

News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH

At its last meeting on 12 May, Branch Council was addressed on the Manpower Study by Barrie Mitcheson who was joined by Diana Killen and Denis Richardson to report on the Futures Committee of General Council.

Manpower Study

This study originated from a suggestion of the Victorian Branch to General Council and is now complete and in the hands of the Publications Committee.

The *Report* of the Manpower Study was compiled from data supplied by questionnaires completed by: LAA members, both professional and non-professional; employers; and library schools listed in the LAA's *Handbook*, both accredited and non-accredited.

Barrie was unable to comment on the *Report's* findings as it had not yet been ratified by General Council. He suggested, however, that now the groundwork had been done the *Report* be up-dated every three to five years. He also informed the Branch that the *Report's* contents would be discussed at the UCLS meeting on 1 June.

The Branch congratulated the Manpower Study Committee on the completion of its mammoth undertaking.

Futures Committee

The Futures Committee is to report to General Council by November this year. It was established after the LAA's Twentieth Biennial Conference to examine the content of this conference and to project for the next twenty years by proposing objectives and modes of operation to meet envisaged changes.

The Committee began by commissioning papers, but this has not proved to be productive. The Committee members decided to sub-divide into three groups and to tap their local (Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra) Branch Councils for suggestions and new ideas. Denis explained to the Branch that it was not the Futures Committee that would decide the future of the profession but the membership itself.

Branch Council agreed to set up a mechanism, possibly a meeting, whereby Victorian members would have a chance to discuss the issues involved with our regional sub-group of the Committee. If you have ideas which you feel would be pertinent please contact any of the three Melbourne members.

Australian archives

The Branch received a letter from the Victorian Branch of the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association outlining the effects of the Federal Government's cuts to Australian Archives. It is estimated that twenty extra staff would be needed in the Melbourne office alone to restore adequate functioning. Owing to recent staff cuts, reference staff in the Melbourne Office have already been forced to sharply reduce the service they provide to the public.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Regional Offices of Australian Archives are to take the role of statutory Information Access Offices which means that they will be

the first point of contact for people seeking information or access to other Departments' records. As the letter stated, 'Freedom of Information legislation on paper is worthless without the resources to put it into practice.'

As requested the Branch undertook to write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Home Affairs objecting to the reduction of facilities and resources for Australian Archives with copies of these letters to be sent to Mr Colin Pitson, the Assistant Director-General of Australian Archives, PO Box 34, Dickson, ACT 2602 and to the LAA Head Office. The material from ACOA is also to be sent to AACOBs.

The Branch urges you to write to your local member on this vital issue and to send a copy of your letter to Mr Colin Pitson at the above address. Should you require additional information please contact the Branch Secretary, Jan Lindner on (03) 819 8407 or contact the Victorian Branch of ACOA.

Visit of Susan Acutt — 3-7 May

Susan spent a hectic week in Victoria in which she addressed librarianship staff and students at RMIT, Melbourne State College, Monash and Ballarat, and spoke at meetings in Melbourne, Gippsland and Ballarat. She also spent time talking to staff at Swinburne Institute of Technology and the State Library.

We hope that her visit will have achieved its prime objective i.e. to recruit new members.

New Branch representatives

Margaret Copeland is to be the new representative for Ballarat, replacing Peter Mansfield, and Barry Rogers will now be the representative for Gippsland.

Adelaide 22nd Biennial Conference — Travel Arrangements

The Branch discussed the possibility of arranging a Victorian car pool for people not wishing to fly to Adelaide. It was decided that the matter should be brought to members' attention via the sectional groups.

Members are reminded that if they intend to fly, a concession fare will be provided by the conference carrier, TAA to groups of fifteen people or more who travel on the same flight.

Report on Primary School Staffing

The Sub-committee of the Branch has completed its report on Primary School Staffing. The Branch will publish an abridged version of this report and distribute it to Victorian members as a supplement to *InCite*.

Angela Bridgland

NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The Right to Information

Last September a seminar on The Right to Information was held in Townsville.

The seminar investigated a range of issues relating to information access, and the provision of library service to all.

