



ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT

Salaries

Municipal shire and city library staff in 3 states recently received increases in salary which will be applied in several stages. These are:

WA — 3% from 1/7/82; 3% from 1/10/82; 2% from 1/1/83 and 2% from 1/4/83.

SA — 2% from 1/4/82; 7.5% from 1/7/82 and 6.1% from 1/1/83.

Brisbane City Council — 5% from 30/6/82; 3% from 30/10/82 and 2.5% from 30/4/83.

Review in the NT

The Public Service Commissioner's Office is currently conducting a review of library services and classifications in the NT Public Service. The Review Team is composed of Mr Chris Donnelly from the Commissioner's Office and Mrs Lauris Suiter, Librarian of the Chief Minister's Department.

The Review is expected to take some 10-12 weeks and commenced on 1/11/82.

A submission from the Certificate in Library Practice Course Advisory Committee for the inclusion of the classification of Library Technician in the NT staffing schedules will be considered by the Review.

The LAA and the POA are jointly sponsoring the visit of Mr Denis Richardson, Melbourne University Librarian, to go to Darwin for one week in November to advise the Review.

Union applies for registration

Following the election of the Committee of Management at its annual general meeting in October, the Union of Library and Information Staff has applied to the NSW Industrial Registrar for registration under the Trade Union Act.



Local History and the Public Library

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This publication, the proceedings of a joint workshop held in October 1979, has now been reprinted.

Cost: \$4.50

\$4.00 (LAA members)

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News from the Divisions

INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION WA GROUP

Automation in the University of Tasmania Library

About 40 members and friends of the ISS (WA Group) were treated to a lively description of automation developments at the University of Tasmania Library by Dick Goodram, Divisional Librarian: Technical Services.

Dick was passing through Perth on his way back from addressing the annual conference of the South African Institute of Library and Information Scientists and was kind enough to take the time to talk to the ISS WA Group. It was most interesting to hear what had been done in the past, where things stood currently, and how the Library was planning its future. This is particularly timely as many libraries in Western Australia are on the brink of automation themselves.

ISS National Seminar, Perth, 29-30 September 1983

The proposed theme for this seminar is INFORMATION DELIVERY with emphasis on the following aspects:

- the technology
- the infrastructures
- the end users
- the information facilitators

It is envisaged that the seminar will be structured to permit participation by users and other information industry groups (information scientists, publishers, computer specialists, etc). It is hoped that the 'LAA and the information scientists' problem will be addressed in a very practical way during this seminar, so that some guidelines for solving the problem may be drawn up.

The seminar is being planned with as much co-operation as possible with the other conference organizers, particularly the Special Libraries Section, so that the best deal

can be arranged for all participants.

Visits by overseas speaker/s and a possible teleconferencing link are also being considered as ways of directly involving participants unable to get to Perth.

The ISS WA Group is most anxious for support and assistance from the total library community in planning and presenting this second national seminar. If you have comments or ideas on the theme, the speakers, or the planned activities, or wish to be involved in the planning committee, please contact **Ian Stone, Hon Secretary, Information Science Section (WA Group), LAA, C/-The Library Board of Western Australia, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth WA 6000 ((09) 328 7466).**

Louise Jones

NSW BRANCH COUNCIL

The NSW Branch Council held its regular October meeting on Saturday October 23 at the New Lambton Public Library in the Hunter Region. The meeting provided members in the Hunter area with an opportunity to observe the workings of Branch Council and meet and discuss issues with Branch Councillors.

The President reported that the committee for next year's Interlending Conference had been formed and meetings would be taking place in the near future. She also reported on the discussion at an AACOBS meeting of the possible use of ABN as a facility to notify serials cancellations.

Council discussed the requirement of Institutional membership for use of the voucher system and noted the hardship this may cause some small libraries. A suggestion from the Special Librarians Section of a 'vouchers only' membership category was thought a good idea and the matter forwarded to General Council with Branch support.

The possibility of the Branch participating in a job placement service was discussed and it was decided to seek information from members and professional agencies interested in this matter.

Council also discussed the LAA's statement on Free Library Service to All and the issue of legal responsibility of Librarians. A wide variety of opinion was expressed, of which the General Councillor took note to attempt to convey the Branch's sentiments at the next meeting of General Council.

Ian Gordon

Victorian Association for Library Automation

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2ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION

Melbourne, November 29-December 2, 1983

CALL FOR PAPERS & PARTICIPATION

Theme: The theme of the Conference will be INFORMATION MANAGEMENT. The continuing development of computer and communications technology poses special problems for librarians, information and computer professionals. The Conference will address these issues at an international, national and local level, and will examine them as part of the wider perspective of the management of information in its various forms.

Demonstrations: Demonstrations of hardware and software systems by vendors or institutions are welcomed.

Dead-lines: 28 February 1983 — proposal and brief abstract.

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