

News from the Divisions

ACT BRANCH

Australian Federal Libraries Council

In March this year the ACT Branch set up a sub-committee to further the goal of establishing an Australian Federal Libraries Council (AFLC).

The idea of setting up a body which would co-ordinate the administrative and research work required to enhance effectiveness and efficiency in federal government libraries, has been around since the late 1960s. In 1977 the previous sub-committee produced the 'Review of Operations of Commonwealth Departmental Libraries' (LAA 1977) which recommended the creation of an independent planning body modelled on the US Federal Library Committee. This report was subsequently presented and discussed with the Commonwealth Public Service Board, but with no result.

The new sub-committee has been formed to take the matter up again. A discussion paper has been prepared and circulated to federal government libraries throughout Australia. The response to the paper has been heartening, and many enthusiastic comments have been received. Anyone who would like to receive a copy of the discussion paper should contact Rosemary Bell, Convenor of the AFLC Sub-Committee, c/- Dept of Foreign Affairs, Administrative Building,

ASCIS and TASCIS

A LETTER appeared in InCite No18, 1 October 1982, from Marianne Broadbent, Lecturer, Department of Librarianship, MIT.

Unfortunately some typographical errors occurred, and we therefore reprint the corrected paragraphs.

Library files are relatively large and almost all applications require sophisticated information retrieval software to access these files. In general, these criteria are beyond the immediate capabilities of microcomputers, however specialised functions can be implemented both at local and regional level . . . If any library system is to be automated the school librarian must be confident that the computerised system will provide at least the same level of service as the previous system plus some additional benefits. (p40) . . .

This paper was presented on 23 April 1980. In it, Robert Broadbent laments the fact that the harnessing of computer and communications technology for schools did not place a high priority on the ability to record and manipulate location information.

Both SAERIS and TASCIS are, in 1982, undergoing a re-examination of their priorities in this area. TASCIS is now seeking to use the feature to which I referred in May 1980 and which is mentioned on p56 of *School Libraries and Technology*:

In our zeal to promote consistency, we failed to recognise that there is a considerable difference between ASCIS (Australian School Catalogue Information Service) and TASCIS (Tasmanian Schools Cataloguing Information Service).

Our apologies to Marianne Broadbent. — Editor.

Canberra, ACT 2600 (telephone (062) 61 2965).

The sub-committee is also planning to hold a seminar on the AFLC proposal in early 1983, at which parliamentarians, senior public servants and librarians will be invited to participate. Publicity for the seminar will appear in a later *InCite*. *Rosemary Bell.*

Apology to Queensland and Tasmania

InCite has run a number of articles about activities throughout Australia during Information Technology Week. One of these articles stated 'Information Technology Week will be held in all states except Queensland and Tasmania from 15 to 21 August 1982.' (*InCite* v3 no14). Our apologies to Queensland and Tasmania for the possible interpretation that nothing was happening in those states. Our error was genuine as the article was based on a press release received in the LAA office. A report has since appeared outlining ITW activities. — Editor.



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Executive Director



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