Issues discussed included the LAA statements of policy, copyright, Freedom of Information legislation and access to nonbook materials. Speakers included Jim Dwyer, Derek Fielding, Senator Alan Missen, Senator Gareth Evans and Paul McNally.

The proceedings of this seminar are to be published shortly, at a cost of \$6 to LAA members and \$8 to non-members. Enquiries should be directed to the Publications Officer, North Queensland Regional Group of the LAA, c/o Townsville City Library, 278 Flinders Mall, Townsville Qld 4810.

ACT

Workshop on the Generation and Management of Small Scale Data Bases

This Workshop held 19-21 April, attracted very good support — indeed, well before the Workshop began, we were in the unhappy position of refusing applications and returning cheques.

In all, there were 130 participants, 16 of whom came from developing countries in the region, supported by UNESCO, ADAB, the Department of Science and Technology and some other bodies. Most of the overseas visitors also took part in an interesting and varied program of visits in Melbourne the following week.

For those who were unable to attend, it is planned to issue a volume of proceedings, which will include all the papers presented and a summary of the discussion. This is expected to appear in July and will be available from the LAA (price \$8 members; \$12 non-members).

An additional highlight of the Workshop was a meeting of some data base producers at its close, which resulted in a proposal for an Australian Data Base Producers' Association. Any others interested in this new association are invited to write to Ms Jean Geue, Patent Trademark and Design Offices, PO Box 200, WODEN ACT 2606. *P.J. Judge*

On copyright

Mr. Rob Brian, Law Librarian at the University of New South Wales, will be the keynote speaker at Copyright Now, a workshop organised by the ACT Branch of the LAA on 16 July 1982 at the National Library of Australia.

Other speakers include Catriona Hughes of the Australian Copyright Council, Diana Killen from Infoquest, Colin Clark from the Australian National University and a representative from the Attorney General's Department.

Further details may be obtained from Andrew Bennett 062 49 3439.

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Want to know about the services offered in special libraries? Want to facilitate resource sharing through interlibrary loans? Then what you want is

Directory of Special Libraries in Australia

5th edition 1982

Compiled and edited by
Gabriella Watt, Heather Howard and Jean Geue.

Published by the LAA Special Libraries Section.

Available for: \$45 (\$35 to LAA members).

Available from:

Library Association of Australia
473 Elizabeth Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
(PO Box 371 Strawberry Hills 2012)

A sound move

SOUND INFORMATION have asked us to advise *InCite* readers of their new address.

They have moved to 425 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000, and the new phone number is (02) 212 5377.

HAPPENINGS — continued

JULY 19 NLA/ACI Computer Services 'ANB and APAIS' **Ausinet Training Courses**. Sydney. 2 sessions morning and afternoon. NLA (For info sheet) 14/82 referred. Registrations: Katie Blake (02) 698 6584.

JULY 21 LAA Public Libraries Section NSW Group **Meeting** 'Branch library: grass roots or out on a limb' 6.30pm Venue to be announced. Branch library workers share their experiences and discuss the opportunities and problems unique to their situation. Contact: Murray Love (047) 32 2422 ext 314.

JULY 29 Australian Society of Archivists Sydney Branch **Workshop** 'Introduction to micrographics' **Conference Room, Archives Office of NSW, 2 Globe St, The Rocks**. Cost: \$20 (incls lunch), \$15 for ASA members. Contact: K. Oakes (02) 660 0914 or T. Robinson (02) 27 3953.

SEPTEMBER 29-30 ACI Computer Services **Orbit New and Advanced User Training Courses**. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

OCTOBER LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group **One Day Seminar** 'Information management'. Time and place to be advised. Contact: Jenny Adams (02) 82 0244 ext 337.

NOVEMBER LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group **One Day Seminar and Tour** 'Software packages' Time and place to be advised. Contact: Rosemary McLaughlin (02) 238 3769.

