

NEWS NOTES

THE ARCHIVES OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The principal Archivist, Mr G. D. Richardson, M.A., was the holder of a Carnegie Fellowship from September 1964 to April 1965. While abroad, Mr Richardson visited Archives Institutions and Libraries in the United States and Canada and in Great Britain and the Continent.

Mr Richardson's observations should prove of great value in the planning for a new repository in New South Wales for which preliminary sketch plans are now being prepared. This repository is intended to hold semi-current records of State departments and State archives. A 50 acre site at Kingswood about 30 miles from Sydney has been acquired. This should give sufficient room for expansion for the next 100 years. The present intention is to build a series of interconnected single storey repository buildings of simple but substantial construction, fully air conditioned, together with a central administrative block. It is proposed, in the first instance, to erect the administrative building and one repository building to house 250,000 running feet of records.

The Archives Office of New South Wales has recently produced a List of Series Titles which is intended as a brief guide to the holdings of State archives in the Archives Office as at the end of 1964. Semi-current records of departments not transferred as State archives are not included, and the descriptions of the various series are not given but will be provided upon request for any of them. This list is being given wide distribution in Australia and elsewhere and additional copies are available upon application to the Principal Archivist. The preliminary edition has been typed and duplicated: it is hoped to follow it with a revised edition before the end of 1966.

At the end of 1964 the State archives, exclusive of maps and plans occupied 16,324 feet of shelving of which 3,998 feet were added during 1964. In addition, 81,250 feet of semi-current records were being stored on behalf of over 60 Government Departments. Some of these will eventually be transferred as State archives, others are scheduled for destruction in the future while others may continue to be held on behalf of departments for an indefinite period.

QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES

Miss Doreen Wheeler, B.A., Assistant Archivist, has resigned from her position in the Queensland State Archives. Another resignation is that of Mr Robert Tan, B.A., who has left to take up a teaching position at Wolaroi College, Orange, N.S.W. Miss A. L. Green, B.A., has been transferred from duties in another section of the Public Library to the Archives Section.

TASMANIAN STATE ARCHIVES

Mr Kevin Green, B.A., has resigned from the staff of the Tasmanian State Archives to take up a position on the staff of the Australian National University Archives. The following appointments have been made to the Tasmanian Archives staff. — Mr Ian Pearce, Mrs Sue Allen, B.A., and Miss Margaret Littlejohn, B.A.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The 13th Biennial Conference of the Library Association of Australia will be held in Canberra from 23rd to 27th August, 1965. The official opening and presidential address will take place on the morning of Tuesday, 24th August. Sessions will be conducted on 24th, 25th and 26th August. Members are asked to register on Monday, 23rd August, on the evening of which day there will be a reception at Bruce Hall. Organised visits to libraries will take place on Monday, 23rd and Friday, 27th August. Most sessions will be conducted at the Australian National University, close to Canberra's Civic Centre.

The general theme will be "International Aspects of Librarianship". There will be papers of both special and general interest, including a number delivered by Australian Librarians recently returned from overseas, and some by prominent non-librarians.

The Conference Committee's address is P.O. Box 296, Manuka, A.C.T. Application forms may be secured by writing to that address, or by enquiry at the nearest Branch or Section Secretary's office.