

Crossing the Nullarbor

It would appear that the current 'Free Library Services' statement is not the first to have problems crossing the Nullarbor (Lyn Allen, *inCite* 11, 1994).

While it is claimed the previous version will be retained it is obvious that it too never made the trip... Charges for 'value added' services have existed in WA long before the much publicised revision.

Just what *is* the problem?

Trevor Wakely, Vic

A helping hand

I was very interested to read that the Victorian Parliamentary Library has a scheme to help newly-qualified librarians gain experience, and as a result, become very employable. (*inCite* 12, 1994).

It seems to me that the library's philosophy has been put into such practice for many years. Bruce Davidson gave me much personal encouragement several years back when he employed me as a clerical assistant and wrote a glowing refer-

ence for me to be accepted in the library school at Melbourne University.

Since I have graduated I have tried to follow his lead, and have left this medical library (Bethesda Hospital) in the charge of newly-graduated librarians whenever I am able to go overseas. As a direct result of having the experience of being a 'one-man' worker, they have, without exception, been employed immediately. Perhaps when they, in their turn, are able to help a newly-qualified colleague, they will. I hope so.

Joy Cassidy, Vic

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