

Cataloguing in South Australia

Lee Brauer, ALIA Cataloguers Section

In the first half of 1999, the committee of the South Australian Cataloguers Section met only once, on 26 February, and decided not to plan any early functions, as most members were heavily involved in the implementation of Kinetica in their libraries. Jay Douglas, the president, had a

particularly heavy schedule, being involved as a trainer as well.

Jay represented the cataloguers section at the ALIA presentation for undergraduate students, held at the Magill Campus, University of South Australia, on 19 May. She was also a committee member for the South

Australian Branch Conference, which was held at Clare on 16–17 October.

The committee held regular meetings from June onwards. On 11 August the section combined with UCRLS for a presentation 'The portable cataloguing workstation' by Mary Ellen Bartholomew, who has been cataloguing for the United States National Park Service while living in South Australia. This function was well attended and enthusiastically received.

On 25 October, the section arranged for Tom Delsey, keynote speaker at the 13th National Cataloguing Conference, to present his keynote address, 'Viewing the information universe through the Anglo-American Cataloguing rules' to a group of some twenty-seven local cataloguers. The presentation was followed by an informal feedback session from the conference, presented by Helen Butler, State Library of South Australia, and Jay Douglas and Marilyn Fraser from the University of South Australia.

The Group's annual general meeting will be held at the Underdale Campus of the University of South Australia, and will be preceded by a tour of the University of South Australia Library's Central Store. ■

A valuable interchange of ideas

Caryl Armstrong, president, ALIA Health Libraries Section (SA)

The South Australian Health Libraries committee has had wide representation this year. Members came from the public service, university and the private sector, a mix which has led to a valuable interchange of ideas. Thanks are due to this committee for all their hard work.

This year we held some co-operative events with other ALIA sections. These were a fascinating social event at the zoo and a very successful copyright seminar. A report back from the Asia Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians Conference in Hobart was appreciated by our members.

We were fortunate to have several

speakers address our group. Of particular interest were Robyn Collins, who spoke to us about the PLAIN project, and Larry Amey who informed us about directions of the library school and library education. In deference to technology our new *South Australian Health Libraries Directory* is being updated and mounted on the web.

A stress management workshop helped us cope with a busy year as did a merry lunch held to farewell Sheila Edwards, one of our long-term colleagues, into retirement. We wish the section all the very best for the future. ■

Conferences a feature of 1999 in Tasmania

Jane Jeppson, ALIA Tasmanian Branch

1999 has been a very busy year for the Tasmanian Branch. A major focus of the activities of the Branch for 1999 was the planning and hosting of the 8th Asia Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' conference in August.

Prior to the conference, information sessions were held for members who had volunteered to assist during the conference. The Branch is very grateful for the assistance of members as this contributed to the success of the conference and presented a friendly, welcoming atmosphere which was appreciated by all those who attended.

The ALIA National TAFE section biennial conference *TAFE libraries: Adding value* was also hosted in Hobart in July this year focussing on the value that TAFE libraries add to vocational education and training.

Two very successful seminars titled 'Making electronic resources accessible' and 'Client training: information skills from school to lifelong learning' were presented by the Branch this year under the collective title *Sectors working together*. The seminars enabled library workers in public, special, academic and school libraries to come together and share their expertise. Over fifty people attended each

seminar. The Branch will continue this cross-sectoral approach to CPD activities in 2000.

Preparations towards the 11th National ALIA Library Technicians Conference in Tasmania in 2001 began with a submission to ALIA General Council in 1997 to hold the conference in Tasmania. On confirmation from ALIA General Council we formed a conference committee and, after several meetings, decided on a theme (*An information odyssey*), logo and venue (The Hotel Grand Chancellor). The committee then short-listed three professional conference organisers and surveyed referees. In consultation with ALIA National Office, Mures was appointed as our professional conference organiser. With Mures' help the committee prepared promotional material to take to the 10th Library Technicians Conference in Fremantle and we are grateful to the Fremantle committee for allowing us to set up the display. Feedback from delegates to the Fremantle conference has enthused us for the road ahead.

And finally, the Branch was delighted this year by the decision to present the prestigious HCL Anderson Award to one of its members, John Levett. The Branch will celebrate this achievement with John at this year's annual Christmas dinner where he has been invited as guest of honour. ■