



Premier of New South Wales Australia

Dear Mrs Cram,
I am writing in connection with the letter I received from Ms H. Lawson, former President of your Association, dated 8th February, 1984, seeking the special application of Community Employment Programme funding to alleviate staffing problems of country libraries in New South Wales.

I have given careful consideration to your Association's submission but I regret that it is not possible to provide assistance in the way that has been sought.

There are two barriers to the Government acting on the basis of your submission. Firstly, in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Commonwealth Government, all positions under job creation schemes are filled from vacancies from Commonwealth Employment Service registers. Although I understand the Ministry of Employment has received many applications for the funding of libraries, the Commonwealth Employment Service is unable to provide qualified librarians and library technicians for those projects.

In this regard, any assistance your Association might be able to provide in encouraging unemployed library staff and graduating students to register with the Commonwealth Employment Service would be welcomed and may enable the Ministry of Employment to fill many of these positions referred to above.

Secondly, your submission has requested that staffing be on a permanent basis on the grounds that the short-term appointments were not beneficial. Again, in line with Commonwealth guidelines, most of the job creation programmes provide for shorter term employment than that sought by the Association.

The Federal Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations recently announced changes to the guidelines whereby the minimum level of financial contribution required of local Government and community organisations has been reduced to 20 per cent of project costs. Under these revised guidelines assistance may be more easily available under the programme for country librarians than was previously the case.

While I regret that I have not been able to be of more assistance to you in this matter, your Association can be assured that the Government is sympathetic to the needs of public libraries and to the difficulties they face in maintaining services and the Government will continue to monitor the funding levels afforded public libraries in New South Wales.

*Yours sincerely,
Neville Wran
Premier*

Mrs J. Cram,
President,
The Library Association of Australia,
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GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Meeting held at the Gazebo Terrace Hotel, 345 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 August 1984.

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Proxies and observers
3. Hours of meeting
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 30/31 March 1984
5. Matters arising from the minutes and not elsewhere on the agenda
6. Reports from the President and Executive Director
7. Reports of the General Councillors-at-large
8. Matters in the Executive Committee minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

9. Structure of the LAA
10. Futures Report
11. Information Scientists and the LAA
12. Working Party on Document Delivery in Australia
13. By-laws and Regulations
14. Draft Regulations: Appeals procedure
15. Draft Code of Ethics
16. Lobbying
17. Australian Library & Information Research Foundation
18. Volunteer workers
19. Work level standards
20. Library technicians: their place in libraries
21. Funding for public libraries
22. Freedom of speech
23. Freedom of information
24. National information policy
25. School Libraries Branch, SA Department of Education
26. Australian Libraries and Information Council
27. Relationship between LAA/AACOBS

FINANCE

28. Income and expenditure to 31 July 1984
29. 1985 Draft Budget
30. Program budgeting
31. LAA Vouchers
32. Membership fees for 1985
33. Extension of credit card facilities
34. Payment of fees by instalments

EDUCATION

35. Report of the Board of Education
36. Continuing education
37. Librarians in residence
38. Postgraduate diplomas

MEMBERSHIP

39. Membership report to 31 July 1984
40. Membership complaints

DIVISIONAL MATTERS

41. Reports of Branch activities
42. Information Management & Consulting Group

LAA COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATION ON RELATED BODIES

43. Membership of LAA committees
44. AACOBS/LAA Joint Committee on Information Technology
45. AGPS Liaison Committee
46. Copyright Committee
47. Committee on Professional Issues
48. Audiovisual Services Committee
49. Joint Standing Committee for the Book Trade
50. LAA/NZLA Standing Committee
51. Library Workforce Standing Committee
52. NLA Advisory Committee on the Information Industry
53. Nominating Committee

The **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP** at **MONASH UNIVERSITY** invites applications for the following courses in 1985.

MASTER OF ARTS

(Recognized by the L.A.A. as conferring eligibility for Associateship.)

Applicants must hold at least an Honours Degree (preferably at H1 or H11A level) in Science, Arts, Economics, Law, Engineering or other discipline considered relevant. The course consists of course-work and a minor thesis, and relates the student's academic discipline to librarianship. Normally the course is 2 years full-time, but part-time applicants will be considered.

MASTER OF LIBRARIANSHIP

Either by course-work and a minor thesis (60%, 70%, 80%) or major thesis. Applicants must be graduate professional librarians, with a wish to engage in research towards a thesis.

DIPLOMA IN LIBRARIANSHIP

(Graduate Post-Professional Award)
Course-work spread over one year full-time or 2 years part-time. Applicants must be graduate professional librarians. All the courses offered for the M. Lib. are available to Diploma students.

Among the School's specializations are: the provision and management of computer-based services; the economics of library and information provision; library services for ethnic minorities; the transmission of texts in the past and future; library and book trade history; computer applications in bibliographic control including the use of ABN.

Enquiries to: The Secretary, Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton, Vic. 3168. Telephone: 541 2957.

Applications for scholarships close October 31.

PUBLICATIONS

54. Publication Board
55. Public library standards revision project

CONFERENCES

56. 1984 Conference
57. 1986 Biennial Conference
58. Guidelines for the Organisation of Biennial Conferences

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

59. IFLA 1988
60. China Library Association
61. International Relations Committee

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

62. LAA Computer
63. Teleconferencing
64. *Office Bearers Guide*
65. LAA video
66. Draft media release policy
67. AAP PR Wire
68. *Today's Computers*
69. Returning officers
70. Any other business
71. Votes of thanks

Note: This agenda was unfortunately omitted from the last issue of *InCite*, which contained the report of General Council.