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# *The Gratis Net*

Newsletter of the Gratis Networks

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## **NEW DIRECTORY**

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All members should receive the new GRATISNET directory with this newsletter. Our thanks to Chris Promnitz (QDH) for her hard work in putting it together. Notification of any changes to directory entries should be sent to Chris by mail or fax only, using the form provided at the back of the Directory - no phone calls please. Fax no.: (07) 234 1382.

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## **NEW DATA ENTRY SHEETS**

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Many thanks also to Chris Parker (QWPH) for revising the coding sheets. After consultation with all state convenors, Chris has developed forms which are much simpler and easier to use. There are now only two data entry sheets and two pages of instructions. All members should receive a copy of these with this newsletter.

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## **1994 FICHE PRODUCTION**

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All data entry sheets updating your holdings need to be received by Uni Co-op by the 1st week in July. Please make sure that your State's data sheet co-ordinator receives all changes 2-3 weeks before this date to allow time for checking.

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## **FICHE ERRORS**

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As members may be aware, there are several title errors in the existing fiche, the most common one being multiple entries for the same title - in many cases it may be a spelling error. Di Thornthwaite (QMM) has begun recording these title errors and in order to facilitate corrections she has begun sending out requests for clarification of title information. However, there seems to be some confusion as to what is required. Di does not want holdings information and will not be changing members holdings. What she does require is confirmation of the title information preferably with a photocopy of a title page including the ISSN.

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## **LOGO**

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As there were no contributions to this competition the \$50 voucher cannot be awarded. The National Coordinating Committee has come up with a design which can be seen on the cover of the new directory. Any comments are welcome.

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## **SENDING REQUESTS ON**

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Several members have complained that requests are not being forwarded in accordance with Section 6.3 in the Code of Conduct. All members are reminded that in cases where you cannot fulfill a request then "where alternative GRATISNET locations are provided, forward request/s directly to the first listed alternative location".

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## NATIONAL TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

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At the instigation of GRATIS members, this committee has been set up to look at the provision of an electronic version of the Union List. There has been one meeting at which various options were discussed and a plan of action has been initiated. A description of needs has been defined and various software options will be considered. If you have any comments you would like to contribute regarding this issue, please contact Ian Stubbin(NPOW) on Ph: (02)3994902 or Fax (02)3989782. The committee will also consider issues concerning the inclusion of GRATISNET holdings on ABN.

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## NEW ZEALAND MEMBERSHIP

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As a result of discussions held at the Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians Conference last year, a trial is underway to evaluate the effects of New Zealand libraries joining GRATISNET. Six GRATIS libraries are participating and a report with recommendations will be submitted when the trial concludes at the end of June 1994.

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## UNI CO-OP NEWS

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Carolyn Cherrett has resigned as Manager, Co-op Subscriptions and the position has been taken by Jacquie West. Carolyn is now ALIA's Membership Services Manager and the Joint Conference Australian Publicity Coordinator.

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## ALIA/NZLIA JOINT CONFERENCE

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Carolyn has provided the following information which may be of interest to GRATISNET members. General information has been included in the March issue of Incite and as more details are confirmed they will be published.

The Conference will be held in conjunction with the New Zealand Library and Information Association in Wellington in the week of the 26th to 29th of September. Monday the 26th and Friday the 29th will be used for seminars, workshops etc to be held by special interest groups of both Associations.

Sessions that will be of particular interest to GRATISNET members will be the concurrent sessions on both the Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Wednesday afternoon sessions will be looking at issues of: Information Justice, Indigenous Issues, Marketing, Information Technology, Resource Sharing, and Heritage. GRATISNET certainly has a lot to offer, particularly where resource sharing issues are concerned.

The Thursday afternoon sessions are addressing issues that are more sector based. Although for GRATISNET libraries this could present some dilemma as many of you will be interested in issues that cover not only Libraries in Health Information. There are also sessions working through questions concerning Libraries in the Private Sector (of interest to Pharmaceutical libraries?), Education, the Public Sector (our hospitals?), the Community (many of you I'm sure) and Ethnic Communities. These sessions will be both useful and informative.

Over the coming months you will hear a lot about the Conference, through Incite, section newsletters and no doubt word of mouth. As panellists and speakers are confirmed we will be publishing their profiles and the topics that they will be covering.

If you have any questions about the Conference please contact ALIA's National Office.

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## GRATIS

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### NUWS

This library is incorrectly ranked and is to be used as a last resort.

### GRATIS EXECUTIVE 1994

Chairperson: Karen Andrews (NSG)

Secretary: Claire Pillar (NRBS:R)

Minutes Secretary: Gillian Wood (NAH)

Statistician: Don Keast (NLMH)

Membership Directory Officer: David Wong-See (NSP)

Treasurer: Emma Ricciardone (NMLS)

Membership Secretary: Kay Vincent (NLH)

Union List Coordinator: Frances Bluhdom(NMSD)

Volunteer Coordinator: Michael Barnes (NOFR)

Gratisnet Coordinator: Marion Steele (NWCH)

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## VICGRATIS

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### VMMC:C

There has been a problem with incorrect phone numbers in some directories. The correct numbers are:

ILL (03)5502601

Fax(Direct) (03) 5506123

### VMTR

Is off the air indefinitely. It is currently unstaffed.

### VFRH

Welcome to Jeremy Taylor, the new librarian and farewell to Felicity Carter who has retired.

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## GRATISACT

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Lindsay Harris (ACAH) is the 1994 Convenor.

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## GRATISSA

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### SMHH

Any request for material from SMHH should now be referred to SMH.

### SQEH

From the 28th March 1994 this library will have the following direct telephone lines:

ILL: (08) 222 7373

Librarian: (08) 222 6408

The fax number will remain the same for the present. These numbers should be used instead of those on current lists.

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## GRATISQ

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### QTBH

New fax no. (076) 316188

### QSIM

Has new phone and fax numbers:

Ph: (07) 810 6326

Fax: (07) 810 6363

### QSN

Has left the network. The collection is now housed at the Herston Medical Library.

### NEW MEMBERS

Refer to the new directory for details

QDVC - Domestic Violence Resource Centre

QUCA - Division of Aged Care and Domiciliary Services (Uniting Church)

QMBH - Mackay Base Hospital

QLHO - Logan Hospital

QNH - Noosa District Hospital

QAL - Agen Biomedical

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