

Multi-million dollar extensions to University Library

Margaret Macpherson says the new building has trebled the size of CSU's library at Wagga Wagga

KIM BEAZLEY, the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, opened the \$4.3 million extension to the William Merrylees Library building at the beginning of July. The four-storey extension is one of the largest projects ever undertaken on campus.

400 000 monographs, 4450 current serial titles, and 113 000 non-book items.

Before it was extended, the building comprised 2790 sq m and accommodated 200 readers and 100 000 volumes. The completion of the extensions increases the size of the building to 7570 sq m and its capacity to 450 readers and 300 000 volumes.

Opportunities for the delivery of information are enhanced by the optic fibre link between the University's campuses and thence to the world. The University is also a member of UNILINC, a network for the automation and coordination of services and for cooperation between NSW university libraries.

The University plans continuing development of its library services—it has allocated \$1 million

per annum for the period 1992–1994 to the Division to increase its collections, particularly in the areas that serve higher degree and research activities.

The extensions to the William Merrylees Library Building are only the first stage in new library construction. Major extensions of the Trussett Library Building at Bathurst and the Library Building at Albury-Wodonga are scheduled to commence in 1992 and 1995, respectively. ■

Books received

BAA, BAA, black sheep
Have you any wool?

Yes, sir, oh yes, sir! three bales full.

One for the master, who grows so lean and lank;

None for the mistress,

But two for the Bank!

Rhymes for our times? Not a bit of it—this was written by George Herbert Gibson exactly eighty years ago. It is one of a few such social comments in a book on 'the forgotten folklore of Australian nursery rhymes' recently published by the National Library of Australia. This is a delightfully presented and illustrated book that many of you will want to own a copy of for yourself—just buying one for your library won't do!

It combines scholarship and entertainment—at the same time a critical history and a fascinating anthology of verses composed in Australia for children in Australia, from 1854 up to today. *Twinkle, twinkle, Southern Cross*, by Robert Holden, NLA Canberra, price \$29.95 paperback, ISBN 0 642 10560 X.

Robin McGillivray, of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service in Kakadu National Park, has sent us a kit of forty-six information, activity and follow-up sheets aimed at use both in the classroom and in the bush. Ideal for any school planning excursions to the Park, or simply to amplify environmental awareness. The sheets can be freely photocopied, with due acknowledgment. Additional activities are available in a booklet, *Kakadu for Keen Kids*, aimed primarily at students from 10–16 years on visits to the Park. *Kakadu National Park, a kit for schools*, ISBN 0 642 16603 X is available from The Botanical Bookshop, P O Box 351, Jamison ACT 2614 at \$25 plus \$10 p & p, and the booklet at \$1 plus \$3.50 p & p. ■



At the opening on 1 July (from left): The Chancellor, Mr J D Asimus; the Hon W Fife, Member for Hume; Minister Kim Beazley; the Vice Chancellor, Prof C Blake.

The Charles Sturt University (CSU) Division of Library Services comprises the University Library and the CSU regional Archives. Libraries are situated at Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst and Wagga Wagga. The Australian Graduate School of Police Management Library at Manly will also soon become part of the Division.

The Division currently services 17 000 customers including students, staff and members of the community, lends 434 000 items each year and holds over

Two new books from ALIA

THE TRAINING Guarantee Scheme—Guidelines for the Library and Information Industry (available from ALIA National Office at \$10 to members, \$15 to non-members, incl p & p), has been written to clarify aspects of the Training Guarantee Scheme for the library and information sector. It is intended to be read in conjunction with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) publication *The Training Guarantee—Your Questions Answered*.

Note that if you need general information and advice on training and

development in the library and information sector contact ALIA's Training and Development Officer; for information on certification of training programs or expenditure contact the Executive Director, both on (06) 285 1877. Further information about the Training Guarantee Scheme is available from the ATO on its Training Guarantee Hotline on 008 01 1160, or from your nearest ATO.

The Electronics of Acquisitions: Standard Answers. Collected papers for an ALIA Acquisitions Seminar, Melbourne,

14 November 1991, ed. John Horacek, Philip Kent and Richard Siegersma. ISBN 0 86804 478 4 (from ALIA National Office at \$15 to members, \$21 to non-members, incl p & p).

Speakers at the Seminar came from library, banking and audit backgrounds and from the commercial suppliers. Topics included electronic alternatives to keying bibliographic data into local order systems, dispatch of orders, claims and order status reports and financial transactions, including invoice processing and payments. ■