

## Australian mottoes — the end is near!

Vivienne Sigley, librarian, Lismore College of TAFE, editor and joint compiler of the award-winning *Visarts 85*, and co-ordinator of the highly commended *Placenames of Northern New South Wales* series is currently working on a manuscript for the LAA. Here she comments on the delights and the diligence needed to compile a work on mottoes.

One of the great delights in researching a book of Australian mottoes has been discovering that there is indeed a motto for every occasion. A day filled with what seem to be a rash of small disasters can be met with *Courage in adversity*, and weariness as a result should be ignored because *Nihil sine labore...* after all, *Finis coronat opus!*

And the end of the work is at last in sight, with research on civic, educational, union, defence force, ecclesiastic, health and medical, and notable families' mottoes now largely completed.

During the next three months, I will be concentrating on obtaining the mottoes of clubs, associations, support and recreational groups so that the completed manuscript of *Australian Mottoes* can be submitted to the Association in December this year.



The mottoes of 'clubs, pubs and other mobs' as I call them, have proved somewhat a challenge, with many groups reticent about providing or promoting their motto.

There are some wonderful exceptions, of course — such as the Ulysses Bike Club for the Over-50s, which is proud to *Grow old disgracefully!*

If you could help by providing any of these mottoes, or any in the categories I have mentioned, I'd be very grateful. And it's good to know we can *Karribidyikarrimerrimen* (help one another)!

Vivienne Sigley

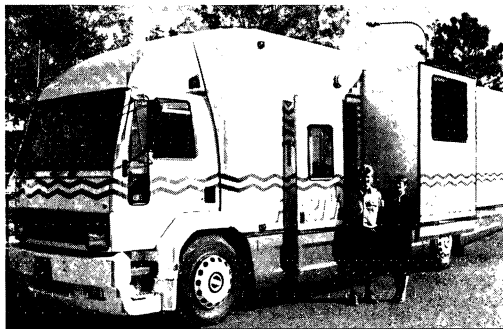
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Through these Awards, recognition is given to city, town and shire councils which have demonstrated significant initiative in improving their council's effectiveness and/or productivity through innovative management or technical practices.

Built by Trans Commercial of Coopers Plain, Brisbane, the Pine Rivers Shire mobile library won the Technical Excellence Award through its use of such features as a slide-out module containing the staff work area; an online circulation system comparable with the computer services offered at the Branch libraries; a coin-operated photocopier; and a streamlined

exterior: aerodynamic skirts and a modernistic graphic design depicting the Shire's hills, rivers and trees.



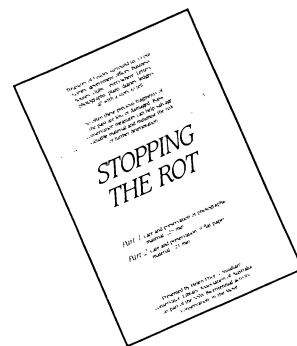
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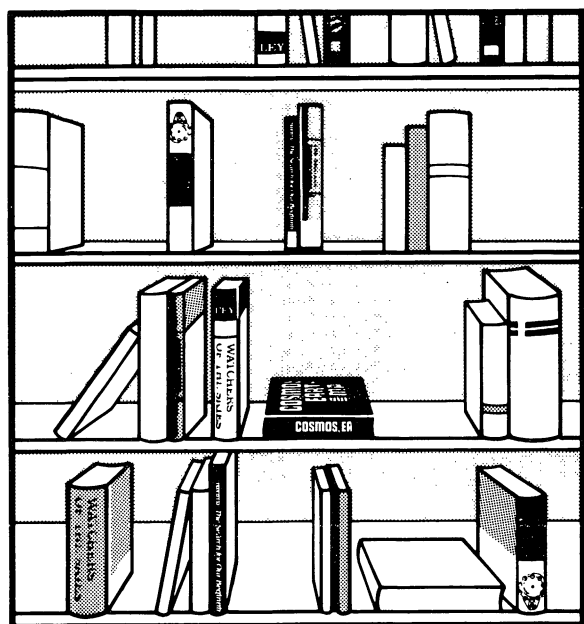
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