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## NEWS NOTES

### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The main items of news relate to acquisitions. The Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia has decided to deposit its records with the Archives Unit. Arrangements are also under way for the microfilming of the minutes of the Waterside Workers' Federation, Sydney Branch and of the Tasmanian Trades and Labour Council.

The first of the new series of guides mentioned in these notes in the November and February issues of this journal, that relating to organizations about which material is held in the collection, is completed and will be issued in May (printing pool permitting) or June. The lists of deposits which it supplements will be reissued in an up-dated form at about the same time.

For various reasons the vacancy mentioned in the last issue has not yet been filled but should be advertised shortly. Anyone interested who has not yet seen an advertisement by the time this appears in print should write to the Archives Officer.

The University was host to the conference held on 5th and 6th of April at which the new Australian Society of Archivists was formed. Despite some minor hitches caused principally by the inexperience of the organizers the social part of the gathering seemed to go off very well and was (we hope) enjoyed by all who participated. The business side of the meeting is reported on in *Miscellany*.

### QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES

Recent transfers include:

Police Station, Aramac: Station records, including records of the Clerk of the Court and Clerk of Petty Sessions.

Queensland Government Railways: Commissioner's correspondence, 1902+.

The transfer of the Railways records represents the first important accession of the period (1887+) following the administrative separation of the Government Railways from the Public Works Department. Before 1887, Railways records lie within the provenance of the Department of Public works (1866-87) and Department of Lands and Works (1862-66).

Work has commenced on a *Guide to Queensland State Archives*. This, our first essay into the publications field, will be a list of series

(title and description) arranged by record group. It is hoped to complete it by late 1975 and to publish in the first half of 1976. Work is also proceeding on an inventory of the records of the Colonial Secretary's Office (1859-96).

Early in March, an all day seminar was held by Jim Bruce on "Basic document restoration". Ten participants attended and expressed appreciation of the opportunity to learn something of contemporary techniques.

During January, February and March, a considerable quantity of records from Darwin was fumigated for Australian Archives.