

What do you want in 1987?

If you thought 1986 was only just underway, you may be surprised to learn that in mid-April all Divisions of the Association were sent 'Priority Request Forms' for nationally funded Continuing Education activities for 1987.

A look at the 'Happenings' columns in this issue of *InCite* indicates that there are many Continuing Education opportunities available to members in most states in 1986 and an increasing number of activities available outside capital cities.

As part of the Tendering process that now operates for nationally funded CE activities, all Divisions of the Association have been asked to submit requests for 1987 activities by 27 June 1986. These activities should be those which the division sees as high priorities but which cannot be mounted without additional funds or expertise.

In many cases, branches, sections and regional groups have sufficient human and financial resources to mount courses and seminars themselves. There may be some areas, however, where a group needs an input of funds or outside assistance to develop, implement and evaluate a particular continuing education activity. In these situations, national funds can be sought to provide such assistance and to take the risk factor out of developing new activities.

If you have thoughts on some continuing education activities which you would like to see offered in 1987, now would be a good time to contact your local branch, section or regional group with your ideas. If you are not sure whom to contact, ring the LAA on the toll-free number 008 22 1481 or contact Marianne Broadbent at RMIT on 03 660 2900/2562.

Seal of approval

Sometimes Continuing Education providers (eg large libraries, consultants, library and information studies schools) approach the LAA with ideas for a CE activity in which they would like to involve the Association but do not need or wish to seek LAA funds to assist in that activity.

At the April Board of Education meeting it was decided to offer a 'Provider Approval' status for courses where funds are not sought

but the provider wishes to offer the course with the LAA's approval. When tenders are called for 1987 courses, tenderers will also be invited to submit any planned courses for the LAA's 'Seal of Approval'. The same procedures concerning evaluation of the activity will be required as for those courses which the LAA funds. In exchange, the LAA would normally request 5% of the gross fee for this service and use of the LAA's name.

The Board hopes that this 'Provider Approval' service will result in wider range of activities being available to LAA members, at minimal cost and effort to the Association. At the same time, it may mean that some funds which might otherwise be 'tied up' in the LAA's national Continuing Education 'pool' of funds can be released for other activities.

Division CE activities

Several branches had requested some reconsideration of the wording about profits from CE activities in the *Office Bearers Guide*. Their suggestion was that the wording take account of the need for the total programs of divisions to return a profit of 20% each year, rather than for each activity to return a profit of 20%. The Committee agreed that this was a suitable approach and agreed to the following words:

CE activities should be posted over each financial year to return a profit of 20%. This means that activities at Division level may be cross-subsidised: some activities may be costed to return a profit higher than 20%, while others may be costed to break even or less. Over a 12-month financial year however, the CE activities of a Division should return a profit of 20%

This change gives divisions more flexibility in planning and may also provide encouragement to undertake some activities which are important but which may be expensive to develop and mount.

Marianne Broadbent
Chair

LAA Continuing Education Committee

Do you have a problem that can easily be solved by a phone call? The LAA has a toll free no. now to make things easy for you. Ring us now on 008 22 1481 and let us help you.

Renewals running smoothly

Membership renewals have been running smoothly this year says LAA membership clerk Jo-anne Fuller.

Late March and early April are particularly busy times when as many as a thousand renewals a week may arrive. By the end of April things slow down to a modest 500 a week!

To cope with this avalanche Jo-anne works most weekends in April and she has also been helped this year by Jenny Angus. Jo-anne says there has been a favourable response to the new membership cards. They certainly speed her job up a bit and members appreciate the amount of information they contain.

Straightforward renewals are processed fairly quickly, while those that require letters to be written and queries to be followed up take a little longer. Jo-anne and Jenny say that by the time you read this the vast majority of renewals will have been processed. And remember if you have any queries you can ring them on the toll-free number — (008) 221 481.

By the way, if you haven't already sent your renewal, don't delay — do it now!

Library Prizes

The School of Library and Information Management, South Australian Institute of Technology, is pleased to announce that the Jame Bennett Prize for 1985 for the best student in the Graduate Diploma course, was awarded to Ms Carol Dungey. Carol achieved distinction in every subject in the course.

The Standard Book Suppliers Prize for the best student in the final year of the Bachelor of Arts course was awarded to Ms Sue Lewis. Ms Lewis also won the Wilmar Prize for the best work in a subject bibliography in either course with her work on 'British Commonwealth Legal Dress and Symbols of the Law'.

The second graduate in the School's Master Degree by Research programme graduated in April 1986. Ms Jane Hiscock undertook a study of the relationship between academic performance and library use at the Underdal Campus of the South Australian College of Advanced Education.

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