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NEWSLETTER

**ANNE HARRISON AWARD**

Report from Anne Batt who is the 1991 recipient of the Award

The aim of the study supported by the Anne Harrison Award for 1991 is threefold.

1. To write a model collection development policy for application in libraries in institutions providing training courses for Aboriginal health workers.
2. To identify appropriate materials and suppliers and to prepare a guide to these resources.
3. To prepare a report on the study.

Late in 1991 I visited a number of organisations involved in the training of Aboriginal health workers in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania. At that time it seemed likely that training courses would be introduced in TAFE colleges in 1992.

As I had already discovered from my work in 1990 and 1991, appropriate materials to support the training of health workers are not found in the usual sources consulted by librarians. I then decided to push ahead with the production of the guide to the resources.

I sent out about 60 letters in January to various Aboriginal organisations and other publishers and agencies requesting their sales catalogues or equivalent. This resulted in about 30 responses including suggestions for other contacts and other expressions of interest and support.

A second letter was sent in March to those who had not responded to my first letter and this produced a few more replies.

The guide was compiled in April and prepared for printing. The printing of 400 copies was completed in June and copies sent to all Aboriginal organisations which had contributed or expressed an interest. Some requests have been received for additional copies.

The target audience in the TAFE colleges has not been reached so far (late July). The TAFE offices throughout Australia were consistent in their lack of response to my letters in January and March. I am hoping for a better response from TAFE librarians!

**Finances**

About \$1,200 has been spent so far on postage, data entry and printing.

The resource guides are available free of charge to Aboriginal organisations. Non-Aboriginal organisations must pay \$12 per copy with cheques made payable to the Medical Librarians Group Trust in Perth. The Trust will be requested to ultimately use the resulting funds to add to the capital of the Anne Harrison Fund.

**The Future**

My aim is to write the model collection development policy and to include it in a second edition of the resource guide for publication in 1993.

I plan to present a report on the study to the next HLS Conference in Queensland in 1993.

**The publication now available is:**

Aboriginal health workers: a guide to resources for education and training.

It is available for \$12 per copy from:

Medical Librarians Group Trust  
 c/- Anne Batt  
 30 Colombo St  
 VICTORIA PARK WA 6100

Anne Batt

NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HOSPITAL LIBRARIES 2ND ED

The NSW Committee which was established to revise the Standards has been hard at work over the last year. Initial attempts to merge the ALIA Standards with the Australian Council for Healthcare Standards' chapter on Library Services were abandoned. The Committee, chaired by Paul Davies from the Central Coast Area Health Service, is concentrating on revising the ALIA standards but the work already done on the ACHS standards may prove useful in future revision of the ACHS Library Services chapter. Standards representatives from each state should have been receiving minutes from the Committee Secretary, Judith Weaver, St Vincents, Darlinghurst, NSW. The Committee has recently concentrated on devising a new way to grade libraries into categories and welcome feedback on the draft to date.

Responses please to:

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Committee for National Minimum Standards for  
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**NOTES & NEWS**

**International Nursing Index - Citation Index**

In the last newsletter we noted that INI has ceased publication of the Citation Index. Susan Bolton from Edith Cowan University wrote to the publisher to express concern and was told that the results of a marketing survey would determine whether the section would be reinstated. The publisher has now advised that the results of the market survey will be reported in issue 2 of 1992. Susan encourages Australian librarians to read the survey results and respond directly to the publishers.

**Nursing [US]**

Another follow-up to the continuing difficulties caused by the journal "Nursing" which publishes 2 different editions, a US version and a smaller one for the rest of the world. The US version is the one which gets indexed which leads to much disappointment here when useful looking articles are cited but then prove to be unavailable. In the last issue, we reported that Susan Bolton from Edith Cowan University had written to the publishers to complain. They have replied to say they won't change their publishing policy. Susan will write now to the indexing bodies to ask them to at least flag those articles which appear only in the American edition.

**Australian Council on Healthcare Standards. QA Resource Kit for Librarians.**

The kit has not been updated for many years. Barbara Anderson from ACHS would like to see it updated as would we all I'm sure. What is needed is a willing volunteer to take on the work. If you are interested in this please contact the National President, Brigitte Glockner at King Edward Memorial Hospital, ph. 09 340 1498 or fax. 09 388 1780. This needs to be coordinated centrally so that we don't confuse Barbara at ACHS and so that the whole membership is kept informed.

**Welcome to the new ACT HLS Branch**

We are pleased to advise of the birth of a new state section in the ACT. Interim Executive Committee is:

- President: John Holgate  
Dept of Health, Housing & Community Services
- Secretary: Lindsay Harris  
Calvary Hospital ACT Incorp
- Treasurer: Wilma Hewitt  
Community Resources Centre,  
Health Advancement Library

**Australian Council of Health Professions**

The national executive of HLS renewed our membership to the ACHP.

**HLS AGM 1992**

The next HLS AGM will be held during the ALIA 1992 conference at Albury-Wodonga. It will be at 5.30pm in the Tavern Room of the Commercial Club.

**Special Libraries Section AGM & Dinner**

The AGM and dinner of the Special Libraries Section will be held on Thursday 1 October 1992 at the Hume Motor Inn, 406 Wodonga Place, Albury. The Secretary of the section has advised that HLS members will be most welcome to attend.

