

INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Work Level Guidelines, Statement on Volunteer Workers

Copies of the LAA's *Work Level Guidelines and Statement on Volunteer Workers* as adopted by General Council at its March 1985 meeting have now been printed. Copies are available from Head Office on request.

Commonwealth Public Service Pay Increase

The Arbitration Commission granted pay rises of between 2% and 4% to clerical and administrative staff and keyboard operators on May 24, 1985. Library officers with the Commonwealth Public Service will receive a 2% pay rise as a result of this decision.

Victorian Teachers Union Industrial Campaign

The May State Council of the VTU endorsed its 1985 log of claims which seeks a number of improvements in conditions and staffing, including a clause relating to lunch breaks for library staff. The VTU is to begin a campaign to implement the log of claims.

MOA inspections — Victoria

The MOA has undertaken preliminary inspections at a number of Victorian Libraries and is awaiting a hearing date from the commission so that inspections and the taking of evidence may commence.

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JOINT LIBRARY STORE FOR TWO UNIVERSITIES

The Joint Library Store of the Universities of Flinders and Adelaide formally commenced operations with a visit and reception for members of the governing bodies of the two Universities on the 22nd February. The joint store represents an experiment in capital funding for co-operative purposes by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission, and is believed to be the only purpose built joint library store in Australasia. It has been built on the western side of the Flinders University campus, with fine views of Adelaide and Gulf St Vincent, and with plenty of room for further extension. Built at a cost of \$1.07 million, complete with furnishings fittings and shelving for a minimum of 375,000 volumes, the store is expected to meet the two Universities' storage needs for some years, with an expected annual intake of about 50,000 volumes. The store has a gross area of 1,440 square metres, contains 1,875 bays of 3 metre high industrial-type shelving, with aisle space of 634mm. Volumes sent there are sized so that the maximum capacity of the shelving may be used, with shelf arrangements from seven shelves per bay to twelve shelves per bay.

A most interesting solution was reached to the concern of the two University Librarians that the temperature and humidity in the store should be effectively controlled over the long term, without expenditure on air conditioning. Building materials were selected for

both maintenance and high thermal resistance. The ceiling is eight inches thick and the walls are windowless and of a cavity structure with the inner walls being styrofoam in a six inch metal sandwich. The post-tensioned concrete raft floor rests directly on the ground floor to gain thermal inertia. This passive approach to environmental control resulted from an analysis of the thermal response of books in conjunction with the building structure, to achieve a system with high inertia to changes in outside temperatures. The surroundings have been landscaped carefully to eliminate dust and to meld the building to the site. The requirements set out in the architectural brief were an optimum temperature of 20°C, with a minimum of 10°C and a maximum of 25°C, and an average humidity of 50% at 25°C. In Adelaide these conditions apply about 80% of the time, and the design was planned for a temperature time constant of 30 days, i.e. so that the interior temperature of the store responds more to average monthly temperatures than daily variations. Tests so far, even with a largely empty building, have been very encouraging, with interior temperatures varying only slightly and not exceeding 23°C in February.

The store also has a separate but connected annexe with space for forty reading places, with large windows providing a superb view, with ducted heating and evaporative cooling, a delivery area and services, and is complete with microform and copying equipment. Pending agreement on a joint catalogue a terminal link to BIBLION, the Barr Smith Library's on-line bibliographic system provides access to Barr Smith Library holdings and a card catalogue to the Flinders material. There is a daily collection delivery service linking the store to the two University Libraries, which acts both to transfer select volumes to the store on an ongoing basis, and to retrieve items requested by readers. Costs of the store operations are shared between the two Universities according to a formula which apportions standing costs according to the floor space occupied, and running costs according to the transactions each library generates. It was envisaged early that the store could be used by other Adelaide libraries. Formal agreements for wider sharing of the Store have not yet been drawn up but already a small area is occupied by books from the library of the South Australian Institute of Technology.

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