

LATEST ON STRIKE

As reported in the last issue of *InCite*, the LAA wrote to all Councils in Victoria seeking their assistance in having the Municipal Association of Victoria withdraw its appeal against a decision of Mr Commissioner Sheather which established a new classification for Library Technicians in the *Municipal Officers (Victoria) Consolidated Award 1974*.

The Shire Secretaries from the Shires of Avon and Bulla have acknowledged the LAA's letter, and the letter from the Town Clerk of the City of Croydon is reproduced below. This is followed by a letter from D.O. McLean of the City of Preston to the MAV.

Louise Lansley

14th May, 1986.

Mrs. L. Lansley,
Industrial Information and Research Officer,
Library Association of Australia,
376 Jones Street,
ULTIMO, N.S.W. 2007.

Dear Mrs. Lansley,

Re: Proposed Strike — 20th May, 1986
I refer to your letter of 8th May, 1986 and advise that such correspondence has been considered by Council.

Following Council's consideration of your letter, Council resolved:

That Council advise the Library Association of Australia of Council's support for the claim and decision of Commissioner Sheather and that council write to the M.A.V. requesting it to withdraw the Appeal.

Subsequent to the above resolution, Council further resolved:

That Council write to the Library Association of Australia urging their members not to take the strike action contemplated, in the interests of the public, who through rates pay the Staffs' wages and the Association be advised of Council's previous resolution.

Yours faithfully,

R. Burton
Town Clerk

Secretary,
Municipal Association of Victoria,
P.O. Box 7082,
MELBOURNE 3004

Dear Mr. Pawsey,

I write to express Councils extreme disappointment that the Municipal Association of Victoria has determined to appeal the decision of Mr. Commissioner Sheather relating to Library Technicians.

This Council has repeatedly requested that your Association seek a speedy resolution to the dispute and is dismayed that the MAV is continuing with this matter which has been under consideration in one form or another since 1979.

Council, in correspondence to you on 28th October, 1985, expressed doubts as to the ability of the MAV to resolve the issue. This latest step by the MAV has reinforced that doubt.

The continuation of this dispute is having an adverse effect on not only the performance of staff but also Council's image in the local community. Council as a result of this MAV appeal again finds itself in the invidious position of having to curtail library services due to industrial action.

I again urge you to seek a speedy resolution of this matter and to cease this apparently belligerent attempt at delaying implementation of the Commissions decision.

Yours faithfully,

D.O. McLean
Chief Executive Officer

cc City Librarian.

Thingummy Jigs

A new column is planned for *InCite* to contain brief non-evaluative notes on new or unfamiliar products of interest to libraries of all types. The range of material to be covered is vast, as David J. Jones, the compiler, says — gadgets and gizmos, electronic, mechanical, Stationery, furniture, plant, equipment and so on.

Readers may also care to suggest items to be covered.

Manufacturers should send their information (and readers their suggestions) to David J. Jones, Thingummyjigs, c/o *InCite* LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007. Enquiries to Brenda Pittard (02) 692 9233.

spectors will visit educational institutions to inspect the records. CAL inspectors are required to give seven working days notice of an inspection.

CAL will begin inspecting the records of 90 Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education in Australia and then proceed to TAFEs and schools.

CAL's trial inspections indicate that at Universities and CAE's alone there may be over 185 million copy pages on record. A trend of copying at both government and non-government schools has not yet emerged. Nevertheless it seems apparent that at the fee of two cents per copy page, CAL will claim large sums of money on behalf of owners of copyright.

Commenting on CAL's work, the Vice Chairman of CAL, Mr William Mackarell, said that he believed it to be in the interest of the community that authors and publishers received payment for the use of their work by photocopying so that good books and journals that form a foundation of education may continue to be provided.

CAL Inspections Begin

The Executive Officer of the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL), Mr Michael Fraser, has announced that CAL inspectors are now beginning regular inspections of photocopying records at educational institutions.

Since 1981, all educational institutions have been permitted by the Copyright Act to make multiple copies of copyright works for teaching purposes. The institutions must make a record of all multiple photocopying done, and must pay the owners of the copyright, if they or their agent requests payment. The fee for photocopying has been set by the Copyright Tribunal at two cents per copy page.

CAL was incorporated in 1974 as a non-profit company with the sponsorship of the Australian Copyright Council, Australian Society of Authors and the Australian Book Publishers Association, to act as the agent of authors and publishers who are CAL's principals. Authors and publishers appoint CAL as the agent for their works by completing the CAL Agreement. CAL will inspect the photocopying records at educational institutions, collect and pay the fees found owing to authors and publishers (less CAL's deduction for running expenses).

Inspections of records are underway. Educational institutions may send in copies of their records. When records are not sent in CAL in-

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