Notes and Comments

New Zealand's bibliographic history charted

Volume 1 of the New Zealand National Bibliography to the year 1960, containing the sequence to the year 1889, was recently published and a small function hosted by the Government Printer and the National Librarian to mark the event was held at the Alexander Turnbull Library at lunchtime on 1 July. The guest speaker was the Prime Minister, the Right. Hon. R. D. Muldoon, who praised the work of the principal compiler and editor, Dr A. G. Bagnall, OBE, former chief librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library. Other speakers were Mr L. A. Cameron, Chairman of the Trustees of the National Library, Mr P. D. Hasselberg, Government Printer, Miss Mary Ronnie, National Librarian, and Dr Bagnall.

This work, published by the Government Printer, is in two parts with a total of 1292 pages, the culmination of many years of work by the editor with the assistance, more recently, of Penny Griffith and Sheila Williams. The 6229 entries cover all works published in New Zealand as well as those published overseas dealing in whole or in part with New Zealand, or written by New Zealanders, and includes proclamations, notices, broadsides and the first editions of the Pacific voyages of discovery. Title pages are transcribed in full and lined off in descriptive bibliographic form; collations are given in detail and most significant entries have been annotated to mark points of historical, textual or bibliographic interest. The comprehensive index gives a subject approach for most items as well as significant titles, names of editors and other types of associated responsibility. In addition there is a chronological index.

Fulbright award approved for 1981

The board of the New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation has approved the award of a further Fulbright-Hays research fellowship for comparative history studies by an American scholar at the Turnbull in 1981. The fellowship approved for 1980 has not been filled because of the lack of a suitable applicant.

Turnbull Research Fund

A further grant of \$10,000 for 1980/81 has been made by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon D. A. Highet, from lottery profits to the Alexander Turnbull Library Research Endowment Fund. Grants from the Minister and from a range of charitable trusts in New Zealand have been used to support the initial activities of the Research Fund, but from 1980 additional