



— the bottom line

This is the last issue of *Incite* before the Darwin Conference.

General Council meets immediately before the Conference and the main item on the agenda is the report of the Corporate Plan and Review Committee. At this meeting Council will consider the latest round of members' comments and discuss what to do with the recommendations. No doubt some will be accepted, some rejected, some changed and some added. Council has already decided not to take immediate action on implementation, but instead to announce its conclusions to members, then invite further comment up to a deadline in August. The idea is to give all members a last chance to comment on both the Report and Council's decisions on the Report before final positions are adopted at the November Council Meeting.

You might think this procedure smacks of procrastination. I don't. We're dealing with our professional future, and if a delay of six weeks produces constructive comment on what elected officers interpret as the electing members' wishes, it will have been worthwhile.

Council has also decided to alter the format of the Annual General Meeting on 2 July to present a full report on their meeting the previous week. Members will have an excellent opportunity to learn the background to decisions on the Corporate Plan, and to com-

ment. The formal business of the AGM — minutes of the last meeting, Annual Report, Treasurer's reports, will be compressed to make space for a much more interactive gathering than we're used to. Not before time? There will be no Presidential Address, thereby freeing time for Council's report on the Corporate Plan. Members wishing to share the President's thoughts on the state of the bibliographic nation will be catered for through the Conference Programme.

Immediately after the Conference the President goes on four weeks holiday in deepest Arnhem Land, so the next three *Incite* columns will be coming to you from Peter Dawe, your leader next year.

To close, a couple of reminders. Try to make it to the AGM to make the AGM what we all want it to be. And what better way to finish the same day than at the President's Sunset Cocktail Party, starting at 6?

Roll on, Darwin. It'll be a Conference to remember.

Ian McCallum
President

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION

Notice of motion:

That the organisation of national co-ordination of the School Library Section for 1987-88 be invested in the School Library Section, N.S.W. group.

Irene Meeuwissen/Pam Taylor

Notice of motion:

That consideration be given to the formalising of a meeting of all presidents or their nominee of all school library sectional groups and that General Council be approached for funding.

Pam Taylor/Irene Meeuwissen

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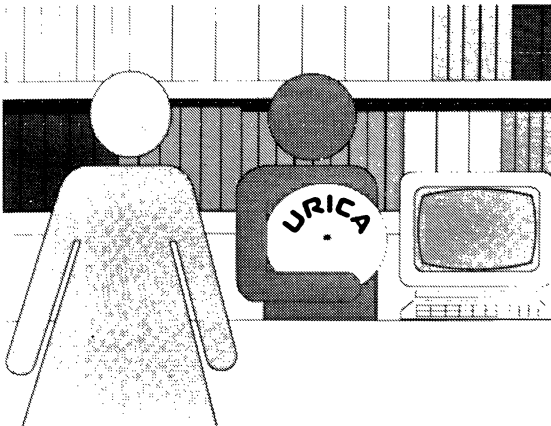
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