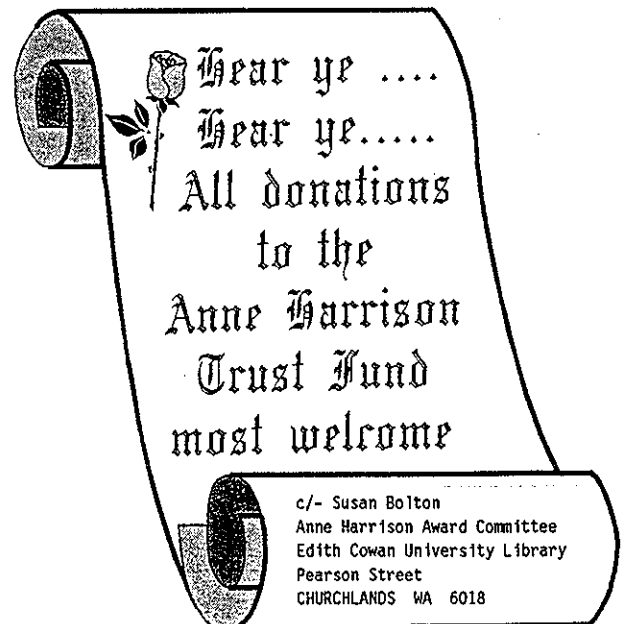
AGM time	6.00 - 7.00pm
Pre-dinner drinks	7.00 - 7.30pm
Dinner	7.30pm

Cost is \$45 per person, excluding drinks.

Mr Eric Wainwright, Deputy Director of the National Library, will deliver a very short address on Special Libraries in the National System. To reserve your place at dinner, please send payment to Jean Wilkie, Library, Australian Bureau of Statistics, GPO Box 9817, Brisbane Qld 4001. Please also advise her of any special dietary requirements.

**Anne Harrison Award**

A report on the organisation and administration of the Anne Harrison Award will be presented for discussion at the AGM in September. It is hoped that an award will be offered in 1993 but due to the low interest rate earned on the investment of the capital, this may not be possible. In order to make it possible and to give yourself a warm fuzzy glow, you are invited to consider making a donation to the Fund.



NOTES & NEWS**CD ROM Network System for Rural Health Workers**

Information Services Section of the Health Department of WA has received a Rural Health Support Education and Training grant of \$117,600 for a 2 year period. The establishment of a statewide CD-ROM network will provide access for health workers to professional literature 24 hours a day.

Access is possible via computer terminals or pc's, with dial in capacity by up to 4 simultaneous users. The network will have the ability to support approximately 4 to 8 simultaneous users on any one disc, and to provide access to all discs by all users.

The network will include both bibliographic and full-text databases. Full text databases to be purchased include: American Family Physician, Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report, British Medical Journal, Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine, and American Journal of Public Health. Another useful disc is TOMES Plus (Toxicology, Occupational Medicine and Environmental Series). This is a compilation of several databases that provides extensive information on how to protect peoples health in the workplace.

Further information is available from: Elizabeth Hides, Manager, Information Services Section, Health Department of WA. Ph. 09 222 4300.

**New Journal Titles**

Health Department of WA (WHD) has commenced subscriptions for the titles:

BUSINESS AND HEALTH 1992+  
TOBACCO CONTROL 1992+

See ABN for further details.

**Software for Sale**

The Health Department of WA has developed a software package designed for the simple indexing and retrieval of documents on a personal computer. It is called DOCSYS - Document Storage and Retrieval System. It enables you to index any kind of document, ranging from books, journal articles, newspaper cuttings, to items in your filing cabinet. Regardless of how you organise your documents, DOCSYS will locate what you want in a number of ways, e.g. by author, title, subjects, keywords or date.

DOCSYS is available at a low cost of \$400. This includes installation, a manual, training and telephone support. A brochure, a demo disk or demonstration of DOCSYS is available free of charge.

Further information is available from: Saing Chou Iv, Cataloguing Librarian, Information Services Section, Health Department of WA, 189 Royal Street, EAST PERTH 6000. PH 09 222 4351, FAX 09 222 4343.

NOTES & NEWS**Acquisitions Essay Competition**

The closing date for receipt of applications for the essay has been extended to 31 October. Contact the ALIA Division Support Officer for further details on the aims and rules of the competition. (Ph. 008 02 0071, fax. 06 282 2249). The prize is \$500 and lots of kudos.

**Sensitive Reference Issues**

The WA HLS is organising a local panel discussion on sensitive reference issues. The panel will be composed of a range of health and legal practitioners and chaired by a librarian. We are interested in collecting your experiences of difficult issues you have faced. We would like to have a wide range of stories to stimulate debate and discussion. The December issue of the newsletter will carry a report from the seminar with (we hope), tips to try and traps to look out for. Response please to: Elizabeth Hides, Secretary, WA HLS, Health Department of WA, Information Services Section, 189 Royal Street, EAST PERTH WA 6000.

**FROM THE LITERATURE**

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New Zealand Libraries 47 (1) Mar 1992: 11-15

Douglas, David Hirth, Robert B.

A Guide to Diagnosis Related Groups for Australian Hospitals.

Sydney: Arthur Andersen & Co, 1991. 41p.  
Reviewed in Aust Health Rev 15 (1) 1992 p.107

House, Mary Anne

Effectiveness indicators for the R C Laird Health Sciences Library.

Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana 13 (1) 1991: 53-61

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Encourage information therapy.

JAMA 267 (19) 20 May 1992: 2592

Lofgren, Hans

Priority and performance evaluation: a tool for libraries.

Australian Library Journal 41 (1) 1992: 14-30

McLean, Neil Wilde, Clare

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AARL: Australian Academic & Research Libraries 22 (3) Sep 1991: 198-210

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