

# **LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, ARCHIVES SECTION**

## **NEWSLETTER NO. 4**

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### **1. Supply and Demand of Librarians**

At the LAA Standing Committee meeting held on 8th November, it was resolved that the Association's intention to promote a survey of supply and demand of librarians be publicised and it was likely that research funds would be available.

### **2. Press Releases**

The Association has resolved to keep its subordinate bodies informed of press statements it may issue and subordinate bodies are requested to keep Headquarters informed of statements they issue. The facilities of Headquarters are available to assist if required.

### **3. Headquarters Accommodation in Canberra**

Miss J. M. Murray has been invited to undertake the feasibility study of moving the Association's Headquarters to Canberra.

### **4. Industrial Information Officer**

Action is to be started by the Executive Secretary in obtaining information concerning salaries and conditions of employment, detail of staff establishment, job descriptions, etc., and a suitable person is to be employed to assist in this on a part-time basis.

### **5. Library Technicians' Group**

Standing Committee of the Association has resolved that the formation of a special interest group for technicians should be organised at Branch level.

### **6. Special Assistance Grant**

An additional \$100 has been granted to the Archives Section from the Association's funds to support the publication of **Archives and Manuscripts**.

### **7. At the Standing Committee meeting on 8th November, resolutions of tribute were passed to the following:**

- (1) Mr. H. Bryan for his considerable contribution to furthering the objects of the Association during his period as Chairman of the Board of Examiners,
- (2) Mr. G. D. Richardson for the considerable contribution he has made in the establishment, development, and consolidation of the Association and for the guiding role which he has played in the formulation of policy decisions throughout the years, and
- (3) Mr. R. C. Sharman for the able way in which he has conducted the business of Standing Committee and the Association during his period of office as President.

### **8. The VIIth International Congress on Archives was held in Moscow from 22nd to 25th August, 1972. Six papers were given as follows:-**

The interconnection of State and departmental archives, by F. Dolgikh (USSR)

New Archival techniques, by J. B. Rhoads (USA)

Information instruments of Archives at the service of science (finding aids), by F. Biljah (Yugoslavia)

Technical assistance for developing countries, by S. N. Prasad (India) and J. R. Ede (G.B.)

Archives of literature and art, by Mrs. N. B. Volkova (USSR)

Archives of architecture, by M. Le Moel (France)

The recommendations arising from each of these papers have been circulated to subscribers to the International Council on Archives.