

Sexual health brochures available on audio tape

Nineteen brochures on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases are available on cassette from the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind (RVIB) Talking Book Library.

These brochures were previously available only in print form.

Doctors, community health centres, schools, family planning clinics, public libraries, AIDS organisations and hospitals lend the

tapes to people with print disabilities who use their services. This group includes people who have vision impairments, physical impairments and learning disabilities.

The brochures include information about AIDS and safe sex and the handling of needles and syringes. Nine of the brochures also relate to a range of sexually transmitted diseases.

In a project initially coordinated by the National Federation of Blind Citizens and funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Community Services AIDS/STD unit, copies of the tapes were made available free-of-charge from the State Library of Victoria, the Braille and Talking Book Library and the RVIB Talking Book Library.

They can now be purchased by organisations either as single titles (\$5.00) or as a complete set of 19 titles (\$80.00) from the RVIB Talking Book Library, 85 High Street, Prahran, 3181. Telephone (03) 9521 3400, or fax (03) 9521 3670. ■

Geelong regional group

Fiona Capurro, treasurer, Geelong regional group reports on their first professional meeting for 1995

On 21 March, Geelong regional group held their first professional meeting for 1995. The group met at the Geelong hospital library. Sue McKnight welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the two speakers, Mr Stephen Due, Chief librarian of the Geelong hospital library and Professor Margaret Cameron, Board member of the Geelong hospital and university librarian, Deakin University.

Stephen Due presented the history of the library and its current building and then discussed the current role and operations of the

library. The philosophy and objectives of the library were explained along with the diverse user population and the role of the library committee. His talk concluded with a discussion on the future direction of the library. Margaret Cameron spoke as a member of the hospital board and explained the role of the board, her own involvement with the board and how the performance of the library (and other departments) are seen and reviewed by the board of management. After a brief general discussion, the meeting was closed and a tour of the library was conducted by Stephen Due. ■

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