

ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT

New Library Technician classification — Victorian Municipal Libraries

A decision was handed down by Mr Commissioner Sheather on March 17, 1986, to vary the Municipal Officers (Victoria) Consolidated Award 1974, by inserting new classifications of Library Technician Grade 1 and Grade 2.

A three-year annual salary range, with yearly progression on the same basis and at the level of the last three years of the present Library Officer Class 1 scale will apply for the Library Technician Class 1 classification.

The present Library Officer Class 2 salary range and discretionary grading will apply to the Library Technician Class 2 classification pending further investigation.

An operative date of February 1, 1984 applies to this decision.

Reference and Readers' Education Seminar — Reforming, Informing 3-Day Seminar May 28–30 1986, Shore Motel, Townsville

Topics will cover: the reference interview; new technology; online searching; local history.

The third day will be a workshop for public librarians.

Cost: 2 days — LAA members \$60, non-members \$80; 3 days — LAA members \$90, non-members \$115. Contact: Desi Lyons (07) 358 4588.

Merger of the Library and Information Staff Union with the Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union, NSW Branch

Members of the Library and Information Staff Union which covers library and information staff working in private enterprise in NSW voted unanimously at the union's Annual General Meeting in October 1985 to merge with the NSW Branch of the Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union.

The decision was made due to:

- the inability of LISU to provide services of full time industrial staff due to its small membership base
- the recommendations of the Hancock Inquiry into industrial relations which opposed the existence of craft based trade unions with fewer than 1000 members.

When the merger is completed, LISU members will be brought together in a library section of the FMWU where the special interests of library and information workers will be represented.

The FMWU has applied to the NSW Industrial Registrar for approval for the merger. Whilst the application is under consideration the FMWU NSW Branch will act as agents for LISU in all industrial matters. LISU will however continue to exist as a separate trade union until the granting of the FMWU application by the Industrial Registrar.

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AACR2 sets the date

The decision to publish a consolidated edition of AACR2 in 1988 has now been finalised, and the preparatory work by the publishers, the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC), and the editors is on a tight schedule. The consolidated edition, to be published 10 years after AACR2 was first published, will incorporate into AACR2 all revisions published to date (that is, the three packages of revisions, including the 1981 package published in January 1986), all errata and corrigenda and minor typographical errors reported to the editors, and in addition those revisions that can be finalised before the end of 1986.

JSC met in Toronto in March, when the major item on the agenda was the comprehensive revision of chapter 9, which is to be retitled: Computer Files: Data and Programs. Many of you who made representation will no doubt be pleased to learn that the meeting approved Australia's proposal to revise rule 22.2C on pseudonyms, to allow the use of the name that appears on the title page for the cataloguing of contemporary original English language fiction.

The final meeting of JSC before the consolidation is to be in London from 20–24 October 1986. The Australian Committee on Cataloguing will meet in August to prepare the Australian responses to items to be discussed at that meeting.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the report on the latest JSC meeting, and in commenting on a revised draft of chapter 9 (expected to be received from Michael Gormar within a month) should contact me.

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