

Mobile muster II

Robert Pestell has been communicating in Noosa

Eight Mobile libraries and seventy librarians, mobile library operators and library technicians converged on the beach resort of Noosa on Queensland's Sunshine Coast in December, to take part in the 2nd Mobile Muster. Delegates from as far away as Tasmania and Western Australia engaged in lively discussion on all aspects of mobile library operations, from on-line access via cellular phones and radio transmission, to education for mobile library operators, to the provision of specialised housebound and school services; personal overseas experiences and mobile services in other countries added a wider horizon to the conference.

Personal safety of mobile library operators was of major concern, and the Conference resolution will be forwarded to all Councils operating mobile services: *that in consideration of Workplace, Health and Safety and the Duty of Care to staff and the public, all mobile libraries be fitted with a permanent communication system.*

Conference proceedings will be available shortly, and may be obtained for \$10 from Robert Pestell, Public Libraries Division, State Library of Queensland. Tel (07) 358 4588, (07) 358 3365. ■

Technology Expo

Val Mullins describes a successful activity of the Riverina Regional Group



On 26 November, the Riverina Regional Group (RRG) of ALIA held a full day 'Technology Expo' at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, to show off new technologies in the information environment. More than a dozen institutions were represented, including school, TAFE, tertiary and public libraries.

Some of the techniques were demonstrated in 'windows' during the day, and others continued throughout the day. Four formal sessions were held. John Messing,

Neil Stork from Britannica picks the Lucky Door ticket for the Compton's Encyclopaedia on CD donated by Britannica, helped by Expo organiser Val Mullins. The winner was Debbie McKenzie of La Trobe University, Wodonga.

lecturer at the School of Information Studies CSU, demonstrated the many uses of Image Scanning, and Gallipoli (multimedia); his colleague Geoff Fellows presented AARNet; Rob Walls from ABN explained 'ABN in 1996'. Hands-on throughout the day included ABN, ALDIS products, ACEL, Britannica, Commodore CDTV (stand run by students from the Wagga Wagga Technology High School), Datatrek, DYNIX, Electronic Dewey, Informer-Help Desk (project of 3rd year computing students), Inmagic, Kodak, Kurzweil Reader, photocopiers, Skillshare, 3M, and a variety of CD-ROMs on the CSU system.

The RRG is grateful to ALDIS, DYNIX, 3M and Wagga Business Machines for their sponsorship. There was a lot of strongly positive feedback, and we are considering holding another similar Expo, perhaps in 1995. ■

And the Minister came too!



The guests of honour at the Victorian Branch Xmas Party on 8 December included the Rt Hon Haddon Storey, Minister for the Arts, Rev. Dr John Scott, Chairman of the Libraries Board and Ms Helen Tait, Director of the State Library of Victoria. President Meg Paul presented the Minister with a strong, healthy plant to symbolise the growth of government funding to libraries in the years ahead! Two retiring members of the Executive, Eva Fisch and Jan Wright, also received presentations. It was a great night. In the photo (from left): Helen Tait, Rt Hon Haddon Storey, Craig Anderson and Meg Paul.