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## ANZTLA AFFAIRS

I hope that all who attended the fantastic 1989 conference, as well as those who have read and/or listened to the meaty presentations are enjoying the challenges of reference work and are providing an improved reference service in their local libraries. Time now to set our thoughts on sunny Queensland for the first week in July, 1990! What better place to be in the heart of winter! The local committee has its planning well advanced and this augers well for another superb conference. With Australian domestic airfares set to crash with deregulation of the airline industry in 1990, we should be out in full force at Banyo (near the Brisbane airport) in July!

Official endorsement of the ANZTLA Standards is taking an inordinately long time, due mainly to the desire of the Australian Library and Information Association to make a joint response with the New Zealand Library Association, which has been going through a great deal of turmoil in recent months. Meanwhile, the ALIA has had some turmoil of its own, due to the relocation of its head office from Sydney to Canberra, as a result of which I have already had contact with three different Industrial Officers over the standards. I have now requested Tom McKeon (the permanent replacement for Louise Lansley) to press for a unilateral endorsement by the ALIA if the NZLA cannot get its act together. I am actually hoping to hear from him any day now.

Readers of *InCite* will have noticed (issue 19, page 1) that a special Statistical Advisory Group of the Australian Bureau of Statistics is developing a format and procedure for the collecting of statistics from all Australian libraries. I have requested a copy of the documentation involved and will endeavour to make some kind of response on behalf of the association; however, as seems generally to be the case with government instrumentalities these days, the very short deadline (15 December) leaves little time for <u>any</u> (let alone <u>adequate</u>) consultation on the matter.

The year which is rapidly drawing to a close is one which will leave me eagerly looking forward to some R&R in January; I hope you will also find some time for a pleasant break away from it all. I wish you also the joy and happiness of a blessed Christmas.

(Revd) Trevor Zweck President.

## NEWS

ANZATS has a new secretary: Rev. Professor Norman J. Young of the Uniting Church Theological Hall, Melbourne

Students and staff at St Barnabas' College have recently launched a new venture that should make their activities better known and appreciated throughout the Province. They have prepared a collection of essays, short studies, meditations, prayers and songs for publication as THE ST BARNABAS PAPERS, 1989.

Dr Greg Jenks, Biblical Studies lecturer at the College and editor of the collection, with the assistance of the Anglican Board of Christian Education in South Australia, prepared for publication a representative sample of works of the students of the College. The result is a mixture of studies, of varying lengths and complexity, that is sure to interest a wide range of people.

Copies of the "St Barnabas Papers, 1989" are available from the College office for just \$5.00 (post free). See advertisement 12 of this issue.