

## EDITORIAL

### CHAPTERISATION

The Australian Association of Special Education has adopted, as many of you know, a constitution based on a National body, state chapters and local branches. State associations of Special Education have been reviewing their constitutions and moving towards state chapterisation. This is an important move for A.A.S.E. as we want to have a strong, united association. We need to be able to lobby at the highest levels and a united front is important.

### N.S.W. CHAPTER

Recently, the N.S.W. Association of Special Education Teachers (A.S.E.T.) was disbanded and the N.S.W. Chapter of the Australian Association of Special Education was formed. I was delighted to be attending as a representative of A.A.S.E. It was very encouraging to see the Inaugural Dinner of the N.S.W. Chapter so well attended.

N.S.W. A.S.E.T. has always been a strong force in A.A.S.E. We were fortunate to have Warren Fairfax assume the responsibilities of National President for a term. N.S.W. hosted a very strong National Conference in 1978 and will host another next year. I would like to congratulate N.S.W. on their movement to chapterisation and wish President Lee Mills and her executive all the best in their important roles.

### NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The National Council of A.A.S.E. met in Sydney in January of this year. Besides attending to the usual housekeeping matters, the Council considered and supported strongly an excellent proposal from the W.A. Chapter for a language research project. We look forward to hearing more details of this in our National Newsletter.

President Paul Duerdoth and Secretary Peter Wood recently met with Senator Susan Ryan to discuss A.A.S.E. and policy directions for Special Education in Australia. This was a significant meeting and it typifies the type of national-level representation of which a strong A.A.S.E. is capable.

### 8th NATIONAL CONFERENCE — BRISBANE, 25 – 29 June, 1983

Conference Convenor Harry Milne, President of the Brisbane Branch of A.A.S.E. has organized a very promising agenda for our 8th National Conference.

Over 50 speakers, from Australia and overseas, will present papers and workshops. The theme of the Conference is: *Exceptional People: A Lifetime Commitment*.

The Specialist Papers will be given from Saturday, June 25 to Wednesday, June 29, from 9 to 4.30 each day. Workshops will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 4.30 each day.

The various topic groupings are:

Education of the Intellectually Handicapped  
Mainstreaming  
Language  
Multiculturalism  
Services for Emotionally Disturbed People  
Inter-Agency Co-operation

Medical & Surgical Intervention  
Human Relationships  
Day on Deafness  
Creative Music & Drama for Exceptional People  
Special Education Computer Assisted Learning

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