

Papua New Guinea mine seeks surplus books

About a year ago, the Porgera gold mine in the highlands of Papua New Guinea acquired several thousand books from various libraries in New South Wales. The books were donated to schools throughout Enga Province. The response was overwhelming. Because of the lack of library materials in the region, schools from Enga Province and surrounding provinces would like to obtain more books, on numerous subjects.

The Library Donation Project has been established by the mine to donate books to libraries of the region.

If any library in Australia has books that they wish to dispose of, please contact the project by telephoning 0011 675 579500, ext 225, faxing 0015 675 579579 or writing to Andrew Fleisher, Library Donation Project, Porgera Joint Venture, 135 Abbott Street, Cairns, QLD 4870.

Freight costs for the books will be paid by the mine. In some cases, the books can also be purchased.

Academic publishing: potential and perils

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of South Australia Professor Alan Mead OBE welcomed 70 participants to a Forum on Academic Publishing on 18 October.

The Forum, believed to be the first of its kind to be held in Australia, was initiated and organised by the University Library. Issues examined were academic publishing, marketing, distribution and in particular the role of university presses.

Speakers included John Iremonger, Manager, Melbourne University Press; Fay Warby, Manager, Deakin University Press; Jessica Radnell, Manager, ANU Bibliotech; Michael Bollen, Manager, Wakefield Press; and Nick Walker, Editor, Australian Scholarly Publishing.

A video-tape of the Forum is available for \$25 from Library Publications, University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale, SA 5032.

Alan Bundy

Christine Henderson at ANZAAS

Dr Christine Henderson, University Librarian at the University of New South Wales was one of nearly 100 speakers at the ANZAAS Congress held recently in Adelaide. The Congress, reported as one of the most successful in recent years, was described in the Melbourne *Age* as having 'sharpened its focus this year after a decline in the calibre of its science, its relevance and its effectiveness in communicating science to the community in recent years.'

Dr Henderson presented a paper entitled 'Breaking down the barriers' which addressed the challenges meeting management today in the areas of strategic planning and thinking, awareness of management change, the necessity to encourage creativity and innovation and in fostering self-change and staff support systems. She highlighted the need for libraries, and organisations generally, to be more flexible, goal oriented and bold in order to deliver to the consumer products that they really need and understand.

Dean Leith

Drug information services at St Vincent's Hospital

The Pharmacy-based Drug Information Service has recently amalgamated with the NSW Therapeutic Medicines Information Centre, located on the campus of St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. The centre is staffed by a group of specialists comprising drug information pharmacists and a medical librarian.

The centre provides current and comprehensive information on medicines and drugs to the State of NSW, in addition to St Vincent's

Hospital Campus. This includes:

- A comprehensive reference library
- Medical and pharmaceutical journals
- Computerised information retrieval
- Training courses
- Access to consultants
- Drug Information Bulletins.

The centre is available 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. For further information contact the NSW Therapeutic Medicines Information Centre, PO Box 766, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010, phone (02) 361 3011.

Who's Where

Alan Bundy has been appointed Library Correspondent of the new Australian Campus Review Weekly. He would welcome news about developments in higher education and TAFE libraries, to be sent to him c/- University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale, SA 5032, fax (08) 354 6699.

Heather Black has just been appointed to the position of RAECO NSW Technology Products Area Manager for NSW and Queensland. Heather's background as Branch Librarian at Caulfield Library Service and more recently as Product Manager for Data Trek Pty Ltd provides her with the ideal experience for her responsibility as consultant for Molli Library Automation System and RAECO Alarm.

Jude Raymond has recently been appointed Officer-in-Charge of the Zoology Branch Library at the University of Melbourne. Jude has worked at the University since 1987, in the Baillieu Library and the Brownless Medical Library. He received the Associate Diploma in Applied Social Science from Prahran TAFE in 1990.

Computer, anybody?

A GA 5820 computer with 72 serial ports and associated peripherals including terminals will shortly be available for sale from the University of South Australia Library following the installation of a larger computer.

For an information sheet please telephone Dennis Walter (08) 302 3186 or fax (08) 349 4213.

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