

LAA/NZLA — TIME FOR ACTION

IF YOU ARE planning to attend the first combined LAA/NZLA Conference in Christchurch, NZ in January 1981, you should be acting now.

You will need to act in two ways — one to make your travel arrangements, and another to register. You should have received in your copy of *Incite* no8, 16 May, a blue form on which you should make your travel booking as soon as possible. Seats on planes at this peak period are very scarce and getting scarcer. Please understand that because of the heavy traffic, it may not always be possible to give people a seat on the day of their first choice. If you have not already made your travel arrangements you should do so now.

The Conference information brochure and registration form was included with the previous issue of *Incite* (no11, 4 July). Please note that the closing date for the Conference registration is 31 October 1980. First in will get first choice of accommodation. Two other important points to note are that the amounts shown on the form are in NZ dollars, and that the form is to be sent to the Convention

Management Services of Atlantic and Pacific Travel in Christchurch, New Zealand. Please do not send forms to the LAA office. When you have totalled the amounts on your registration form in NZ dollars, you may either obtain a bank draft in NZ dollars, or obtain the conversion rate from your local bank and send a cheque in Australian dollars to Atlantic and Pacific.

It is recommended that you have your flights confirmed before you complete your registration form, so that your accommodation booking will correspond with your flight times, remembering that your first choice of flights may not be available. The procedure is therefore book first, and when confirmation of flights is received, register. If you need another blue travel booking form or another registration form, please contact the LAA office.

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'LIBRARY EDUCATION UNDER SEIGE'

APPROXIMATELY 50 library educators and those interested in library education met at Fisher Library on 6 and 7 June for a seminar entitled 'Library education under seige'.

The seminar was organised by the Education for Librarianship Section of the LAA, and, using a military theme, examined some of the pressures affecting library education, market expectations, and possible responses from library educators to these pressures and expectations.

Many ideas provided food for thought and were presented by speakers who included John Phelan from the New South Wales Higher Education Board who addressed the heavy weapons: governmental policy and planning issues.

The big guns, the LAA's Board of Education were represented by the Chairman, Ted Flowers, and past chairman, Dr Neil Radford. The attacks by the practitioners were given by Mary Bays of CLANN, Carol Small of Manly Public Library, and Stephen Wall of Horan, Wall and Walker.

The second day began with the counter offensive from the library schools, represented by Jean Whyte of Monash, Dr Nancy Lane of WAIT, and John Levett from TCAE. Reinforcement was given by Jean Gledhill of KCAE's Department of Communication Studies who presented some teaching strategies for new situations.

The seminar provided an excellent opportunity for library educators to discuss their common problems, and will hopefully lead to solutions to those problems. The proceedings of the seminar will be published.

Janine Schmidt

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The Executive Director's Column

THE ASSOCIATION'S office despatches many memos to Branches, sections and to various committees. Generally, the responsibility of further distribution of the information in the memo, or of taking action on the information, lies with the person or committee to which it is addressed.

It has been suggested, however, that it would be useful to publish, from time to time,

a list of memos despatched from the Association's office, with the objective of making the membership more aware of the variety of material under discussion. Any member then wanting more information on a subject can contact the Division or committee involved. It is planned to publish further lists quarterly.

Gordon Bower

LIST OF MEMOS AND FORM LETTERS SENT THIS YEAR (1980)

DATE	SENT TO	SUBJECT
Jan 18	Professional Committee of General Council	Election of two members of the Board of Examiners
18	Branch Secs	Branch Council elections
23	Secs, all Sections	Program for LAA/NZLA Conference 1981
23	Secs, all Divisions, General Councillors, members of Board of Education	LAA Officers and Meetings 1980
Feb 8	Branch Secs	1980 Branch programs
March 7	All members of General Council	General Council 1/80
7	Executive Committee	Absences from office
7	All Branch Presidents	General Council 1/80
19	Treas of all Divisions and General Councillors	Applications for Special Grants from 1981 LAA Budget
25	Secs, all Divisions	Volunteer Workers in Libraries
26	Secs, all Divisions	Draft Statement on Non-Discrimination in the Employment of Library Staff
April 1	Unfinancial members	Non-payment of 1980 membership fees
3	Secs, all Divisions	Co-ordination of 1980 Elections
23	Schools of Librarianship	Futures Committee
23	Various Associations	Futures Committee
23	Secs, all Branches	Futures Committee
23	Secs, all Sections	Futures Committee
May 5	Secs, all Branches	Proposed Workshop on Micrographics
16	Executive Committee	Senior staff attendance at LAA/NZLA Conference
22	Executive Committee	Confravision and Teleconferencing
26	General Council, Board of Education and Secs of Divisions	Travelling allowance
June 2	General Council, Secs, all Divisions	Arrangements for next General Council meeting
3	Secs, all Branches	Members in Isolation
3	Secs, Branches and Sections	Copyright in non-book materials
9	Unfinancial members	Non-payment of membership fees for 1980
9	Unfinancial Institutional members	Non-payment of membership fees for 1980
13	Various institutions	Invitation to become Institutional members of LAA