

to assist in determining useful information for the Scheme that may be given to libraries in return for their cooperation.

The sort of information to be provided is being piloted with the 1987-88 returns and may include such things as the (holdings) score from the sample libraries and the 100 (or even ten) top-scoring authors (in terms of holdings). The information would enable participating libraries to gauge, for example, how they score on the percentage of the PLR checklist held in their stock. It would also allow non-participating libraries to see how they compared with the scores of participating libraries.

#### National statistical database for public libraries

Development of this proposal is continuing under the direction of Jacqui Ecclestone of the State Library of Western Australia.

#### Public library standards

'Towards a Quality Service' is complete! After almost a decade of deliberation, the penultimate document was sent to the Public Libraries Standards Committee on 2 May as a prelude to its formal adoption at ALIA General Council on 21-22 July.

Thanks are due to many people for input over the years (including some who are no longer working in libraries). But our final debt of gratitude is to ALIA's former Manager, Education and Industrial Services, Louise Lansley, who oversaw the final additions, amendments and rewrite after her resignation from ALIA.

#### National Review of Local Government Labour Markets

Most public libraries will be aware of this on-going Review (the results of which are the blue-covered documents that have been arriving at councils and libraries over the past 2 years).

The latest document (March 1989) was Research Paper No. 4: *Results of the Local Government Labour Market Shortages Survey*.

The National Public Libraries Section has provided a submission to the Review, which is particularly thorough and incisive. The real work of the submission was done by Louise Lansley, who, with her broad experience of awards and classifications, salary levels and work level guidelines, was able to provide an excellent overview of the labour issues facing local government libraries.

Ross Gibbs  
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# Introducing VIGLA

Libraries in Victorian government ministries, departments, agencies and statutory authorities have formed a cooperative association under the name Victorian Government Libraries Association (VIGLA).

VIGLA aims to provide government and policy-making bodies with a first point of reference when seeking advice or information about libraries in Victorian government agencies; and to provide a network through which libraries in Victorian government agencies can exchange information, experience, skills and resources, and address common issues, needs and concerns.

The first formal meeting of the new group was on 8 March 1989 in the Ministry of Education. It was attended by librarians from thirty-six government agencies. Quarterly meetings are planned, and the next meeting is scheduled for 8 June at the Mental Health Library Service. This meeting will be addressed by Ross Gibbs, Assistant Director, Library Services, Ministry for the Arts.

VIGLA sees close cooperation with the recently established Library Services Unit in the Ministry for the Arts as being of great benefit in furthering the interests of government agency librarians in Victoria.

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#### Cooperative projects

VIGLA and the Library Services Unit have already identified a number of cooperative projects and work has begun on a proposal for a review of position classification standards, including the establishment of up-to-date benchmark positions for librarians and library technicians in government agencies. As part of this project, profiles of Victorian government agency libraries will be developed and held on a database maintained in the Library Services Unit.

VIGLA is interested in making contact with similar groups in other Australian States and Territories with a view to developing a national cooperative network of libraries in government (federal and State) ministries, departments, agencies and statutory authorities.

The Chairperson of VIGLA is Jan Wright, Manager, Library and Archive, Ministry of Education, Victoria (Telephone (03) 628 2460) and the Secretary is City Vroomen, Librarian, Ministry of Housing and Construction, 11th Floor, 250 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 (Facsimile (03) 650 6671).

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