

News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

Submission to the Minister of the Arts
A delegation consisting of Bill Linklater, Keith Davison and Carmen Hannaker will present Branch Council's 1983 submission to the Minister in the near future. That part of the submission which deals with Victorian public libraries has been prepared by Cath Pivec and Carmen Hannaker and the State Library section was prepared by Graham Dudley. It is hoped that some clarification of the Government's position on the Public Library subsidy will be given.

LAA Objectives for 1983/84

General Council has circulated a list of objectives for the LAA to all Branches for their consideration to establish some priorities for action. A Branch sub-committee has been formed for this purpose convened by Bea Fincher. Other committee members are Janette Wright, Jan Lindner and Bill Linklater.

Policy on access to branch documents

In general all documents (including correspondence) are available to members. Exceptions are material involving individual people and material the Branch has agreed to keep confidential. The majority of Branch Council documents such as agendas, minutes, and Treasurer's reports are freely available and might be regarded as public documents. A complete copy of the policy is available from the Secretary, Jan Lindner.

Branch Council budget

The Treasurer suggested that Branch Council plan a special meeting to formulate the budget for 1984. Branch moved that the March 1984 meeting be held on a Saturday to deal with both general Branch business and the budget. Saturday was chosen deliberately so that interested regional representatives could attend, and a substantial amount of time could be devoted to the discussion of the budget.

Angela Bridgland

UCLS VIC GROUP

In October 1982 the UCLS Vic group ran a seminar on job interviewing techniques for librarians. The seminar, held at the State Film Centre, included two videos showing shortlisting and interview situations featuring librarians from local institutions. The speaker was David Burd who has worked in many areas of university administration including staffing and advanced management education.

Due to the interest shown by many of the seminar participants, Vic Group has now completed a package based on the two original videos. It includes an introduction by David Burd, questions asked by participants during the session, and explanatory notes.

The package, aimed primarily at middle level librarians, particularly addresses questions concerning staff selection below the

professional librarian level although the underlying principles of interviewing and selection are relevant to all levels.

The video package can be obtained for \$50 (cheques made payable to UCLS Vic Group) by contacting Helen Sweeny, Secretary, UCLS Vic Group, Swinburne Library, John Street, Hawthorn (03) 819 8184. For further information contact Helen Hayes, Melbourne College of Advanced Education - Carlton Campus.

Helen Hayes
President

NSW ONLINE USERS GROUP

The capabilities of the INIS (International Nuclear Information System) online database was the subject of a most interesting and informative talk presented to the group by Lorraine Manning and John Rugg from the Australian Atomic Energy Commission.

The database, which has recently become available throughout Australia, contains over 700,000 references since 1972 providing worldwide coverage in the fields of nuclear science, solid state physics, industrial and medical uses of radioisotopes and uranium mining and enrichment. The online demonstration and hands-on session provided a good opportunity to become acquainted with the system. The database is accessible at all times and the cost is \$25 per connect hour.

The group's next meeting is to be held on 19 July, at Sydney University, when talk will be presented by Andrew McKenzie on the ESA database. More details will be provided in Happenings.

Libraries of Sydney

The Library Association of Australia is seeking a compiler for a second edition of *Libraries of Sydney*, formerly published by Footscray Institute of Technology.

Would anyone interested in undertaking such an assignment please write to the Publications Officer, LAA, 376 Jones St., Ultimo.

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A TEACHER-LIBRARIAN'S NEWSLETTER

A quarterly for librarians and teachers, edited by John Hirst, commences publication in July 1983, \$8 per annum.

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Acquisition Librarian (B3855) and Cataloguing Librarian (B1870)

The appointments will be to the Technical Services Division of the Barr Smith Library, which has a current staff of 46, divided into two sections, following recent reorganisation. The appointees will be responsible to the Technical Services Librarian for the management of the Acquisition Department and the Cataloguing Department respectively.

The Library has a collection in excess of one million volumes, of which 140,000 are in storage. Further substantial transfers will occur when the Joint Store with Flinders University is completed in 1984. The present rate of accession is some 13,000 monograph titles per year, while current serial titles number 14,000.

The Barr Smith Library is a participant in the Australian Bibliographic Network, with which is interfaced its on-line system BIBLION. A fully integrated bibliographical system is developing, including on-line public access. The appointees to these positions will be expected to make a substantial contribution to the further development of this system and the progressive closure of the card catalogues and other manual files.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE: Applicants must hold a degree from a recognised tertiary Institution and, in addition a postgraduate qualification in librarianship or the Registration Certificate of the Library Association of Australia. Relevant library experience at a senior level, preferably in a university or research library, is required.

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Appointment will be within one of the following ranges -
Librarian Grade II: \$22,060 × 5 - \$25,610
Librarian Grade III: \$26,800 × 3 - \$30,090

depending on the determination of the classification level of the duties.

FURTHER INFORMATION about the duties of these positions may be obtained from the Technical Services Librarian, telephone (08) 228 5223. Information about salaries and general conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Personnel Manager of the University.

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