

Australian members may find that it is no more expensive to travel to Auckland than to travel to another Australian capital city. For the past few years, Qantas have been offering low-season specials which brought the cost of a Melbourne-Auckland return ticket below \$A400. Student Travel Australia have already had a special below that level. Remember also that you will need a passport!

Finally, if you know of people or libraries which might be interested in ANZTLA membership or subscription to the *Newsletter*, please make a personal approach to them; we will need them to balance out those which are about to be struck off for failure to pay their dues in 1988!

(Rev) Trevor Zweck,
President.

Editorial Note: Both Qantas and Air New Zealand are presently offering their winter special, Melbourne-Auckland return fare for minimum 6 nights out of Australia at \$449.

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NEWS

Rev Trevor Zweck, Librarian, Luther Seminary Library, North Adelaide, has received approval for a job exchange with Rev Dick Mentel, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. His duties will include original and copy cataloguing on the new state-of-the-art OCLC system and some acquisitions and reference work. He will be in Columbus from August to January 1990-1991. Dick will come to Adelaide in July to familiarize himself with the library at Luther before Trevor departs. Both intend to undertake some studies while on exchange.

Rev Gary Gorman, Lecturer in Library and Information Studies, Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, Wagga Wagga, is currently on sabbatical leave at Middleton, South Australia. He is doing research for a doctoral dissertation to be presented at University College, London (a division of the University of London). His topic of research is the information

seeking behaviour of theologians and philosophers. Most of the theological colleges in Adelaide are involved in the project, along with other tertiary institutions.

Liz Jordan has recently been appointed part-time Librarian at Trinity Theological College, St Lucia. She comes to the position with extensive experience, especially in the use of automated systems. The library at Trinity is the first exclusively theological library in Australia to have an Online Public Access Catalogue. It operates on Olivetti hardware with Mic-Marc software.

Carolyn Willadsen, Librarian, Pius XII Seminary, Banyo will be temporarily absent from her position for six months, accompanying her husband on sabbatical leave during the second half of 1989. The time will be spent in Germany.

The Diocesan Resource Centre of the Catholic Education Office in Adelaide (Dorothy Rooney, Librarian) has installed a Dynix automated library system. The library's holdings comprise a small number of books and large number of audio-visual items, which are loaned extensively to all parts of South Australia. It is expected that it will take till the end of 1989 to have the catalogue fully mounted on the new system.

The South Australian Chapter of ANZTLA is undertaking a survey of student use of the various theological libraries. Libraries are considering the introduction of fees for borrowers and the basic aim of the survey is to find out to what extent students are using a variety of libraries and which are the libraries most used. Students of all theological colleges in Adelaide currently enjoy reciprocal borrowing rights with all theological libraries. Various other aspects of user satisfaction with library services are also being surveyed.

Interest being shown in New Zealand in the forthcoming ANZTLA conference in Auckland practically ensures that the conference will witness the largest ever gathering of New Zealand theological librarians. Our hosts at St John's College are hoping that there will be a good number of attenders from Australia also to make this a truly memorable experience.

Qantas winter special fares (with minimum 6 night stopover) are \$A380 return from Sydney and \$A390 from Melbourne.

British library suppliers, Blackwell's of Oxford have purchased the Australian supplier James Bennett Library Services. It is not yet known what effect the takeover will have on either or both of the companies. Meanwhile, patrons of Blackwell's are enjoying the benefits of having their purchases air-freighted to Australia at the cost of normal surface mail. Delivery times have been cut to weeks instead of months.

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REVIEWS

GORMAN, G.E. and B.R. Howes *Collection development for Australian libraries* Wagga Wagga: Centre for Library Studies, 1988. 564 pp. RRP A\$45.00. ISBN 0-9-19060-00-3

The first in a new series entitled Topics in Australasian Library and Information Studies, this volume uses both theoretical and practical aspects of collection development, including policy statement development, collection evaluation, and selection and weeding of resources.

It is divided into 5 Parts; Parts 1 to 3 cover respectively collection development policies, collection evaluation, use and user studies and selection and weeding of resources. Part 4 contains 21 of the most important readings in the various areas, in over 280 pages. The work finishes with a 40 page select bibliography.

The volume is designed to introduce practising librarians to the techniques of developing collection policies, implementing them through resource selection and weeding, and evaluating the results through use and user studies.