

Special General Meeting

The General Council of the Library Association of Australia has called a special general meeting to be held at LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo on Friday, 3 April 1987 at 5.30 pm to authorise the Council to apply for a Supplemental Charter for the Association.

Special resolution

The special resolution to be put to the meeting is that this general meeting of the members of the Library Association of Australia authorises the General Council to apply under article 12(1) of the Association's Royal Charter for a Supplemental Charter for the Association.

Why a Supplemental Charter?

At its meeting on 20 and 21 November 1986 General Council resolved that the name of the Association should be changed to the Australian Library and Information Association, and revised the objects of the Association, as reported in *InCite* Vol. 8 No.1, 6 February 1987.

A number of other changes, including the abolition of the positions of General Secretary and General Treasurer, are to be made as a result of the Corporate Plan review. The Association's Royal Charter needs to be amended to reflect these changes, and to accommodate others made in recent years (for example, the Board of Education has assumed many of the functions of the Board of Examiners).

The Department of the Special Minister of State has recommended that the Association take the opportunity when applying for a Supplemental Charter to transfer from the Charter to the By-laws all material which can properly be covered by the By-laws. The Association's solicitor will advise General Council on material which might be so transferred.

It is expected that the wording of the application for a Supplemental Charter will need to be approved by a later special general meeting of the Association.

Jan Cree
General Secretary

SOLV Campaign — no holds barred



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Janet Henry, Youth Services Librarian, Knox City Library, helps to publicise the SOLV campaign and the future plight of public libraries in Victoria during the solemn rites of SOLV's Black Friday Wake.

SOLV Secretary, Alasdair Wardle, reports that the SOLV message is spreading, and spreading fast! It is believed that big money is now being spent by Race Matthews and his department on publicity to counter the SOLV campaign.

'The Black Friday Library Wake was a definite success' says Mr Wardle, 'with the media showing great interest in our activities'. Mr Wardle spent most of Black Friday speaking to regional radio stations explaining

the impact of the \$4 million funding cuts on public libraries in the state.

In a different action the bookmobile roundup has brought the campaign out of local libraries and into the streets of Melbourne highlighting the special services which are likely to be the first to go under the cuts.

SOLV's action poster distributed to public libraries throughout Victoria

SAVE YOUR LIBRARY

THE GOVERNMENT IS BUTCHERING US!

The State Government is planning to cut \$4 million over the next two financial years from public libraries. This may mean:

- fewer books to choose from
- fewer staff
- shorter opening hours
- fewer services to adults and children, including class visits, 'story time' and 'reading groups'.

ACT NOW!

<p>WRITE:</p> <p>to your Local Member of Parliament, or sign the letter provided by the library.</p>	<p>SIGN:</p> <p>the petition at the S.O.L.V.</p>	<p>SPREAD THE WORD</p> <p>Inform your friends and neighbours and ask them to write to their Local Member of Parliament.</p>
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