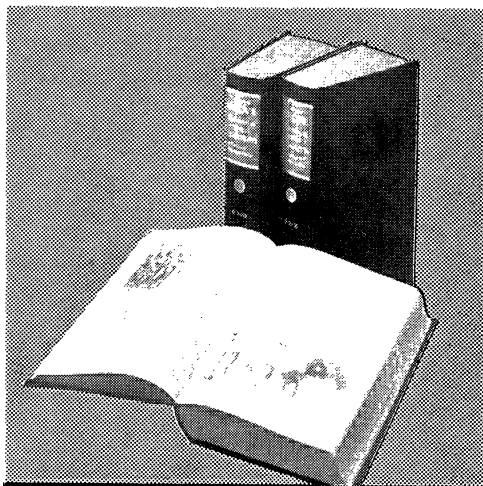


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News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Role of the librarian

In June this year a highly successful Melbourne workshop was run in which the role of the library technician was closely defined. Branch feels that there is increasing lack of clarity between the roles of the technician and the base grade librarian and has appointed a subcommittee consisting of Keith Davison, Carmen Hannaker, Margaret Broadhead, Ross Gibbs and Angela Bridgland to examine the matter.

Lobbying

At the August General Council meeting General Councillors were asked to bring lobbying suggestions from their Councils to the December General Council meeting. The Victorian Branch has appointed a subcommittee to consider those areas it feels important for the 1985 programme. The convenor is Carmen Hannaker and she would welcome any suggestions members might have.

Information professional

On August 16 the Branch held a meeting to explore the role of the information professional. Judging from the huge attendance, the topic was of great interest to members. The meeting was addressed by Diane Costello (Balarat CAE) and Cheryl Schauder (RMIT). They gave fascinating accounts of their research projects in which they have been independently analysing job advertisements for information workers which could well utilise librarianship skills.

Branch programme

A meeting on industrial relations will be held on October 18 at Melbourne CAE, room S 819 at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Speakers will be Louise Lansley, the LAA's new Industrial Information and Research Officer and Tony Lamb, Secretary of CASA.

On Saturday December 1, Branch will hold a whole day meeting, the focal point of which will be budget preparation for 1985. Observers will be welcome.

The year promises to end on a bright note with a Christmas cocktail party at the Menzies at the Rialto on December 14.

Watch Happenings for further details.

Elections

Ballot papers for 1985 Victorian Branch Council elections are to be inserted in this issue of *Incite*. Members should automatically receive ballot papers. Should you miss out please contact Association Headquarters, 376 Jones Street Ultimo, NSW and have the papers sent directly to you.

Angela Bridgland

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PROPOSED LAA TAFE SECTION

WANTED — 100 Signatures from professional and technician members of the LAA from a majority of states.

Many library staff working in TAFE or concerned with the delivery of library services in TAFE, believe that a national body representing their interests is essential to achieving their goals. The Library Association of Australia should be that body.

In the past, the academic library model has been used by administrators as the rationale for TAFE library services. However, many TAFE library staff now realise that this model is inappropriate and is, in effect, inhibiting the development of their services. The LAA University and College Libraries Section is no longer representative of a growing body of TAFE Staff.

An LAA TAFE Section could bring the following benefits —

1. The promotion of a national image of TAFE and, in particular, TAFE library services. The community has a vague and unrealistic knowledge of TAFE.
2. It would provide an opportunity to give advice and assistance to government bodies and other organisations interacting with TAFE libraries and their services.
3. For matters of concern to TAFE library staff, irrespective of state boundaries, there would be the means to co-ordinate and express collective opinions.
4. It would provide a mechanism for co-operation and sharing of information between members.
5. Professional development of its members would be enhanced.
6. It would provide a vehicle for setting standards and improving the quality of service.

If you share these views please add your name to the petition requesting the formation of an LAA TAFE Section by forwarding to me as soon as possible your name (printed), place of employment and your signature.

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POSSIBLE VISIT BY BRITISH CONSULTANT

British information editorial and typographical design consultant Elizabeth Orna is considering visiting Australia during 1985 and has contacted the LAA with a view to ascertaining the extent of interest by institutions in engaging her for lectures, seminars, etc.

The factors which have led Ms Orna to consider the visit are the interest shown by some Australian institutions in her book on thesaurus construction and the fact that Telecom Australia have bought the Prestel system including the thesaurus and indexing system she designed.

Ms Orna would be prepared to give lectures, workshops, etc, on such topics as

- information management
- the development of information policies for organisations
- thesaurus construction (including the use of microcomputer software as an aid)
- use of microcomputers in small information systems
- information writing
- preparation of manuals for information systems (computer-based and manual)

Further information can be obtained from Elizabeth Orna, MA, DipLib, M1 InfSci at 55 Telegraph Lane, East Norwich, Norfolk NR1 4AR, England.