

## A sporty week at Bankstown City Library

**Lindsay Allen shows that fitness freaks read books!**

**B**ankstown City Library threw itself whole-heartedly into the sport theme of ALW. Launched by Steve Small, a NSW

and Bankstown cricketer, the afternoon party was punctuated with the beeps, bumps and grinds of adults and children working-out

in the Library Gym. Exercise bikes along with a rower, walker and stepper were in heavy demand. Aerobics videos helped to pump-up the action.

A sports quiz, with book token prizes, was held at all branches, promoted by sports displays. Classic sound and silent films as well as a couple of Chinese films were screened during the week as an alternative to all that sport.

The Week's end coincided with the multicultural Bankstown Festival. The Library was selling art prints, the new library bag and lots of fun for kids with storytelling and making their own badges.

A wide variety of activities, which hopefully showed our services to both current and new users. ■



*The Library Gym' was in constant demand*

## ALW in the NT

**Sonia Summer found grizzes and dances mixed up with the books**

**A**ustralian Library Week was opened by Steve Hatton, the Minister responsible for Libraries, at a Library Expo held on Saturday 16 October in the central business District in Darwin. Various library and related organisations provided 13 stalls/displays and there was continuous program of entertainment throughout the morning to keep the public entertained. The entertainment included a Pied Piper procession for children who were led to different venues for a craft activity, Aboriginal storytelling and to watch a group of clowns/acrobats.

Northern Territory Library Service held its usual book sale of pre-loved books over 2 days, Thursday and Friday, 21 and 22 October. As in previous years, Darwin's book-hungry public turned out in droves and helped raise a tidy sum to go back into the central book fund. Book sales were also held by Alice Springs and Tennant Creek public libraries.

An innovative Territory-wide Quiz night was held on Friday 22 October. There were simultaneous quiz nights held in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Palmerston, Nhulunbuy and Darwin. The same program and questions were used in all five areas. The logistics cer-

tainly taxed our communication skills as contact had to be maintained between the five venues throughout the evening. There was a major prize for the winning Territory team which just happened to be a team of librarians and spouses from Darwin!

The closing event of the week was a dance on the Saturday to celebrate

libraries. Music was supplied by two local bands.

NTLPC was a major force behind the variety of activities planned for the week. It was great to have a range of libraries working together to make a success of the week and this was particularly obvious where the Expo was concerned. ■



*No—it's not St George but Michelle the Croc amusing the youngsters!*