

TURNBULL LIBRARY RECORD A subcommittee has been looking at the *Record* with the expectation of broadening its scope and extending its distribution outside New Zealand; it is hoped in the first instance to have invited articles from leading scholars across the Tasman.

NATIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING With the October 1980 issue of the *Turnbull Library Record* every member of the Friends received a letter calling for support to publicise the need to complete the National Library Building, then under threat of postponement. At the end of February the President and Past-President forwarded a petition on your behalf to Parliament in support of the N.Z.L.A. calling for the completion of the National Library Building. In April 1981 the Cabinet approved the calling of tenders for Stage II, the shell of the building, and I should like to thank all Friends who wrote to politicians and newspapers on this matter, as this action had some influence in the decision and is much appreciated by your Committee and the staff of the Library.

OBITUARIES It is with deep regret that I record the deaths of two former Presidents—Dr Denis Glover (who was a current member of the Committee) and Canon Nigel Williams (former member of the Committee) both long-term members and strong supporters of the Friends.

Special thanks are due to the Chief Librarian for his total dedication to the Library and its welfare; to your immediate Past-President for his guidance and expertise in several important operations; to Janet Horncy for her stamina and forethought during her first year as Secretary; to Colin Davis, whose innovative genius has given the Friends' activities a new direction; to Gillian Ryan for her organisation of the Winter Lectures; to Mrs Janet Paul for her attractive poster and tickets; to Mrs Meikle and the office staff for their work in public relations; and especially to Darea Sherratt, our long-standing and long-suffering and meticulous Treasurer who, to our regret, resigns this year.

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President