NOVEMBER 9-10 ACI Computer Services **Ausinet New User Training Course**. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

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DECEMBER 6-7 Computer Services **Orbit New and Advanced User Training Courses**. Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

Northern Territory

JULY 19 LAA NT Branch **General meeting** 7.45pm **Mines and Energy Library**. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

AUGUST 15-17 LAA NT Branch **General meeting** 'Frederick Ratcliffe Address' 7.45pm **Darwin Public Library**. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

SEPTEMBER 4-5 LAA NT Branch **Weekend workshop** 'Local history' **Civic Centre, Katherine**. Members of LAA, NT Historical Society, Katherine Historical Society, The National Trust, teachers, historians and interested local residents. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

SEPTEMBER 20 LAA NT Branch **General Meeting** 7.45pm **Darwin Community College**. Speaker: Robyn Young, Lecturer, DCC. Contact: Judy Cameron (089) 81 4640.

Tasmania

JUNE 18-19 LAA CE 82/2 'Managing people at work' **School of Librarianship, Uni of Tasmania**. Fee: \$95 (\$70 LAA members). Contact: Peter Fagan (002) 29 5150 or Marilyn Bryce (02) 698 4100.

JUNE 21 MS Read-a-thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available now. Contact: S. Atherton (002) 34 9132.

JUNE 28 LAA Northern Areas Regional Group **Meeting** 'Information technology and its effect on people' **The Theatre, Devonport Community College (TAFE campus), Valley Rd, Devonport**. Speaker: Barry Jones, MHR, Member for Lalor. Contact: Karmen Pemberton (004) 31 2877 or Richard Pickup (003) 26 0210.

JULY 2-3 Tas Teacher/Librarians' Association **Annual Conference** 'Reforming informing' **Westside Motor Inn, 156 Bathurst St, Hobart**. Speakers: Dr Roy Lundin, Dr Deane Hutton, Mrs Marianne Broadbent. Contact: Jill Ware (002) 30 2170 or (002) 30 2507.

JULY 13 LAA Tas Branch/ Tas Historical Research Assoc **Joint meeting** 8pm 'Librarians and laymen: recurrent tensions in the management of the Tasmania Public Library Board' **Royal Society Room, Tas Museum and Art Gallery, 5 Argyle St, Hobart**. Contact: Peter Fagan (002) 29 5150.

JULY 17 LAA Tas Branch **Seminar** 'ABN for Tasmania?' **Senior Common Room, Uni of Tasmania**. Speakers: Judith Baskin and Peter Nissen. Cost: \$10 students; \$15 LAA members; \$25 non-members. Contact: Christine Grey (002) 20 2351.

AUGUST 6-10 Australian Council for Adult Literacy **Sixth Conference** 'Literacy and libraries' **Hobart**. Contact: Maureen Campbell, Publicity Co-ordinator, Adult Literacy Conference, PO Box 841, Burnie Tas 7320.

Overseas

AUGUST 1-6 International Assoc of School Librarianship **Conference** "Sharing — a challenge for all" **Red Deer, Alberta, Canada**. Theme address by Frank Hogg (Principal, College of Librarianship, Wales), Study and sightseeing tour leaves Red Deer on 6 August and ends in Calgary on 9 August. Contact: Valerie Packer, 4 Godfrey Road, Artarmon NSW 2064.

AUGUST 2-14 Twelfth Annual Children's Books of the Year Exhibition **National Book League, Book House, 45 East Hill, London**. For further details contact: Barbara Buckley, NBL Publicity Officer, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ.

SEPTEMBER 6-10 IBBY **18th Biennial Conference** 'Story in the child's changing world' **Churchill College, Cambridge, England**. Conference fee: A\$350 (approx, incls accom at Cambridge). Further details and booking form: IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

SEPTEMBER 6-17 Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux **International Training Course** for people involved in agricultural information work. **Oxford College**. Cost: 525 (includes full board and travel expenses during course); 300 (non-residential attendees). Closing date for applications: 1 August. Contact: The Training Officer, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough S12 3BN, UK.

SEPTEMBER 12-16 **Hong Kong, 41st FID Congress**. Research workers from all over the world will have the opportunity of sharing their ideas. Further information: Peter Judge, c/o CSIRO, PO Box 225, Dickson ACT 2602.

SEPTEMBER 21-24 **55th Annual ASLIB Conference**. Contact: Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL, England.

