

LAA OBJECTIVES 1984/85

Item	Progress to date	Action required	Date due	Action Officer
POLICY DEVELOPMENT				
1. Code of ethics	Nov. 1982 WP established to draw up a draft convened by Mr. Cameron. July 1983 M. Cameron declined to continue, GC reaffirmed decision to prepare a draft. J. Balnaves invited to convene.	Draft to be considered by GC, then circulated to divisions for comment. Final draft to be circulated to membership.	Draft — March 1984 Final — March 1985	J. Balnaves
2. National Information Policy	Strategy for joint proposal to government discussed with ACS, IREE, AACOBs. LAA Working Party established to draw up statement for Minister for Science and Technology.	Preparation of statement for presentation to government.		Gen. Secretary General Council Exec. Director
3. Copyright	(1) Print materials — Continuing consultations with AG's Dept. Parts of legislation to be redrafted end 1983.	Monitor, then respond to redraftings.	Throughout 1984	W. D. Thorn Copyright Ctte
	(2) AV materials — Submission prepared, response prepared to Issues paper from AC's. Consultations taking place. Information being sought from school and public libraries.	Continue consultations.	Throughout 1984	P. McNally AV Services Committee
	(3) Copyright on computer software.	Monitor.	Throughout 1984	Executive Director
4. Multicultural library services	WP established to draw up statement. Statement approved March GC.		Completed	M. Garlick Exec. Director
5. National Language	Submission to Senate Standing Committee. Inquiry continuing.	Monitor.	Throughout 1984	A. Edwards
6. LAA & Information scientists	Proposal to amend Regulation B7 to admit information scientists to Associateship not supported.	Feasibility of surveying info. scientists re status, views on role in LAA to be referred to LWSC. Gen. Secretary to investigate information scientist societies overseas.	August 1984	Gen. Secretary Gen. Council

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Futures Committee Report

ALL MEMBERS have recently received the report of the Futures Committee Workshop as an insert in *InCite*.

Following the Workshop the Futures Committee suggested some modification to its recommendations, and these were discussed at General in November 1983. The list of recommendations appeared in the August 17 issue of *InCite* but unfortunately three were omitted. The complete list is given below:

- 1) That the LAA should broaden its objects to promote, establish and improve library and information services to serve as *the* professional association for the new range of professionals involved in the provision of the library and information services of the future.
- 2) That the LAA reflect the widened role in a new name.
- 3) That the LAA survey information workers outside the Association to determine their needs and the support the renewed Association could provide.
- 4) That the LAA reassess the educational process required for the wider roles of its members in providing information services.
- 5) That the LAA explore the means of monitoring the social, economic and political data relating to libraries and information services using existing data and mechanisms.
- 6) That the LAA explore the possibility of making regular projections for libraries and information services using existing economic models and the data gathered above.
- 7) That the LAA monitor developments in the provision of public and private sector information services including funding levels.
- 8) That the LAA monitor the range of information products available in Australia with a view to providing technology assessment of them.
- 9) That the LAA campaign to ensure that every school has a trained teacher-librarian, as far as possible, full-time.
- 10) That the LAA support efforts to ensure that children are taught the value and methods of use of information services.

