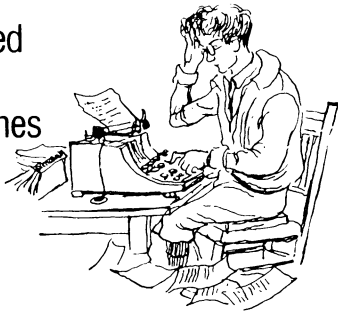


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More than a memorial

The depth and richness of the collections of archival and library materials held in the Australian War Memorial have until now been known only to a select few. The publication of an outstanding brief guide to its collections should help to redress this.

Michael Piggott's *A general guide to the library collections and archives in the Australian War Memorial* attempts to outline the types of materials held — ranging from coins and medals to sound recordings, manuscripts and aerial photographs — as well as describing significant individual works or series. The collections are a happy hunting ground for the historian, military or otherwise.

To give a small example of one category of materials, the souvenirs collection includes invitations, envelopes, dance tickets, postcards, greetings cards, cigarette cards, food and petrol coupons, menus, and POW ephemera such as food labels. One group of postcards alone numbers 6000, mainly consisting of pictures of the War Memorial itself and other cenotaphs and shrines of remembrance.

For each category of material Piggott indicates scope, content, quantity, access conditions, any relevant guides or catalogues and any related holdings. It's nicely produced and very reasonably priced. They should give him a medal.

Michael Piggott's *A general guide to the library collections and archives in the Australian War Memorial* is published by the War Memorial, PO Box 345, Canberra City, ACT 2601. It costs \$2.00 plus 55 cents postage. (ISBN 0 642 99415 3).

Census 81

Round about now the first publication providing hard facts from the 1981 Census of Population and Housing should be appearing. There will be the usual statistical publications in print, microfiche and magnetic tape forms, and to help you find your way through the variety and number of items, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is producing a range of information papers. One of these, *Census 81 — data release plans* (ABS Catalogue no 2142.0) is a useful starting point.

Also helpful for beginners will be *Making sense of Census 81* (ABS Catalogue no 2140.0) and a number of 'Topic information papers' on specific questions which were included in the Census.

Information papers, and topic information papers, are available free of charge from Information Services, Australian Bureau of

Statistics, PO Box 10, Belconnen, ACT 2616. There are branches of ABS Information Services in all State and Territory capitals too.

Blurb of the year

One would think that a standard work such as the *Yearbook of international organizations* would need a minimum of creative copywriting to promote. Not so. A press release from its new co-publisher, the International Chamber of Commerce, starts off by talking about the 'booming industry' of 'international organizations and the verbal torrents they generate' (pot calls kettle black?).

The compiler of the *Yearbook*, we are told, went to extreme lengths to collect entries, including bathing in an underground grotto in Iceland during a conference on transpersonal psychology and attending a symposium on death with Tibetan lamas. Among the new entries which this stout fellow has drummed up are the Worldwide Fairplay for Frogs Committee and the Mafia (address not obtained). One hopes that the writer of the press release was kept well away from the *Yearbook* whilst it was in production.

The 1981 edition of the *Yearbook of international organizations*, which is the 19th, is obtainable from the International Chamber of Commerce, 38 Cours Albert 1er, 75008 Paris, or from the Union of International Associations, 1 rue aux Laines, B-1000, Brussels, or from your usual supplier. It costs 450FF.

HOSPLAN

Among the services of HOSPLAN (the NSW Hospitals Planning Advisory Centre) is a special library strong in materials on all aspects of health facilities planning.

The library, which is open to all health planners, can provide information, literature searches and bibliographies. Other groups at HOSPLAN specialise in in-depth research into hospital planning, energy conservation in health facilities, fire protection and security.

HOSPLAN also publishes extensively, with a range of planning and design notes, library accessions lists and seminar reports. Further information on HOSPLAN and its services can be obtained from the Director, HOSPLAN, PO Box K743, Haymarket, NSW 2000, or phone (02) 211 2722. □

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