

# LAA TO MOVE SOON!

## Plan of new office

THE LAA NOW owns a new property, at 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, Sydney (see picture on right). This is not a repeat of the story which appeared on page 1 of *InCite* v2, no2, 1981!

It is hoped that the office will move from the present address in Elizabeth Street at the end of July.

Negotiations are taking place for the sale of the Elizabeth Street property, and from the number of queries being received, it appears that some members are not clear as to why the LAA has bought a new building. You may be assured that it is not for the sake of dabbling in real estate.

The reasons for looking for new premises were clearly explained in *InCite* v3, no1, 22 January 1982, and further information appeared in *InCite* no4. Services to members are expanding, particularly in the area of publications, and the office at Elizabeth Street is not large enough for the staff to work efficiently.

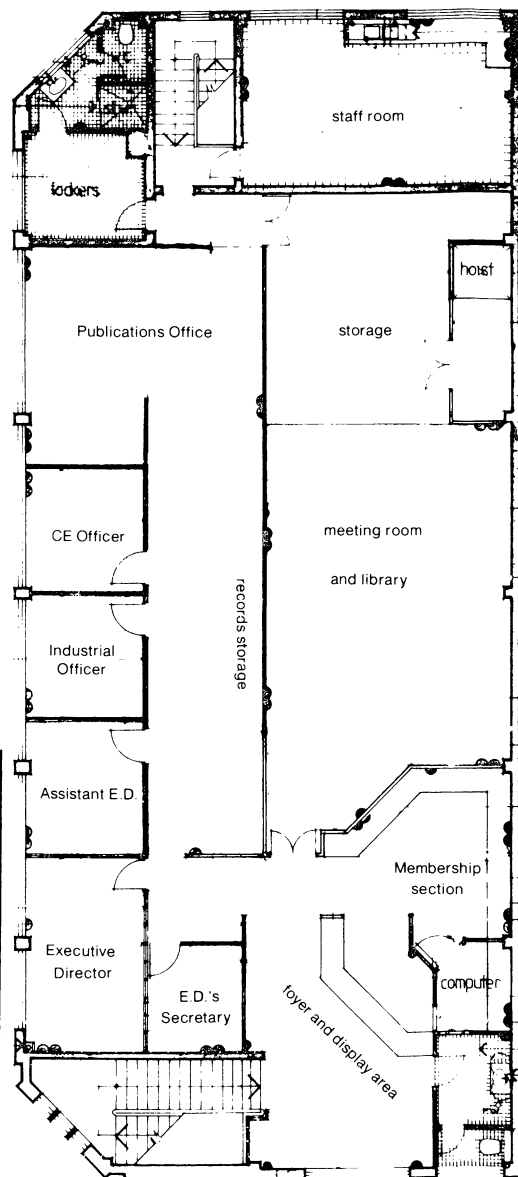
The cost to the membership of the move to bigger and better premises has been almost insignificant, and in dollar terms it will probably be a gain.

The cost to staff, however, working in the present conditions has been considerable in



terms of personal efficiency and morale. Any member who has visited the present office is not only appalled at the cramped conditions, but wonders how services have been maintained as they have.

The staff are looking forward to the move, and we look forward to seeing members at our new and bigger premises.  
*Susan Acutt*  
Executive Director



The plan (above) shows how each area of activity will have its own clearly designated space

## AACOBS adopts a constitution

THOUGH ESTABLISHED AS long ago as 1956, AACOBs (the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographic Services) has only recently adopted a written constitution. The venture into constitutional (and, we hope, responsible) government coincides with the levying of subscriptions, payment of which will be essential for membership.

Throughout its 25 years, AACOBs has depended very heavily upon the National Library, to whose staff the Secretariat is appointed, and from whose funds many of the day-to-day expenses of administration are paid.

There is every expectation that the National Library's support will be maintained and, at least when economic conditions improve, will be increased. AACOBs will however in future depend very heavily indeed upon subscriptions, which are assessed on a sliding scale on the basis of a member's annual expenditure on materials and 'library' salaries.

The new constitution came into force on 1 March 1982 and on 20 August this year the first meeting of the Council under the new constitution will be held. It will take place at Flinders University in Bedford Park, Adel-

aide, just before the 22nd Biennial Conference of the LAA.

In the few months that remain before the first meeting, State/Territory Committees need to be formed in all States, the ACT and the Northern Territory. State etc. Committees cannot be formed, of course, until there is an adequate membership in each geographical area.

Response from prospective members has been excellent in some States and Territories, but in New South Wales and Victoria there has not been a significant response from special libraries.

As Chairman of AACOBs Standing Committee I am asking the management of all libraries, archives institutions and similar bodies involved with information service to ensure that their organisation or institution has taken out membership. The attention, particularly, of special libraries in NSW and Victoria is invited to this notice.

A copy of the application form can be obtained from the AACOBs Secretariat (Mrs M. Newman, Secretary), C/- the National Library of Australia, CANBERRA ACT 2600.

Yours faithfully  
*Robert Sharman*  
Chairman, AACOBs Standing Committee

## NZ Pubs

THE NEW ZEALAND Library Association Incorporated has recently produced an extensive list of their publications.

To obtain this up-to-date list, contact Mrs V. Coad, Publications Dept, NZ Library Association Inc, 20 Brandon Street, PO Box 12, 212 Wellington North, New Zealand.

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