

Greening Australia:

Directory of help for rural trees

The fight to stop land erosion, and to conserve, plant and grow trees by farmers and land-managers will be made easier with the aid of a new directory of assistance schemes. This was launched at the Australian National University recently, by Hazel Hawke, the national patron of Greening Australia.

The 1991 Directory of Assistance Schemes for Trees on Farms and Rural Vegetation summarises 74 schemes available throughout Australia that provide assistance and advice on tree growing and retention. The directory is a joint venture of Greening Australia and the Bureau of Rural Resources.

Available for only \$14.95, the directory lists where to find grants, cheap seedlings, free literature, information about what species grow where, or assistance with planning, management or marketing. Each scheme entry has a standard format, one to each page. Contact numbers and basic information are provided to allow readers to follow up the most relevant scheme, and to make easy comparisons. Knowing where you can obtain assistance certainly swings the odds in your favour.



Hazel Hawke with, from left, co-authors Roslyn Prinsley, Annie Boutland and Neil Byron at the book's launch at the Australian National University.

The directory will be updated annually and is being promoted widely to rural landholders, landcare groups and public libraries, particularly in rural centres. Inquiries and orders to GPO Box 9868, Canberra ACT 2601, telephone (06) 281 8585, fax (06) 281 8590.

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Moving into non-traditional areas

Librarians in records management

More and more, librarians are seeking positions in what are classed as 'non-traditional areas', such as records management and archives. Management is tending to hand over the management responsibility for 'the filing system' to in-house special librarians, and librarians are also natural contenders for the position of Information Services Managers.

Librarians moving into new areas of information management need additional skills if they are to succeed. They also need to know the nature of the new environment in which they will operate, if they are to avoid some of the classic 'traps for young players'.

The Continuing Education program for information professionals at the School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales is aware of the need among librarians for knowledge in this area. To meet this demand for training, to enable librarians to acquire these skills, the School of Librarianship, in conjunction with Records Archives and Information Management (RAIM) Pty Ltd, is planning another continuing education course in July/August this year, following the success of the pilot course held late in 1990.

The course will be offered for either 4

consecutive days or for 8 evenings (1 evening per week for 8 weeks). The School of Librarianship is seeking expressions of interest in the course, to determine which configuration will suit most potential participants.

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Association members showed clearly in their responses to the national PD survey that they are concerned about the cost of training. The training industry has received a massive boost from the Training Guarantee Scheme, introduced last year. Costs are currently rapidly changing. So far the movement has been markedly upward, far in excess of any cost-of-living arguments.

To illustrate, in 1990, a 1-day management seminar cost \$180 with one reputable training institution. This year the same course is \$220. Another group's fee has moved from \$235 to \$300 per day, over the same time period. It is now quite common to see quite startling charges of \$400 to \$500 for a 1-day event.

In comparison, the training fees in the library sector are very modest. A quick scan of the Events column shows the average fee to be less than \$100/day. The library community has been very successful in containing costs while continuing to provide quality opportunities. It can be expected, however, that as costs in the training world increase, some increases will occur in the library area.