will we need to provide efficient services?

Day 2 of the conference will be a workshop organised by the University College and Research Libraries Section.

Day 3 will examine priorities for the 90s. Two non-librarians, but regular users of libraries, Professor Stuart Macintyre, University of Melbourne, and Professor Bill Mandle, University of Canberra, will tell us how they would like to see libraries develop.

The keynote speakers for the conference will be John Levett, President of ALIA, on the legal

responsibilities of librarians and Eric Wainwright, Deputy Director General, National Library of Australia on the future direction of information services.

The organisers are making good use of the location in Canberra — the venues include ALIA House, the Black Mountain Tower restaurant and tours of Canberra libraries including special libraries and the National Library and new Parliament House.

A number of ACT speakers and chairpersons and an exhibition of free information resources from ACT agencies will support our belief in the richness of ACT resources, both human and printed!

This will be a stimulating conference for all those working in reference and information services. Importantly, the conference qualifies under the Training Guarantee Scheme. This is a strong selling point, when employers can count all expenditure directly related to the conference as 'eligible training expenditure'.

Brochures and registration forms are available from ALIA National Office or from RAILS ACT Section.

Averill Edwards
Program Convener

OTC Data Access

Canberra Online Users Group members enjoyed OTC hospitality on 14 August while seeing presentations of OTC Data Access and the NIKKEI database. Brian Callaghan, one of the original prime movers of MIDAS in OTC and a long-time friend of COLUG, was also present. We noted some striking differences in the rates charged, depending on the method of access: the Duration Charge began at \$22 an hour for Dial-Up via OTC Data Access, but dropped to \$10.80 for Dial-Up via OTC Vanguard or Austpac. High volume users with a tie-line to OTC pay only \$7.80 an hour. All but the first have registration, password and/or rental charges in addition. OTC is trying to provide a single point of contact for data networking. It is also trying to simplify its billing system, to minimise the need for Australian users to pay other bills in foreign currencies for their searches.

Peter Judge



A link with the past — Brian Callaghan and COLUG Convener Jean Geue cut the cake at the MIDAS 3rd birthday lunch in June 1982.

Correction

Call for Papers, ALIA 1992 Biennial Conference

The fax number for Elizabeth Carvosso should be (03) 696 0557.

Queensland schools link into information network

Students in over 240 Queensland State primary and high schools are using a wide variety of personal computers (from Apple II's to IBM 386-compatibles) to access the Australian Associated Press (AAP) news service and a range of educational databases.

The students are using the information in subjects as diverse as journalism, media studies, economics, information technology, commerce and social sciences. Teachers and administrators have also begun to access databases holding administrative and support information.

The Queensland Department of Education established the Information Access Project (IAP) Network after requests from schools and support centres throughout the State for access to up-to-date information. The IAP Network uses the BRS/SEARCH system, supplied by Computer Sciences of Australia, to manage the retrieval of information stored on a Departmental MIPS host computer under Unix.

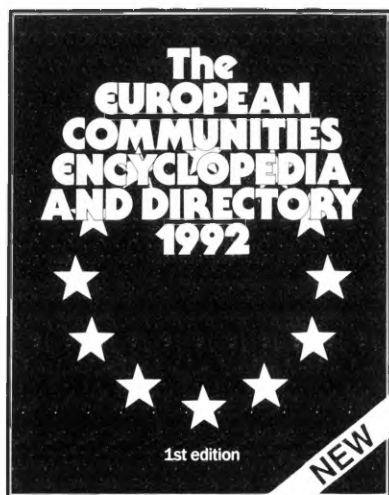
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Des Tellis leaves AMF

On the occasion of his retirement as Information Services Manager at the Australian Mineral Foundation, ALIA is proud to recognise the contribution that Desmond Tellis has made to the library and information profession.

Des has provided a commitment to the profession which has resulted in leadership for others, particularly staff in special libraries. He will be missed especially by these librarians for whom he has been seen as a champion of their cause. He has been particularly supportive through difficult times by providing sound example and advice to other professionals on

how to convince management of the value of libraries and information services and the key role played by the information manager in government and commercial libraries and information agencies. His development of the information services provided by the Australian Mineral Foundation will continue to be an example followed by others.

Des has shared his views, unreservedly, on the philosophy, practice and development of library and information science through his



L to R: Euan Miller, Chris Harrison, Colin Taylor, Des Tellis, Jan Gaebler, Carla Mellor and Di Booker at Des's farewell dinner.

significant contribution to the professional literature. He has sought to influence educators through his involvement as a long serving member of the Course Advisory Committee for the Bachelor of Arts (Library and Information Science) at the University of South Australia, and to influence the profession through his involvement as a member and Fellow of ALIA and involvement in various committees of the Advisory Council on Bibliographic Services

(AACOBS) and in its later guise as the Australian Council of Library and Information Services (ACLIS).

Des is known for his good humour and his humanity throughout the library and information industry in Australia. He is loved by us all for his genuine interest in the welfare of his fellow librarians and in the advancement of library and information issues.

Di Booker
President, SA Branch

Workshop on research

UCRLS at RAILS, Canberra 7 November

It's not long since UCRLS added the 'R' — Research — to its name. Many members of the Section are not only drawn from research libraries, but also have a personal commitment to library research. UCRLS is fostering this with a 1-day workshop on research, to be held on 7 November. This is the middle day of the Reference and Information Librarians' Section (RAILS) Conference, and although it will be possible to attend just the workshop, the organisers expect most delegates will attend both. (The RAILS Conference program looks terrific, so this will be no hardship.)

The UCRLS Workshop will certainly have a reference and information services focus. Professor Mairéad Browne will be talking about the research she and Susan Edwards have been doing, developing performance measures for information services. Their work is being conducted in

three university libraries in Sydney. Associate Professor Maxine Rochester will provide an overview of where research in reference and information services is at, both in Australia and overseas. And the link between theory and practice won't be ignored, either: Barbara Paton will talk about La Trobe University Library's Research Committee, and Jan Novak and Margaret Robertson about the development of a Research Policy at QUT. Other speakers will report current research, and provide tips and lessons drawn from experience.

A brochure about the RAILS Conference is now available from the ALIA Conference Organiser, at the ALIA national office. For further details about the UCRLS Workshop, contact Peter Clayton, President of UCRLS, at the University of Canberra, telephone (06) 252 2015 or 252 2312, or fax

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Peter Clayton



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