

INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Trade Union Information Kit

The Trade Union Information & Resource Centre of the Victorian Trades Hall Council has produced a Trade Union Information Kit and a series of posters, to explain the role of trade unions in Australian society.

The Information Kit contains a number of booklets in a plastic binder, covering topics such as Union Structures, Industrial Relations, The Accord, Health & Safety, Workers Compensation, Migrants in Unions, Women in Unions and Superannuation. The posters concern unions at work, what unions do and making an award.

Both the kit and the posters would be of value to schools, libraries and community groups. The kits are priced at \$8.50 each including postage and the posters at \$5 a set, including postage. Both may be purchased from the Trade Union Information & Resource Centre, Box 17, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton South, Victoria 3053.

Re-classification of Library & Archives Assistant Positions — State Library of Tasmania

Following an extensive review of tasks performed by library and archives assistants in the State Library of Tasmania, a new 5 level structure has been introduced. Approximately 100 state service positions in the State Library Department have been reclassified, backdated to July 1984. A number of posi-

tions in branch libraries, which have yet to be brought within the Tasmanian State Service Act, for employment purposes, are currently being examined to determine their appropriate position within the Clerical Officers' Principal Award.

South Australian Workers Compensation Reform Proposals

Proposals for change in the South Australian Worker's Compensation System which were contained in a working paper on reform of the system, which was released in August, are being modified by negotiation before legislation is introduced into Parliament.

The South Australian Government has said that it intends to introduce legislation in the form of a Workers Rehabilitation & Compensation Act in the current session of Parliament.

New Book on RSI

R.S.I.: An Explorer's Guidebook by Paul Brennan has just been released by Primavera Press. Encyclopaedic in structure, it covers a multitude of topics associated with repetition strain injuries. Available in hardcover for \$19.95 or soft cover for \$9.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling, from Primavera Press, PO Box 151, Drummoyne, NSW 2047.

Louise Lansley
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and Research Office

STUDY GRANT FOR CARMEL MAGUIRE

Associate Professor Carmel Maguire, Head of the School of Librarianship at the University of New South Wales, has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Australian Research Grants Scheme. The grant is for a study to begin in 1986 in which Professor Maguire will study sources of, and access to information about markets and technology in traditional manufacturing and in high technology enterprise.

Professor Maguire says 'I'm delighted — to have the chance to continue, extend and consolidate earlier work, at a very exciting time with the Federal Government's 150% tax break for industrial R&D — and projects like this turn up great possibilities for research projects and theses for Master's and doctoral students'.

If you spend much time with computer people it's hard to avoid the impression that they're married to their work. But now there's definite proof — on the masthead of a newsletter called *CompuLaw Digest* it says 'A monthly newsletter summarising information from literature relating to computers in law'!!

What do we, as a nation, care about books? How much do you think we spend altogether in our libraries, public or private, as compared with what we spend on our horses? *John Ruskin*

Copyright regulations amended

The Attorney-General's Department advises that the Copyright Regulations have been amended. The prescribed retention period for records under Sections 49, 50, 51A, 53B and 53D of the Copyright Act and the period for making claims under Sections 53B and 53D have been extended from three to four years. The amendment was made on 26 July 1984.

STOP PRESS**Results of 1985 elections**

The following candidates were successful in the Association's 1985 elections:

**Vice-President 1986/
President Elect**

Peter Dawe (Chief Librarian, CSIRO)

General Secretary 1986/87

Jan Cree (Librarian/Information Consultant, Allen Jack & Cottier and McConnel Smith & Johnson)

**General Councillor-at-large
1986/87**

Martha Heeren (Teacher-Librarian, Petersham Girls High School)

**Members of Board of Education
1986/88**

Marianne Broadbent (Senior Lecturer, Department of Information Services, RMIT)

Eric Wainwright (University Librarian, University of Adelaide)

On behalf of all members of the LAA, congratulations and best wishes for a productive and rewarding period of office.

Sue Phillips
Acting Executive Director

Bon voyage, Jenny!

Jenny Menzies who has been the LAA's Assistant Publications Officer since August 1982 has left to spend several months in England and Europe.

Jenny's calm relaxed manner will be missed by staff and members alike as will her efficiency in ensuring the smooth organisation of the behind-the-scenes activities of, for example, the Editorial Board.

LAA staff members farewelled Jenny in style at Edouardo's restaurant in Surry Hills, and postcards from exotic places are eagerly awaited.



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