

Letters

CAA libraries to close

Dear Editor,

In yet another example of 'downsizing', the Civil Aviation Authority is closing its libraries in WA, SA, Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

This will affect five professional librarian positions, and four para-professional positions.

The decision to close the libraries comes along with the announcement that over 3500 jobs will be shed over the next 5 years, leaving a staff of 3641 throughout Australia being serviced by one library in Canberra.

This decision comes after the CAA has, over the last 12-18 months, upgraded all the professional positions in the State libraries, increased their operating budgets and installed an

automated system.

This upgrading exercise was done as the libraries were in a bad state of neglect, and the CAA had the option to either close them or upgrade them. They chose the latter option, and the libraries have seen a resurgence in usage and an increased profile within the organisation.

The decision to close the libraries has been met with disappointment by all the staff, as the hard work that has been put into the service by all the State librarians, is now seen as being a wasted effort in time and money as we prepare to 'pack up shop', and look for professional employment elsewhere.

I know that the staff in the library in Canberra will make every effort to provide an efficient information service to the remaining staff in each of the States, but I can only lament the closure of five libraries that were only just beginning to show staff how important and necessary a library can be.

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Who's Where

Following amalgamation of Queensland University of Technology with Brisbane CAE, a new library structure has been developed and new managers appointed. **Gaynor Austen** has been appointed University Librarian and has been joined by three Associate Librarians; **Janice Rickards**, **Carolyn Gaskell**, and **Jan Novak**.

In addition, the following staff have been appointed to senior management positions within the new library.

Campus Librarians: Gardens Point — **Madeleine McPherson**; Kelvin Grove — **Robyn Smith**; Kedron Park — **Kathy Grgic**; Carseldine — **Linda Heron**. Acquisitions Librarian — **Elisabeth Dolby**. Cataloguing Librarian — **Ann Huthwaite**.

QUT Library has also appointed a new Circulation Coordinator. **Colin Bain**, formerly City Librarian of Gosford. Colin commenced work on 22 July and is based on the Kelvin Grove campus.

Diana Richards, AALIA, has recently been appointed as Customer Service Coordinator for James Bennett Library Services. Diana has been associated with many libraries throughout her career,

her most recent position being Head of Technical Services at Kuring-gai Campus. Diana has been a member of the CLANN (now Unilink) Technical Committee, and on a personal level, she is currently enrolled in the Masters in Management degree through UTS. The position of Customer Service Coordinator is a new professional position on Bennett's staff, and is responsible for ensuring that a high quality service is provided to Bennett's customers.

Penny Tinsley has left her position as Librarian, Confederation of WA Industry, to join Anglo-Australian Foods (Peters, WA) as Manager, Information Department from 9 September 1991.

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