

EDITORIAL

In this issue, we have included two articles which we commend to your careful reading. Although it is now more than two years since Averill Edwards' paper was presented at the ANZTLA Inaugural Conference, the contents are still most relevant to the situation of our theological libraries and particularly complement the impassioned plea of Trevor Zweck in his paper, presented at this year's Conference to both ANZATS and ANZTLA delegates. In order to provide first class library services to all our users, we must be constantly confronting our governing bodies with the need for professional personnel and adequate funding.

Significant decisions were made in Canberra in September viz. the finalisation of a set of standards for theological libraries, and the inauguration of the *Australasian Religion Index* (see Conference Report). If you have not subsequently received a copy of the standards, and of the minutes of the AGM, let me know so that it can be included with your next newsletter mailing.

As we go to press the Editorial Board of the *Australasian Religion Index* has convened its first meeting and steps are in progress towards the production of the first issue, scheduled for June 1989 (see insert) - the list of journals to be indexed is being finalised, indexers are being invited to participate, and your support and commitment to the project is now sought in earnest. We urge you to respond promptly.