

## James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship

Applications are invited for a grant of \$5,000 from the James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship Fund (funded by Blackwell's of Oxford and Blackwell North America) to study or research a project relating to *Acquisition of Library Resources* or *The changing nature of library information resources*. The project must cover issues of a general nature and be relevant to libraries in general or libraries of a particular kind. Projects of interest only to an individual library will not be funded.

The grant is intended to assist a librarian to complete such a project and may be used for travel, leave expenses or other resources necessary for the proposed project. It is not available to librarians teaching in higher education institutions who are entitled to leave for study and research purposes.

The project is required to be completed and a report furnished to the Selection Panel by 30 April 1994. The report should either be suitable for publication or include a version suitable for that purpose.

Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand citizens of at least five years standing. They must be eligible for professional membership of the Australian Library and Information Association or the New Zealand Library and Information Association.

The scholarship will be awarded by a Panel consisting of Margaret Cameron, Deakin University, Alison Crook, State Library of New South Wales, Peter Durey, University of Auckland and Derek Fielding, University of Queensland.

The decision of the Selection Panel will be final and no appeals will be heard.

Applications (four copies) should be forwarded to Derek Fielding, Convenor, James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship Selection Panel, c/o Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Academic Services, University of Queensland, Queensland 4072, Australia to arrive no later than 30 April 1993.

## Te Ara Tika: the New Zealand Bicultural Research Project

In this International Year for the World's Indigenous People *inCite* is glad to report on an important initiative on the other side of the Tasmán. This activity arose from a 1990 report by the Futures Group of the New Zealand Library Association (NZLA—now the NZLIA), which stated that 'The Treaty of Waitangi places the Maori in a different constitutional position from that of any other ethnic group in New Zealand. Librarians and information workers therefore have a special responsibility to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the Maori are recognised in their activities'.

Following the restructuring of the NZLA in 1990 its members endorsed a new mission statement, which included these words: 'The Association recognises the Treaty of Waitangi, its fundamental role in the definition of New Zealand and will work for its fulfilment in all aspects of the Association's concerns'.

In January of last year, the Association, with the support and assistance of the Bicultural SIG, initiated *Te Ara Tika* ('*The Right Path*'): The NZLA Bicultural Research Project. Commissioning of the project came after much discussion on how best the NZLA could continue to uphold its stated recognition of the Treaty's importance.

An appeal for assistance with funding resulted in a generous response from libraries, SIGs and Regions and a management committee was appointed to direct and monitor the study. The committee includes Anna Chalmers, Manager Research, National Library; Dick Grace, Manager, Maori Policy and Planning, National Library; Lydia Klimovitch, General Secretary, NZLIA;

## Library Manager of the Year

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ALIA members will know Co-op Subscriptions as a specialist division of the University Co-operative Bookshop Ltd., Australia's largest academic bookseller. In a new and closer relationship with ALIA, Co-op Subscriptions have now agreed to sponsor the Library Manager of the Year Award.

Manager Carolyn Cherrett says: 'Co-op Subscriptions is very pleased to be the new sponsor for this Award, and

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Subject Librarian, NZ

Collection (Wellington Public Library); Sue Sutherland, Management Services Librarian, Canterbury Public Library (Immediate Past-President, NZLA); and Chris Szekely, Takawaenga-a-rohe, National Library.

## The goal of Te Ara Tika

'To promote the development of biculturalism in library services and in the library and information profession.'

## Progress to date

The committee decided that there should be a questionnaire to seventy public libraries; written submissions from libraries involved in bicultural initiatives; personal interviews at twenty libraries nationally; interviews (individually and at hui) of randomly selected Maori library users and non-users; a review of the literature on services to Maori and bicultural issues; and a review of overseas literature on library services to indigenous peoples and ethnic groups.

Tui McDonald was commissioned to undertake the project. She was able to complete most of the data collection during the period March–August, and has now prepared a preliminary paper focussing on the results of the public library survey questionnaire. A final report is due to be released by the middle of 1993. The project may continue, focussing more specifically on Maori use of libraries and information. Needless to say, this activity by the NZLIA raises important questions for ALIA. ■

to be able to continue to sponsor awards that recognise excellence, in this case excellence in library management.'

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