

Industrial News

A farewell message from
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THIS is my final report for *InCite* as I shall be leaving the Association on 14 April to take up a position as an Industrial Officer with the NSW Department of Industrial Relations.

I am leaving with very mixed feelings, as I have enjoyed working for the Association over the past four-and-a-half years and I will regret losing contact both with Head Office staff and with the

hundreds of members I have met. Like most of the other Head Office staff, I am not, however, able to relocate to Canberra and so it is time to move on.

The Executive is currently considering converting my position into separate industrial information officer and educational services officer positions and it is hoped to fill these as soon as possible.

I hope that members have benefitted from the work I have done whilst with the Association. The fragmentation of industrial representation for library staff makes the position of ALIA industrial information officer very difficult and I have dealt with an extraordinary variety of issues and groups of members during my time with the Association. Three which stand out are, the Victorian Municipal Librarians case of 1984, the restructuring of library positions in the South Australian Public Service and the success of Industrial Forum 88, but there have been many, many others.

Thank you all very much for your assistance and your friendship. I hope that, in return, I have helped to solve some of the industrial problems faced by library staff.

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Queensland updates and automates

FIFTEEN Queensland TAFE College Libraries are to be supplied with AWA mini-mainframe computers and URICA software as Stage Three of the TAFE Library Network Automation project.

Stage One was the automation of the Network's central technical services function based in South Brisbane. Stage Two involved the installation and implementation of trial URICA sites at the Queensland College of Art and the Townsville College of TAFE. During the last twelve months, these sites have run URICA circulation, OPAC, database load, and tailored data transfer software on GA 1350 systems (alias AWA 1210). During the implementation of Stage Three, these systems will be upgraded to GA 1750s (alias AWA 1410s).

The fifteen colleges selected will be equipped with either a 1350 system with 0.5 Mb of memory and 67 Mb of fixed disk storage, or a 1750 system with 1 Mb of memory and 140 Mb of fixed disk storage, depending upon collection size and activity rating. Both systems include a 1/4" cartridge tape drive.

In the Queensland TAFE Library Network configuration, databases contain

local holdings information only. Interrogation of the central bibliographic database can be carried out by direct dial-up to a Telecom rotary group arrangement or via an AUSPAC Closed User Group Facility 'owned' by the Queensland TAFE Library Network Centre.

New data or amendments to existing data created via the central technical service processes can be transmitted to the relevant college database through file transfers over the Telecom public telephone network or by 1/4" cartridge transported by overnight courier.

The automation of the remaining sixteen TAFE college libraries will be carried out in Stage Four of the project which is likely to be progressively carried out later this year. The project is being managed by the Queensland TAFE Library Network Centre (formerly known as the State Resource Materials Centre, Division of TAFE), which is located in South Brisbane.

Deadline

Deadline for copy for *InCite* Vol 10, No 7 (22 May) is Monday 1 May.



ALIA STUDY GRANT AWARDS FOR 1990

The Australian Library & Information Association will make funds available each year to support practising librarians wishing to undertake a study project. The number of awards in any year will depend upon the funds available and the estimated costs of proposals received.

The Association's intention in offering study grants is to provide an opportunity for librarians to undertake projects they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and costs involved.

Conditions

- Available to a practising librarian in a supervisory or middle management position, with a minimum of three years' experience in library and information work.

- For the purpose of undertaking a study program on a selected library/information issue or problem of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.

- The study may include opportunity for preliminary work, local or overseas visits/consultations, attachment to another organisation, preparation of a publication, further educational qualifications.

- The study is to culminate in a written report presented in two parts:

- (i) a summary of the report, accompanied by a photograph of the author, suitable for publication in *InCite*, and

- (ii) a comprehensive report, presented in a form suitable for publication as a journal article, which should be forwarded to the ALIA within four months of the project's culmination.

- A follow-up report is to be provided to the ALIA by the recipient showing how the outcomes of the project have been applied to the benefit of the individual, institution and broader professional base. This is due 12 months after the project's completion.

- It is expected that the study project will provide an opportunity for self development as well as benefit to the successful applicant's institution and present position. **The award is not intended to be used to fund research projects.**

Applicants should complete an application which gives:

- A brief description of the study project, including aims; benefits to the individual and to the institution; possible outcomes of a project.

- Identification and reasons for choice of particular institutions, persons or activities.

- Itinerary, timetable, travel/accommodation costs involved.

- Details of any other funds or facilities being provided for the study project.

- A curriculum vitae.

- 2 referees' reports.

Applicants must be financial members of the ALIA.

Application forms are available from ALIA House and applications for an award in 1990 should reach the Assistant Executive Director, ALIA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by **1 September 1989.**