

## Insight

### Those conspiring fates

With this issue of *InCite* we are back on target — No 8 should arrive in most major centres close to the cover date printed on the front page. Many members probably saw the notice 'Australia Post Didn't Deliver' in the last issue explaining that No 6 was delayed due to an industrial dispute. Unfortunately No 7 was slightly delayed because of problems at our mailing house.

Thank you to the members who have made special efforts to get material into Head Office on time for our deadline. This has marginally improved our tight schedule but any slight hiccup still means that *InCite* arrives late. *InCite* deadline dates for the rest of the year appear on this page

Getting copy into Head Office is now as easy as pressing a button. The Association's new fax machine has arrived and has been linked up to its Telecom life support system. The Association's fax number is 692 0689.

### Advertising advertising

Notices appear in this issue promoting advertising in this publication. Advertising makes *InCite* more economically viable and allows resources to be distributed across the broad spectrum of the Association's activities.

The Association's brochure 'Make Sure Librarians and Information Managers Read All About It' giving rates and deadlines for all LAA journals is being distributed in this issue to members in the further flung states of WA, Tasmania, SA and Qld. If members in these states know of a product that can do with some '*InCite* exposure' I will be happy to hear from you.

### Sail Away With Books

This year's CBC Children's Book Week will be held on 15-21 August. Its theme is 'Sail away with books'. A special issue is planned for *InCite* No 13, 7 August highlighting activities to occur in libraries during this week. If you have a special display or activity in mind please send in the details. If you have photos or press clippings of past activities send them in too. I look forward to being deluged.

### PR Generally

An envelope came across my desk the other day. Printed on the back were the vital statistics of Inverell Shire Library, NSW. A good pr idea? Probably, library fines and Council rates not withstanding.

If your library has a special pr idea or is currently involved in promotional activities give everyone 'the good oil' by sending in the information to *InCite*. If you have sent a press release to a local paper recently, make a copy and send it into me at Head Office C- 376 Jones St, Ultimo NSW 2007. If enough ideas

flow in a special pr segment of *InCite* could evolve. Sound like a good idea?

Kathy Husselbee  
Editor

### InCite Deadline dates

Issue No.	Closing date	Mailing date	Cover date
9	May 19	June 1	June 5
10	June 2	June 15	June 19
11	June 16	June 29	July 3
12	June 30	July 13	July 17
13	July 20	Aug. 3	Aug. 7
14	Aug. 4	Aug. 17	Aug. 21
15	Aug. 18	Aug. 31	Sep. 4
16	Sep. 1	Sep. 14	Sep. 18
17	Sep. 15	Sep. 28	Oct. 2
18	Sep. 29	Oct. 12	Oct. 16
19	Oct. 20	Nov. 2	Nov. 6
20	Nov. 3	Nov. 16	Nov. 20
21	Nov. 17	Nov. 30	Dec. 4

... And don't forget about the LAA's book clearance sale. *Libraries after 1984; Readings in School Librarianship; Information Online 86; and National Interlending Conference* reduced to only \$5. Plus if you buy two of these titles you receive 10% off any other LAA title.

**ACHLIS** — The Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science, collects and abstracts all Australian documentation, published and unpublished for inclusion in *Australian Library and Information Science Abstracts*, the *Australian Education Index* and *LISA*. Forward items to: **ACHLIS, S.A. College of Advanced Education Library, 15 Lorne Ave, Magill, SA 5072.**

The library seeks to serve all members of the community, providing a wide range of library materials and services which may be used for information, education and recreation

Adults and children are catered for. Fiction, non-fiction, hardcover books as well as paperbacks, magazines, newspapers, talking books, cassettes, reference books, graded readers and large print. Story time and craft sessions are held every Wednesday for the children. Films are shown every few weeks.

**INVERELL SHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Campbell Street  
INVERELL 2360  
Phone (067) 22 1277

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Saturday 9.30 am-4.00 pm

All residents of the Shire may join free of charge and may borrow four books and four magazines for three weeks

The Local History collection is being developed in conjunction with the Family History Groups and provides resources for genealogists and those interested in local history. The Home Library Service provides for those who are housebound and unable to visit the Library. For a small fee, a photocopier service is available.

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## YES MINISTER DOWNUNDER

Rejoice, Sir Humphrey Appleby. Your gulling spirit flourishes in SA.

Attorney-General Chris Sumner has confirmed to us in a recent discussion that the State Government remains committed to freedom of information (FOI) legislation to permit public access to the records of State government departments and instrumentalities. But there is a difficulty in supporting the Private Member's Bill for FOI now before State Parliament.

There is nothing intrinsically wrong with the Bill itself. Unfortunately it will, from figures provided by departmental heads, cost just too much to implement at present.

Financial prudence by the State Government we respect. Ambit costs from its departmental mandarins we do not.

High costs for retrieving information quoted by some — not all — departments reflect an insensitivity to the need for FOI in our increasingly complex society. Or they reflect very inefficient information-retrieval systems.

FOI has three tangible benefits: fostering accountability to the taxpayer: reducing the 'fell-off-a-back-of-a-truck' nonsense which is a part characteristic of the informal FOI already in place; and forcing government de-

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partments and instrumentalities to organise themselves properly for the information age.

The Library Association of Australia would be happy to assist in an audit. It would probably cost no more than proposed changes to administrative regulations to permit South Australians access to their own files only.

And whatever it does cost will be a pittance set against other accepted costs of sustaining a free and open society — a small price for a big principle. If this important Private Member's Bill is not supported on its merits by all parties in State Parliament it is likely to be the end of proper freedom of information for South Australians for the next decade.

Alan Bundy  
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Library Association of Australia

(Adelaide Advertiser 1 April 1987)

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