

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Course recognition schedule for 1986

Courses at the following institutions are being assessed this year —

- Canberra College of Advanced Education
- Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education
- South Australian College of Advanced Education
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
- Queensland TAFE
- Victorian TAFE.

Melbourne CAE has asked the Board to defer the scheduled assessment of its courses to 1987 to fit in with assessment by the Victorian Post Secondary Education Commission. The Board has agreed to this request.

Continuing education

A report by the Continuing Education Committee Chair, Marianne Broadbent, appeared in *InCite* No. 8 of 23 May.

Meeting with library educators

The Board is meeting with library educators on 29 June. Items for discussion include course design and complementary studies, post basic courses, single subject enrolments, reporting on the destinations of graduates and 'LAA approved' CE courses.

Further information on any of the items in this report may be obtained from the Board Chairman, Moira MacKinnon (03) 669 9821, or Sue Phillips (008) 22 1481. The Board's next meeting will be held at LAA House on 24 and 25 July.

Sue Phillips
Secretary
Board of Education

Libraries of Sydney is an up-to-date, comprehensive listing that is invaluable not only as an interlending tool but also as a public directory. Available now from the LAA, \$15.00 to members, \$22.50 to non-members. Add \$1.50 for postage.

— IYP GRANTS —

Forty-nine International Year of Peace Resource Centre grants have been made by the LAA. The grants of \$500 each have gone to public libraries throughout Australia to establish resource collections relating to peace, disarmament, and human rights issues. Each library has also received 2 lists of resources, one to an approximate value of \$500, and the second covering a more extensive range of materials for those libraries which may already have some materials in this area. Both lists are to be sent to all applicants, whether they receive a grant or not.

The number of applications received by the Association has been disappointing, with only 10 applications from NSW libraries to 1 June, and 4 from Queensland libraries. 70 grants are available, with 22 of these for NSW and 11 for

Queensland. It would appear that Victorian are the most active in the areas that are the focus of the International Year, as there has been a lot of interest from metropolitan and country libraries in Victoria. All available grants for the remaining states have been paid.

The LAA has received \$15,000 of the \$35,000 made available for the grants by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The remaining \$25,000 is expected to be forwarded by the end of June, and the balance of the grants will be awarded shortly afterwards.

So those NSW and Queensland libraries that would like to develop a basic collection of IYP materials, and have not applied for a grant still have an opportunity to do so. Application forms are available from Sue Phillips at the LAA, phone (008) 22 1481. *Sue Phillips*
Assistant Executive Director

**STATE LIBRARIAN,
TASMANIA**

Recent letters in *InCite* have drawn attention to the advertisement for the position of Tasmanian State Librarian and the omission of library qualifications as a pre-requisite of the job. Readers will note that the position has been re-advertised in this issue of *InCite*. This has occurred because the original advertisement did not allow readers of *InCite* enough time to respond to the call for applications.

The Executive Director has written two letters to the Tasmanian Minister for Education regarding the omission of library qualifications from the job. The second of these appears at right.

All job advertisements for *InCite* are checked with the Industrial Information and Research Officer before publication. This does not necessarily mean that library qualifications must be required in the advertisement but does mean that the Industrial Information and Research Officer has the opportunity to follow up the issue with the employing body.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

Now in stock! *Graphics II*, the follow-up to the highly successful *Graphics for Teacher Librarians*. Get yours before they run out! \$4 LAA members, \$7 non-members, 70c postage from LAA House.

Dear Mr. Rae,

You have misinterpreted my letter of 7 May.

The purpose of my letter was not to give you support for the omission of professional library qualifications in the advertisement. Our support was meant to indicate our agreement with your recognition that the position of State Librarian required a person of the highest calibre, with qualities that only a professional librarian could demonstrate.

The Association's *Statement on Professional Appointments* (enclosed) states quite categorically the Association's position in relation to the appointment of librarians, and that is that they must hold qualifications of a standard to be admitted as a professional member of the Association.

I was not at all surprised that Tasmanian librarians took exception to the advertisement, particularly as I understand that you have neither replied to their letters nor agreed to discuss the matter with them.

Your letter concerned me in its implication that a librarian might not have the required knowledge of technology and information systems and services that is necessary. Librarians are leading the nation in information technology, systems and services and were pioneers in using technology to provide better information services. Indeed, librarians are the only persons with the professional qualifications and expertise to develop and maintain library and information services.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Adams
Executive Director



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