

BOOK NOTES

Diane Pain, Karen Hopper and Elery Hamilton-Smith, compilers, *Leisure and Recreation in Australia 1976-83. A listing of research, policy and planning documents, research in progress, researchers and practitioners.* Leisure Information Centre, Phillip Institute of Technology, December 1984. pp. 104.

This is an eminently useful and convenient guide divided into two sections: researcher/practitioner listing and Australian research register. While all researchers in the leisure/sport area will find this volume useful for chasing up articles published in obscure journals; reading through statements of research in progress (and wondering how much of it will ever see the light of day) and digesting the interests of researchers (such as Barry Andrews list of '1. Stawell Gift, 2. Maher Cuo, 3. Chief Little Wolf!'), it is not necessary to read far to discover that the collection is far from complete. In fact a very cursory examination 'establishes that some prominent researchers obviously did not receive or respond to the questionnaires which form the basis of the book. There is no mention of R.K. Stewart as a researcher or his published work on Australian rules and sport as big business; nor does Braham Dabscheck feature as a researcher though there is an entry noting one of his articles but ignoring quite a few others.

While this volume is welcome, it is a pity that the research register was not compiled with more thoroughness.