



## Replacing the library

On behalf of the school I would like to thank your Executive Committee for their very generous donation of \$500.00 to assist us in replacing our library collection after our fire. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and concern for our school, and I can assure you that your donation will help us tremendously in re-establishing our library.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the lateness of this reply, but as you can no doubt imagine, all of our energies have been devoted to getting the library physically repaired and trying to keep normal programs within the school functioning. It does appear that we should be able to get use of the library again early in this term, but the massive job of replacing our stock will probably take at least another 12 months or so.

If at any time in the future our school can assist your association with any projects do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,  
R. M. Lavender,  
Principal  
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## LAA membership

The Victorian Branch has been discussing, for some time, the issue of LAA membership and why professionals are either not joining or not remaining in the Association.

Given that one of the perennial reasons is the level of the fees, the Branch also considers that employers do not provide sufficient encouragement to their staff in the matter of membership of professional associations. To attempt to redress this, the Victorian Branch

(i) believes that LAA members who are responsible for employing staff should use LAA membership as a guide to selection of staff, recognising that this implies some further commitment to the profession and its practice.

(ii) recommends that the LAA mounts a vigorous campaign to make new professional appointments subject to LAA membership, as opposed to eligibility for LAA membership; this campaign to begin at State and Federal Government level initially, to influence government appointments, and spreading from there to affect appointments on statutory authorities, and other government-funded bodies, e.g. Universities, CAEs, etc.

The Branch recognises that this will not be accomplished over night, but is convinced that it will gain acceptability in the same way that recognition of courses by the LAA is now accepted by most employers.

We have to start somewhere, why not in our own workplaces?

*Diane Costello*  
Secretary  
on behalf of the Victorian Branch

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LC MARC tapes are added to the database on a regular basis; the films file includes records created 1972 to date for both films and video recordings; the maps file contains records created March 1983 to date. The first LC music tapes was released April 1984, and will shortly also be added to ABN. This file contains records for both music and sound recordings.

The National Library of Australia's Film Lending collection file together with records created since 1978 for *Australian films* was loaded onto ABN in May 1984. These files contained almost 22,000 records for films and video recordings. NLA holdings are to be added at a later date. The New South Wales Library is presently adding holdings to those items within its collection. It is planned to continue loading tapes from the Film Lending Collection quarterly.

As of July 1984 there were 16,000 participant holdings for non-book materials on ABN, and during August almost 1,400 original records were created through participant cataloguing programs. Records for a wide range of media have been created, including maps, music, sound recordings, video recordings, films; slides, pictures, kits and realia.

The APOLLO Project from the National Library's Pictorial Section has resulted in more than 4,000 records being created for oils, watercolours and art photographs, thus providing on-line access to items within its collection.

A project has also been mounted to create interim records with holdings for all acetate disks held in the National Sound Archive. These disks contain early Australian radio speeches, programs, etc. To date 4,500 records have been created.

The University of Western Australia and the Western Australian College of Advanced Education are co-operating in cataloguing music scores and sound recordings. The Library Board of Western Australia has also been invited to participate. This project will be a valuable source for music cataloguing data as well as in sharing resources.

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