

It's on — 1986 recruitment contest!

As an incentive to Branches to recruit new members to the Association, General Council is offering a \$500 unconditional grant to the Branch achieving the greatest percentage increase in membership in 1986, with \$250 for the second placegetter, and \$250 for the Branch with the largest numerical increase.

For the past three years Council has set targets for recruitment — 5% in 1983, 7½% in 1984 and 5% in 1985. The Northern Territory Branch was the winner in 1983 and 1985, and the 7½% target in 1984 proved too difficult for everyone.

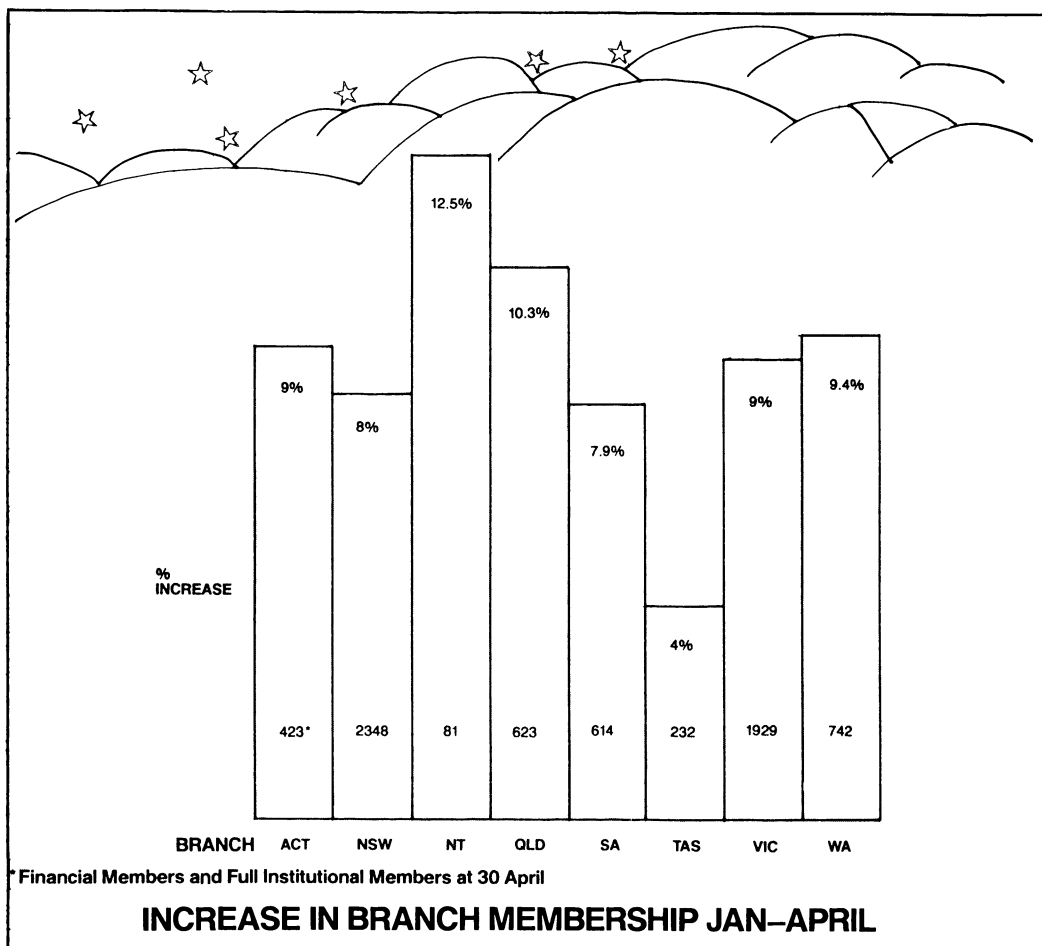
This year Council has decided to make the contest a little harder, with the increase to be over the full year's performance (not that there have been many backsliders). We know the Northern Territory Branch will be hard to beat — and the results to date show it is not resting on its laurels — but the competition is close on its heels.

Council feels that the larger Branches need a bit of extra incentive, hence the prize for the largest numerical increase. The NSW Branch is looking good now, but the Victorian Branch, a bit red-faced about its 'Jenny Adams consolation trophy' for its 1985 performance, will be offering special services to new members this year.

The contest is going to be monitored in revealing graphs to be published in *InCite* throughout the year, and the first appears on this page. Watch for the next exciting episode!

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Dip into the cosmopolitan pool

If you are trying to provide an effective public library service to non-English speaking readers, you will know only too well that books in community languages are a scarce resource. How can the best use be made of that resource? In particular, what co-operative action can be taken to extend the useful life of books read out in one community but which may be of potential use to library users in another?

A series of surveys and working party discussions among public librarians in New South Wales and the State Library of New South Wales during the past few years resulted in a recommendation for a pooled collection of community language books. To set it up cur-

rent books which have outlived their usefulness in the contributing libraries are being made available to the pooled collection.

Seventeen public libraries in the Sydney metropolitan area are participating in the initial project with staff employed under a CEP grant. The project is administered by a management committee consisting of librarians from Canterbury, Marrickville and Fairfield Municipal Councils, two State Library representatives and the CEP project librarian.

CEP Project staff consist of a professional librarian and three clerical assistants. The staff have language skills in French, Italian, German, Vietnamese, Chinese and Arabic. Before the project ends in October, 1986 we aim to gather in about seven thousand books in sixteen languages, and make them up into boxes which will be added to the State Library of New South Wales Community Language Lending Service collection.

The future? In due course participating New South Wales public libraries will be asked to consider whether material should be purchased specifically to add to the pooled collection. At this stage the community languages pooled collection represents an enhancement to the many multicultural services now offered by the State Library of New South Wales and by New South Wales public libraries. Its value lies in the fact that it is.

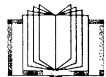
- available to all public libraries in New South Wales
- a co-operative use of scarce resources
- the beginning of a project that will be of benefit to librarians and readers for years to come.

For further information please contact the Community Language Pooled Collection, Adult Education Library, 5-7 Phillips Road, Kogarah NSW 2217. Phone 587 1248.

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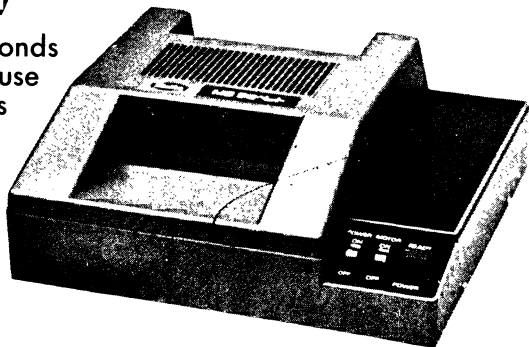
THE LIBRARIAN WHO LAUGHED

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