

## Notes and Comments

### *Fulbright research scholar for 1982*

The New Zealand-United States Educational Foundation has announced that Associate Professor Sandra Myres of the Department of History, University of Texas at Arlington, has been awarded a research scholarship at the Turnbull under the Fulbright-Hays programme during 1982. Professor Myres expects to spend about six months from June 1982 examining the diaries and letters of pioneer women in New Zealand for a comparative study 'Women and the Frontier Experience'.

Her recent publications include *Ho for California! Women's Overland Diaries from the Huntington Library* (1980) and *Cavalry Wife: the Diary of Eveline M. Alexander* (1977).

Professor Myres has been a Huntington Library Fellow (1977), a Fellow of the Newberry Library (1978), held a National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship in 1979 and a Huntington-Hayes Fellowship in 1980.

### *Grants from Research Fund*

Recent grants from the Alexander Turnbull Library Research Endowment Fund to support 'scholarly research and publication based on the collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library' included \$5,000 to Dr Anne Salmond of the University of Auckland to employ Miss Isobel Ollivier to edit complete transcriptions and translations of the New Zealand sections of the accounts of the French exploring expeditions of de Surville, du Fresne, d'Entrecasteaux, Duperrey, Dumont d'Urville, Laplace, Cécille, and Dupetit-Thouars between 1769 and 1840. The texts, to be published by the Turnbull, are part of a major project under the direction of Dr Salmond, to make available eyewitness accounts of Maori life before the settlement of Europeans in New Zealand. Miss Ollivier worked on the Turnbull's copies of the documents during 1980 and spent 1981 in France, with the assistance of a French government scholarship, examining the originals and identifying additional accounts not available in New Zealand.

Small grants were made to Dr Peter Whitehead and Dr Rüdiger Joppien to travel from Australia to use the Turnbull collections. Dr Whitehead, head of the department of fishes at the British Museum (Natural History) worked on the Swainson natural history drawings, particularly those relating to South America, and gave a lecture at Victoria University and to the Friends of the Turnbull Library.

Dr Joppien, a curator at the Kunstgewerbemuseum in Cologne and Visiting Fellow at the Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, worked on the William Ellis drawings and