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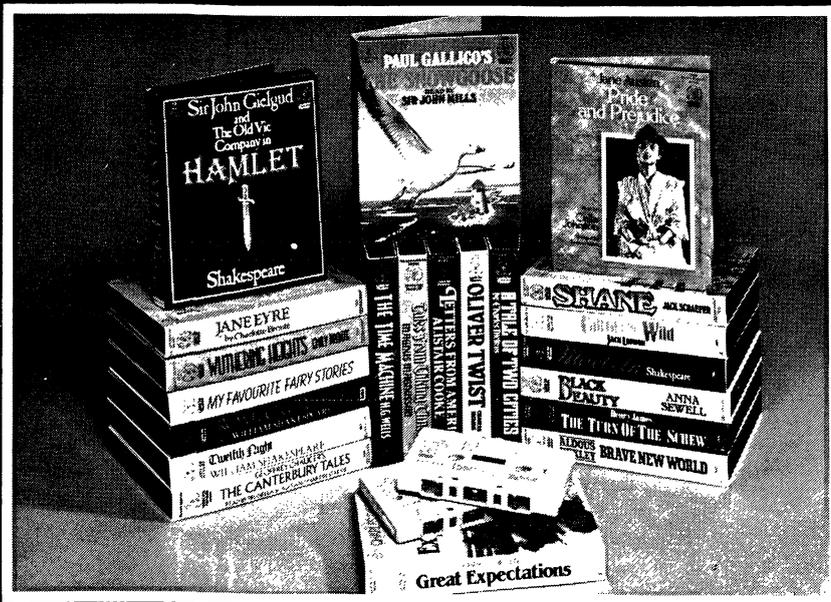
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7. Legal responsibility of librarians	Brief consideration by GC. WP established convened by John Levett.	Paper to GC on implications for profession and action required by the LAA.	March 1984	J. Levett
8. Standards for library service	Committee established to monitor the need for standards, convened L. Beveridge. Public library standards Draft policy and performance guidelines prepared and adopted by March GC.	Outline of areas requiring action to be prepared by GC. Publish.	November 1984 August 1984	L. Beveridge M. Garlick
9. Lobbying				
1) Briefing of Ministers	President and ED met with Ministers for Science and Technology and Home Affairs. Sought meetings with Min. for Communications and Education no success.	1984 Pres. and ED to meet with Duffy and Ryan and other Ministers as necessary.	Ongoing	Pres. and ED
2) Attendance at Nat. Techn. Conference.	President attended on behalf of LAA.	Ensure LAA is invited to a second conference if held.	1984	Pres. and ED
3) IAC Inquiry	LAA presented submission. Barrie Mitcheson, Doreen Parker, Bert Cornelius presented evidence. Draft report has appeared.	Response to report to be prepared.	December 1983	JCIT, Barrie Mitcheson
4) Funding for public libraries	Section and Sectional Groups invited to identify target areas for funding. Working Party established to identify priority areas for attention.	Approach government on funding identified areas.	Throughout 1984	Gen. Council Exec. Director
5) Private enterprise		Publicise the benefits of using information and employing qualified library staff.	Throughout 1984	Gen. Council Exec. Director.

List to be continued

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

The Australian Government Publishing Service — AACOBS Liaison Committee met in July, discussing several issues of general interest.

Changes to the Commonwealth Acts Interpretation Act now authorise courts to draw on a wider range of materials as aids to the interpretation of Commonwealth laws. These are:

- any relevant reports (e.g. reports of Royal Commissions, law reform commissions, committees of inquiry) laid before Parliament before the provision in question was enacted;
- any treaty or other international agreement referred to in the legislation in question;
- the explanatory memorandum and Second Reading Speech relating to the legislation in question;
- any document that is expressly declared by the legislation in question to be relevant;
- any other relevant material in the Journals of the Senate, the Votes and Proceedings of the House, or the Hansard record of debates.

Libraries concerned will now need to keep all this material. These changes took effect on 12 June 1984, the date of a press release from the Attorney-General which will appear in the *Commonwealth record*.

An AGPS *Charter of printing and publishing activities* was tabled in the House of Representatives on 6 March this year. It sets out the role of AGPS and its relationships with Parliament, departments and authorities. However it is a general statement which fails to mention that some federal agencies, including the National Library of Australia, have exemption from using it. A serious weakness is that no sanctions are available to oblige agencies to work with AGPS, with consequent problems in the availability and bibliographic control of publications. Copies of the Charter will be distributed without charge from the Director, Publishing, AGPS, GPO Box 84, Canberra, ACT 2601.

Users will have noticed the AGPS *Annual catalogue of Commonwealth publications* 1982 format has been changed to incorporate full entries in each index sequence. Naturally this has increased its size and cost, and I should be happy to pass on any comments on the format.

Finally, the AGPS-AACOBS Liaison Committee (AALC) is producing a *Review of activities, 1980-84*, which will be distributed to deposit and free issue libraries. Copies will also be available gratis from the AALC Secretary, Mr. Michael Harrington, AGPS, GPO Box 84, Canberra, ACT, 2601. There is no restriction on copying this Review. *Peter Clayton*
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APOLOGY

In the review of *The Convict Priests*, *InCite* Vol 5, No 9, p 6, it was stated that the author was a descendant of the priests. We have been advised that this is not the case and that the relationship is made clear in the book. Our apologies to the author and his family.

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