

# News from the Divisions



## NORTH CENTRAL VICTORIA REGIONAL GROUP

This new regional group was formed last November and for 1985 is concentrating on publicity and promotion of libraries and librarians in the area.

Our major effort to date has been the entry of a float in the Bendigo Easter Procession. The theme was (inevitably!) Victoria's 150th Anniversary. We had a tray truck with a tableau of a nineteenth century library (complete with picture of Queen Victoria and 'no spitting' sign) — Libraries Old — followed by a bookmobile plastered with posters featuring Libraries New. Children dressed as fictional characters walked alongside wearing sandwich boards showing library services and the names of local libraries. The photo (above) hardly shows its full glory — we thought it was terrific — but the memory of all the work that went into it will have to fade before we can contemplate doing it again next year!

That was March. The editor of the local paper (the *Bendigo Advertiser*) gave a talk in February on promotion of libraries in the area. He offered space, and the first of a series of monthly articles on the Group and its activities appeared in the Easter Saturday edition.

We were delighted — we'd rather expected to be relegated to a low-circulation Monday.

In April we supported a SLAV function: Moira Robinson talking on recent trends in children's and young adults' fiction. This was very well attended, and a really absorbing presentation. In April we also made a verbal submission to the LAA Corporate Plan and Review Committee, concentrating on the advantages and disadvantages of 'country' membership.

Functions are advertised in *InCite's* 'Happenings' columns, but we are also producing an irregular newsletter. The committee consists of Jennifer Goddard (president), Megan Evans (secretary), Edith Perry (treasurer), and Jan Barnett, John Butera, Merle Hall and Bev Porteous, representing respectively school, academic, special and public libraries in the areas.

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION VICTORIAN GROUP

The Group had a successful and busy 1984, holding seven general meetings and one seminar, all well attended. The Group's Annual Report for 1984 has been published in *Australian Special Libraries News*, v.18, no.1, March 1985.

Two general meetings have been held so far this year. In March at the Education Department Conference Room, Louise Lansley, Industrial Information and Research Officer of the Library Association of Australia, spoke on her role in the LAA, which helped clarify the misunderstandings about what this position encompasses. In April at BHP Petroleum Pty Ltd, Leigh Baker, Manager of Information Retrieval Services at ACI, presented a summary of his recent trip to Japan, Britain and the USA, looking at the overseas database scene and opportunities to export AUSINET, and a rundown of new developments in AUSINET planned for 1985. Full reports of these meetings have been published in the Group's *Newsletter*, v.2, no.2, May 1985.

A survey of Victorian Special Libraries was undertaken in March to form a picture of inter-lending and copying patterns to assist the Group in preparing any response to the Working Party on Document Delivery. Returns of this survey have been good and replies are currently being analysed.

Vicki Nicholson  
Publicity Officer  
May 1985.

## LITERACY SECTION VICTORIAN GROUP

The Literacy Section Victorian Branch held its first meeting for 1985 at the Council of Adult Education.

The meeting was addressed by CAE staff: Lee Hayles (Access Resource Collection), Aileen Treloar (Tutor trainer) and Winifred Hurst (CAE Library). Topics covered included:

- Public library resources for use in library work;
- importance of staff training in communicating with literacy tutors and students;
- types of material useful in a library collection;
- importance of being informed of local library programmes;
- suppliers of literacy materials.

Participants were then invited to examine the resources of the CAE's adult library collection.

The committee would like to thank the speakers for presenting such an informative evening to the public and TAFE librarians present.

For further information contact Julie Wilson, President, 221 5333.

## LAA TAFE LIBRARIES SECTION

Interested persons are invited to consider the following requests for information and write to me C/- Bankstown College of TAFE, 500 Chapel Road, Bankstown, NSW 2200, with any suggestions.

1 The Corporate Plan and Review Committee will be meeting in Sydney on 6, 7 August, 1985. I will be happy to put any proposals affecting TAFE Libraries to that meeting. Please contact me by 30 June 1985.

2 TAFE Libraries are one of several specific types of libraries in need of a standards document. If you have any suggestions about

- a) a suitable time frame in which standards could be developed and
- b) the best way in which this could be achieved, please write to me by 23 June, 1985.

Bernice Burgess  
Interim President

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