

Honour for former state archivist

We are pleased to report that Margaret Medcalf, BA Dip Ed, FALIA, ARMA, former state archivist and principal librarian of the JS Battye Library of West Australia from 1971 to 1989, has received an Order of Australia Medal in the General Division in the June Queen's Birthday Honours for service to the preservation of history.

Margaret's career started in 1955 when she was appointed to the Archives Branch of the Public Library of Western Australia. From 1971 she served in the dual role of state archivist and principal librarian of the Battye Library with the Library and Information Service of Western Australia.

During her professional career she has been involved in many organisations including president of the archives section of the Library Association of Australia (1972–72); inaugural convenor of the Perth branch of the Australian Society of Archivists (1981–85); president of the Australian Library and Information Association, Western Australian branch (1982); and founding member in 1982, and from 1988 to 1989, president of the Western Australian branch of the Records Management Association of Australia. Margaret served as a member of the Western Australian Heritage Committee (1980–1991); and was appointed by the Western Australian government to the Government House Foundation from 1987 through to the mid-1990s.

In recognition of her service and distinguished contribution to librarianship, archives, records management and bibliography she has received the following awards: an ALIA Fellowship in 1986; honorary life member of the Australian Society of Archivists in 1989; honorary life member of the Oral History Association (WA Branch); hon-



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orary Associateship of the Western Australian Museum, for her contribution to the Museum's Maritime Archaeology Advisory Committee, and in 1995 she was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society.

In 1989 Margaret was elected to both positions of president and chairman of council of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. She served in this dual position until 1991, followed by a further three years as chairman of council of that Society.

Margaret is a charter member of Zonta International's Zonta Club of Perth. Zonta International is an international community service organisation of executives in business and the professions and has a worldwide membership of more than 36 000 executives. In Paris, last year she was appointed chairman of Archives and History for Zonta International for 1998–2000. ■



• **9/9 NSW Library Technicians section. Special General meeting.** The Esplanade Hotel, Marine Terrace, Fremantle, WA, 12–1.30pm. *Further details to be advised at the National LT Conference*. For more information, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

10/9 University of New South Wales Library Staff Reunion. Invitation to former staff. 2–7pm. For details contact: Pat Howard, ph 02 9385 2678, fx 02 9385 8002, p.howard@unsw.edu.au

• **14/9–14/12 NSW Branch Council meeting.** State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, observers welcome. 1999 meeting dates: 14/9, 19/10 (6pm, McDonalds Room, Ground Floor), 16/11, 14/12 (6pm, Sumitomo Room, Level 11). *RSVP to:* Jo-anne Fuller or Heather Black, ph 02 9906 6000, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

27/9 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *The beauty therapist, the mechanic, the geoscientist and the librarian: addressing undervaluation of women's work.* Uni of Technology, Sydney, 5pm. Contact National Office ATN WEXDEV, PO Box 123, Broadway 2007, ph 02 9514 2909, fx 02 9514 2930, jane.clifford@uts.edu.au, URL <http://www.uts.edu.au/oth/wexdev>

• **13/10 NSW Library Technicians section. General meeting.** Paramatta Heritage Centre, Church Street (near Lennox Bridge), Parramatta, 5:30pm, refreshments provided. For further details, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

• **22/10 NSW Acquisitions section. One day seminar on basics of acquisitions.** State Library of NSW, Metcalfe Auditorium, 8:30–4pm. \$85 ALIA members, \$60 ALIA student members, \$110 non-members. Contact: Linda Bishop, ph 02 9809 5884, linrose@one.net.au See the back of the cover sheet in this issue of *inCite*.

• **10/11 NSW Library Technicians section. 1999 Annual General Meeting.** Society of Australian Genealogists, Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, Sydney, 5:30pm. Meeting will include tour of the Australasian collection, refreshments provided. For further details, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

• **1/12 NSW School Libraries section. Christmas function,** 6pm. All members are welcome at this function. Venue tba. Contact the president, Ian McLean, Ian.McLean@det.nsw.edu.au or the secretary Mary Gibbs, mgibbs@shore.nsw.edu.au for more details

• **4/12 NSW Library Technicians section. General meeting/end of year celebrations.** Coles Room, Level 11, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 11am, refreshments provided. For more information, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

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Community networking conference

A major conference on low-cost electronic community networking will be held in Ballarat from 29 September to 1 October 1999. The *Community networking 99: engaging regionalism* conference is being organised by Community Information Victoria and the Australian Community Networking Alliance.

A diverse range of people will come together to learn more about community networking, to establish an on-going co-ordinating structure in Australia, and to set up an on-going electronic forum on the world wide web.

There will be four keynote speakers: Amy Borgstrom, Appalachian Center for Economic Networks; David Newman, Queen's University Belfast; Lyn Simpson, Queensland University of Technology; and Tom Worthington, member of the Defence Department's Information Systems Year 2000 Project Management Office.

Further details about the conference, including registration details, are available from the conference organiser John Myers, phone 03 9818 6339 or Community Information Victoria, 4/136 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, phone 03 9650 5322. ■