OCTOBER 21-29 American Association of School Librarianship. **Conference for Media Specialists, Information Scientists, Instructional Technologists and College Educators**. **Houston, Texas**. Theme 'AASL '82 A New Emphasis'. Contact: Ms Fyte, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, ILL 60611, USA.



Young Adults category

The issue of *InCite* of 5 March 1982 referred to Ms M. Gibsons' suggestion that a book category be established in Libraries for Young Adults. *InCite* readers were asked for their opinions on relevant suggestions Ms Gibsons had made.

For readers' information the Brisbane City Council Library Service, which answers the reading needs of the city's population, has been using the category Young Adults for approximately three years in its 27 branch Libraries. Titles are specifically ordered as YA for this category, catalogued as such, and finally shelved in the Libraries separately from the Junior titles.

Our use of the category Young Adult or YA is restricted to Fiction, Non-Fiction titles for adolescent readers being assimilated into the Junior Non-Fiction collection. However adolescent members of the Brisbane City Council Libraries, if under age, are quite free to take out adult membership if a parent or guardian authorises and endorses such a step. The adolescent readers then have access to the Adult Non-Fiction section of the Libraries as well as the Adult Fiction.

On the Young Adult (YA) shelves of our Libraries are books of the kind Ms Gibsons suggested: '... love stories, science fiction, fantasy, adventure and animal stories ...' Many such titles are written by contemporary authors specifically with adolescent needs and tastes in mind. These titles satisfy the '13-15 age group finding that junior reading material no longer satisfies them and that they are not yet ready for the Adult Collection'.

Library and educational research certainly confirms Ms Gibsons' observation that many adolescents '... drift away from Libraries when they are in the 13-15 age group'. Whitehead, for example, stated in 1977 referring to one survey: '... only 32.8 percent of boys and 41.3 percent of girls regularly visited the public library at age 10 while at 14 this had dropped to 22.4 percent and 25.9 percent respectively' (*Children and their books*: ed. by F. Whitehead et al, pp 74-75).

It is essential that as Librarians we endeavour to correct such alarming statistics, because adolescent readers are the adult readers of tomorrow, the future members of public libraries, as well as the future parents of a new generation of readers. We can try to do so by creating or improving the Young Adults' sections in our Libraries, by encouraging and assisting adolescent library members, and exploring other avenues like activities for adolescents and liaison with libraries in the local secondary schools.

Ms V. Jarrott

Brisbane City Council Library Service

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SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION
(NORTHERN TERRITORY GROUP)

At its meeting in November 1981, General Council approved the formation of the Northern Territory Group of the Special Libraries Section.

The office bearers for 1982 are:

- President — Julii Tyson, PO Box 38496, Winnellie, NT 5789. Tel: (089) 22 0250
 - Secretary — Delys Newman, PO Box 2445, Darwin, NT 5794. Tel: (089) 82 4211
 - Treasurer — Colleen Pyne, PO Box 39448, Winnellie, NT 5789. Tel: (089) 84 3611
- Janet Cowden has been appointed Group Representative on NT Branch Council.

The Group would like to meet any special librarians who may be visiting the Northern Territory. If you are heading in our direction please ring Margaret Clinch (089) 84 4277 and she will arrange a meeting.

Lauris Suiter,
Publicity Officer

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

Do you know how to write abstracts? Or what their purpose really is? Many of the NSW Specials Committee felt that they really knew very little about them and because of this they decided to hold an Abstract Writing Workshop.

Meet the President!

Your chance to meet the President of the LAA, Judith Baskin, is on Wednesday 7 July, 6.00 for 6.30 pm.

The venue is the Galleries, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Enquiries should be directed to Philomena Lapsley (02) 692 3257 or Ian Gordon (02) 230 8563.

It will be on 1 July, from 9 am to 5 pm at the Squarehouse, University of NSW; the keynote speaker will be Professor M. Weinstock.

There will be three other speakers explaining how they abstract in their organisations. The rest of the day will be spent in groups with the individual members doing the abstracting.

The cost is approximately \$20 per head (lunch included). Participants are asked to bring two articles with them, for which they have attempted to write abstracts. Contact Cheryl Grant (02) 666 9841 for registration forms.

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