

A productive and busy 2000

Acquisitions South Australia, president's report

2000 has seen the Acquisitions South Australia section continue its tradition of actively supporting acquisitions library professionals. The section organised a number of events during the year to provide an awareness of valuable research resources and provide a forum for information sharing.

On 10 May 2000, Acquisitions South Australia organised a well-attended tour of the South Australian Museum Library. The tour was conducted by the librarian, Marianne Anthony, who also gave a talk about the library. The Museum Library provides a comprehensive library service for the research officers at the South Australian Museum and has an excellent collection of material, both monographs and serials, on geology, biology, science and anthropology. Marianne also described the museum's large collection of manuscripts and photographs from exploratory expeditions in South Australia from the 19th century which forms the Mu-

seum Archival Collection. Marianne discussed the dilemma of trying to provide the best service with a shrinking budget — something familiar to us all.

A tour of State Records at Netley conducted by Judy Jeffries was held on 28 June. This was also well-attended and gave participants an opportunity to learn about the enormous variety of material held at State Records. We were also shown the originals of some of the state's most significant historical documents.

The highlight for the year, however, was the *Consortia 2000 Seminar* held on 10 November at PLAIN Central Services in Hindmarsh. The seminar, attended by about fifty people, included papers by library professionals which discussed the recent developments in purchasing consortia amongst special and public libraries in South Australia. These consortia were inspired by a paper presented at an acquisitions seminar held in 1999.

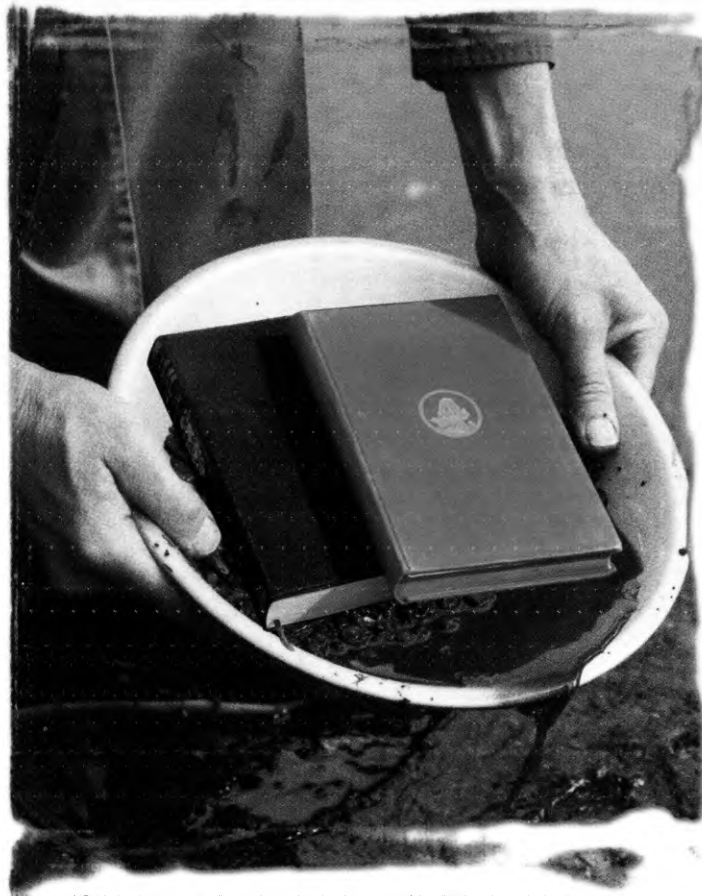
Feedback from the those who attended indicates that consortia is certainly a very hot topic.

The last event for the year was the annual general meeting and tour of the Urrbrae TAFE Library on 5 December. Gay Chamberlain, the librarian spoke about the challenges of managing a TAFE-school joint-use library and provided a tour of the library.

The National Acquisitions Section was also transferred from Acquisitions Victoria to Acquisitions South Australia during the year, but we are waiting on further developments in a number of areas before a decision will be made on the how the National Acquisitions Section will operate.

Acquisitions South Australia is in a very good position to meet the challenges ahead and is has already planned a very full program for 2001.

Robert Elson, president



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