



ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT

Professional Employment Service Extends Coverage to Librarians

In December 1984 the Professional Employment Service — an arm of the Commonwealth Employment Service — extended its activities in some states to include experienced librarians.

The PES in NSW, Northern Territory, ACT and Victoria is now helping to place experienced librarians who are looking for work. Librarians who are currently employed but seeking alternative employment may also register with the PES. The service is confined however to librarians with previous work experience.

Unemployed librarians can register with the Professional Employment Service when they register with the CES. Those who are currently employed can register with the PES directly. The officer(s) to contact in each state is/are:

NSW: John Ogg or Guy Phillips (02) 957 6600.

Victoria: Gwenda Canty or Debbie Clark (03) 617 7166. (Temporary number only).

ACT: Caroline Greenway (062) 47-2722.

Northern Territory: Brenda Jeeves (until March 1985) or Carol Gibson (after March 1985) (089) 89 9303.

Ancillary Staff in Victoria's Independent Schools

The Victorian Association of Teachers in Independent Schools (VATIS) held a meeting on December 4, 1984 to discuss the proposal that there should be Award Coverage for Ancillary Staff (including Library staff) in Independent Schools in Victoria.

Victorian Public Service Librarian and Library Technician Category Review

The Victorian Public Service Board has announced its decision regarding the Librarian and Library Technician Category Review.

A 5-level librarian classification structure has been established to replace the existing 7-level structure and a 4-level library technician structure has been established to replace the existing single-level structure, both taking effect from February 1, 1985. New salary structures have been developed to accompany the new classification structures. An implementation committee has been established to oversee the transition.

The positions of Trainee Library Technician and Library Clerk are to be continued pending the development of a proposal to use the clerical officer structure for these positions. The Board is to make a decision on the future of these positions in February.

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Making the most of VIATEL

RMIT's Department of Librarianship is lining up for the introduction of Telecom publicly available videotex facility, VIATEL in 1985.

Staff in the Department have undertaken a number of initiatives in the videotex area including bringing together senior educational administrators in June 1984 to discuss providing educational information services using videotex and the purchase of equipment to assist in teaching students using and creating videotex information services.

The Department has organised two seminars in the first part of 1985 to assist librarians and other information specialists to familiarise themselves with videotex technology and its applications. Tony Coher, videotex consultant (formerly of IC Computer Power) will lead two seminars on March 27 and June 5 1985.

The first, *Videotex Information Services: How to be an informed user*, aims to introduce participants to videotex techniques and applications. The second, *Videotex Information Services: How to create useful databases*. (See Hings for details re booking.)

The Department is at present negotiating with the UK Council for Educational Research to bring the head of the CET's Information Technology Programme, Mr Humphries, to Australia in June — July to participate in a number of seminars and workshops for librarians and educators. Mr Humphries will also be a key speaker at the First Pacific conference on Videotex Services currently being planned by the Australian Videotex Industry Association. The Department would be interested in hearing from local librarians, educators and LAA branch members who might wish to use Chris Humphries' services in Australia. (Contact Marianne Brown on 03-660 2963).

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