

## Diane Costello appointed as Executive Officer of CAUL

In May this year Diane Costello was appointed as the Executive officer of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL).

With changes in the higher education sector CAUL has evolved from a loose federation to an effective organisation representing the interests of university libraries. CAUL has formed close working relationships with the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee and the Department of Employment, Education and Training. The Council has become concerned with lobbying and formulating responses to government enquiries. A key objective is advocacy and raising the profile of university libraries.

CAUL aims to optimise access to and preservation of university library collections. CAUL takes an active role in assisting university librarians in adopting innovative management practices and in the professional development of staff. It is becoming a coordinating body enabling a sharing of expertise and a common approach as far as is possible among the 38 institutions.

Diane Costello has worked in libraries since 1973 when she commenced as a library assistant. In 1978 she received her ALAA qualifications and in 1980 graduated from the University of Queensland with a BA in pure mathematics and statistics. She has spent almost all her professional career in academic libraries in Queensland and Victoria. She has been a member of ALIA since 1975. Diane has been an office bearer for Queensland UCRLS, Victorian Branch Council and Victorian UCRLS. For most of the past eight years Diane worked at the University of Melbourne as Lending Services Librarian and as Manager of the Library's Information Technology Unit.

Diane is looking forward to working closely with the major library and librarian organisations. She believes there is an added strength in a cooperative approach to addressing issues of common concern. A coordinated response to the major issues facing the library and information community, including submissions to government

and government enquiries, increases the impact. A strong and united voice, rather than several slightly different points of view, has a much greater chance of being heard. She believes our organisations have a remarkable combined pool of talent, and that we should make the best use of this, particularly when it comes to lobbying for greater resources.

ALIA looks forward to working closely with Diane. ■



L-R: Diane Costello, Executive Officer, CAUL with John Shipp, University Librarian, University of Wollongong

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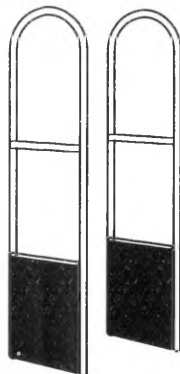
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