NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR 1987

When you return after the Christmas/New Year break you will find that the new telephone system is operating. The following will be the immediate effects of the change:

- The university telephone number will be 565 4000.
- The university indial prefix will be 565.
- Some extension numbers will have changed; please consult the new directory.
- You may have a different telephone.

Operation of the telephone is described in a handbook distributed with your new phone and in the front pages of the new directory, the latter being the more accurate information.

Some training courses have already been conducted and others will be run in the new year. Most staff will require little or no formal training.

Dialling 1181 will provide an introduction to the service and a description of the tones used. If after reading the documentation provided you experience difficulties, you can obtain assistance by dialling 6111.

During the Christmas/New Year break, the changeover process will be effected progressively. During the period some extensions will be available under the old PABX, accessible via 541 indial and the old extension number, and others will be available under the new PABX, accessible via 565 indial and the new extension number.

To communicate between extensions on different systems, you will need to get an outside line and indial to the required extension.

If you are on campus during the changeover period, you should be prepared to use either old or new extension numbers, and should anticipate some difficulties in using telephones.

The most recently collected changes in requests for facilities may not be completed before 5 January. They will be completed progressively over the following two weeks, and in the interim you may find the extension numbers and/or callback conditions not exactly as finally specified. The published Telephone Directory does reflect all those changes and therefore some discrepancies between the real world and the Directory will exist for the first couple of weeks of the new year.

The introduction of the new PABX, although causing some inconvenience to staff in the new year, will provide a dramatic improvement in communications both within the university and with the outside world.

$1,177,000 FOR SPECIAL RESEARCH IN 1987

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ray Martin, has approved the allocation of $1,177,000 from the Monash Special Research Fund to support 237 projects in 1987.

In all, The Special Research Fund Advisory Committee considered 279 applications totalling $2,621,345.

The committee chairman, Professor Kevin Westfold, said the committee placed emphasis on the encouragement of excellence. Evidence of researchers seeking outside support or progress guided the committee in its decision.

The committee gave particular priority to:

* Promising younger members of the academic staff, to allow them to start on a project which could receive outside support later.
* Successful ARGC and NH&MRC applicants who had been refused support for financial reasons.
* Successful ARGC and NH&MRC applicants who require additional support for fractional salary grants or reduced maintenance support.

The committee decided to fund five new Postdoctoral Fellows and to meet the cost of maintaining seven continuing Fellows.

SALARY INCREASE—GENERAL STAFF

At a meeting on Wednesday 10 December 1986, the Universities General Staff Conciliation and Arbitration Board granted an increase of 3.8% to classifications in the General Staff Award covering clerical, keyboard, secretarial, and computer staff, professional officers, Administrative Officers 1 to 6, and library staff other than attendants.

The increase will also apply to some related staff on classifications in the Award which did not receive a flow-on from the increases paid to technical staff in 1982.

The increases will be effective from 20 December 1985, and staff will receive back pay in January 1987.

MONASH TO HAVE AN ART FOUNDATION

A Monash University Art Foundation is to be set up with the aim of funding the purchase of new art works for the university's Art Collection, which will have a new home when the planned art gallery in the multi-disciplinary building opens in early 1987.

Proposing the establishment of the Art Foundation, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ray Martin, said that a significant sum of money could be generated initially by the sale of the Streeton painting of St Paul's Cathedral, currently hanging in Robert Blackwood Hall.

Professor Martin said that, although of considerable value, the painting was a sombre work uncharacteristic of Streeton's more popular paintings and was not highly regarded by experts within the university.

Council agreed that the Vice-Chancellor should be empowered to sell the painting, possibly at auction in London, if so advised by Dr Joseph Brown, the university's principal art consultant.

SIX NEW EMERITUS PROFESSORS

Council has approved the conferring of the title of Emeritus Professor on five professors who are due to retire from the university on 31 December.

They are:

Professor H. C. Bolton, professor of theoretical physics since 1962.
Professor P. Boss, professor of social work since 1974.
Professor J. D. Legge, professor of history 1960–77 and Dean of Arts since 1978.
Professor R. F. E. Van Der Borght, professor of applied mathematics 1961, Dean of Science 1962-75.
Council also agreed to confer the title Emeritus Professor on the university's Deputy Chancellor, Dr J. E. Isaac, who held a chair of economics at Monash between 1965 and 1973, when he was appointed a Deputy Chairman of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. He will retire from the Commission on 11 March, 1987.

**GIRLS' SCHOOL HEAD FOR COUNCIL**

Miss Dorothy Pizze, principal of St Catherine's School, has been co-opted to Monash Council to fill a vacancy created by the retirement on 30 June of Dr Patricia Hutson.

**HARASSMENT PAPER TO BE REDRAWN**

Council last week directed that a draft paper on Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures should be withdrawn and re-drafted, taking into account a number of criticisms expressed at the meeting.

Several members complained that the document, presented by the Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee, embodied general principles that were poorly defined, time-consuming, gave insufficient protection to those against whom complaints were made, and lacked adequate safeguards of confidentiality.

The paper was referred to the Registrar and the Legal Officer for the development of a new document for consideration by Council if possible at its next meeting in March 1987.

**RETURN SURPLUS TELEPHONES**

Departments are requested to return any surplus PBX telephone handsets to the Central Stationery Store to help Telecom overcome their shortage.

Collection of these handsets can be arranged through the Central Stationery Store, ext. 4057.

**TERM DATES FOR AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES IN 1987**

Set out below are the term dates for Australian Universities in 1987. The common vacation dates recommended by the AVCC are the

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1 Timetables vary:
Adelaide—Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Music
Flinders—Education, Medicine and Theology
Melbourne—Faculties of Agriculture and Forestry, Architecture and Planning, Education, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Science
Newcastle—Faculty of Medicine

2 See also 'Universities with Semester Timetables'

3 Orientation Week begins 2 March

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1 NSW: Timetable varies for Faculty of Medicine, Australian Graduate School of Management, and The University College, Australian Defence Force Academy

2 See also 'Universities with Term Timetables'

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4 The University of Wollongong also offers a Summer Session during which a limited number of degree and non-degree subjects are available. The Summer Session commences on 8 December 1986 and concludes on 13 February 1987.

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