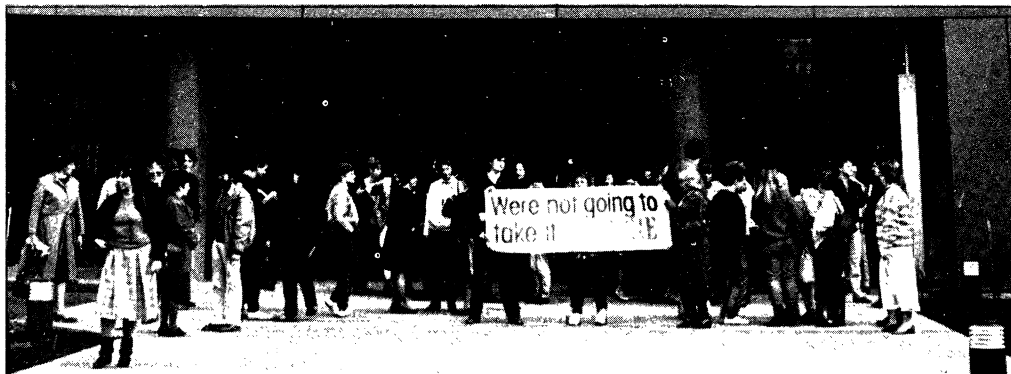


—THE STRIKE—

Most municipal libraries in Victoria were closed on Tuesday 20 May, when library staff held a 24-hour strike to protest against the Municipal Association of Victoria's appeal against an Arbitration Commission decision to introduce a new classification for Library Technicians into the award.

- c. that Library staff whose councils belong to the MMA request their council to write to the Arbitration Commission expressing support for the Commission's decision on Library staff.
3. That this meeting further resolves to re-endorse the resolution carried by the meeting of 18 September 1985 authorising the Library Liaison Committee to organise the campaign and co-ordinate further industrial action as necessary.



Library staff protest outside the MAV offices following the stop-work meeting at Richmond Town Hall.

More than 500 municipal library staff members attended a stop work meeting at Richmond Town Hall to discuss the Library Technicians case and to hear about the progress of a pay claim for Librarians and Chief Librarians which is currently before the Commission. Other meetings were held in a number of regional centres throughout Victoria. The LAA's Industrial Information and Research Officer, Louise Lansley, addressed the meeting at Richmond Town Hall and another meeting at Geelong and expressed the LAA's concern over the MAV's action. The LAA has written to the Secretary of the MAV and to all councils in Victoria seeking to have the MAV's appeal withdrawn.

Several resolutions were overwhelmingly endorsed by the meetings:

That this meeting of MOA members condemns the MAV for its intransigent attitude to the public library industry by opposing the MOA's salary claim for Librarians, Chief Librarians and Regional Librarians and its appeal against the Commission's decision to insert the library technician classification into the Award.

That this meeting further resolves to bring these matters to the MAV's attention by marching on the MAV's office immediately following this meeting.

That this meeting further resolves to pursue the campaign in support of Library Technicians, Chief Librarians and Regional Librarians by engaging in the following action:

- embark on an immediate campaign of rolling stoppages,
- advise library users to contact their Ward Councillors and Mayor seeking the reasons for the current library dispute and urging the library users to express their

support for the claims.

After the meeting at Richmond Town Hall, a large number of library staff protested outside the MAV offices in St Kilda Rd. Melbourne.

Libraries were again closed on Saturday 31 May as part of a continuing campaign of industrial action.



Louise Lansley, LAA Industrial Information and Research Officer, addresses the stop-work meeting.

Councils' response

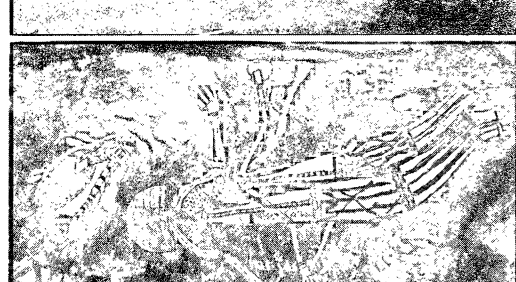
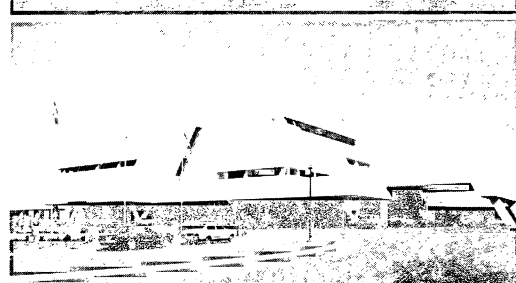
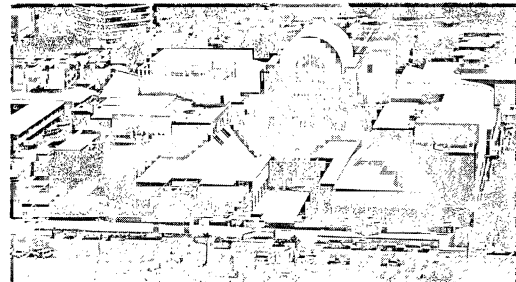
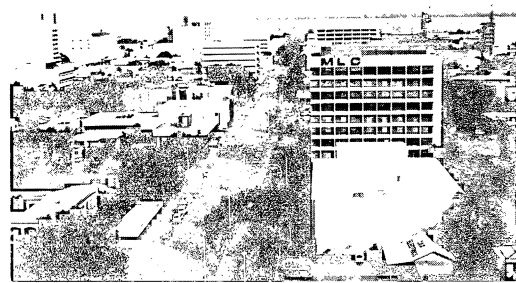
The LAA has received replies from another 10 Victorian councils to its letter of 8 May requesting councils' assistance in having the MAV withdraw its appeal against the new classifications for Library Technicians.

The councils of the City of Oakleigh, City of Malvern and City of Dandenong have passed resolutions urging the MAV to withdraw its appeal and the Council of the City of Moonee Ponds has written to the MAV asking it to finalise the matter as soon as possible. The Councils of the City of Broadmeadows and City of Williamstown have written to the MAV seeking further information about the matter.

Acknowledgements have been received from the Councils of the City of Ararat and the City of Marong.

The Councils of the City of Berwick and the City of Castlemaine have resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the MAV.

Darwin



See you there!