

# Vantage point

*Australian Library Week 7-13 May celebrates young achievers in the library and information sector*

**P**eter Green has packed a lot into his first twelve months as a professional librarian and his first job at Curtin University, where he is one of the team of librarians responsible for Information Services. After collecting the *FA Sharr Medal* from the WA Branch of ALIA as the graduate most likely to have a positive impact on his profession, Peter barely drew breath before he began to prove the Branch's predictions correct.

In those first twelve months he has taken on the role of Editor of the Branch newsletter, *Biblia*, and established a discussion panel on the Internet called WAIN (Western Australian Information Network), dedicated to coverage of the general library community activity in the West. WAIN already has 100 subscribers, with strong growth predicted in the school and public library membership for 1995.

Peter says the idea for WAIN grew out of Curtin University Library's excellent access to electronic communications. It seemed a natural step to use this capacity to stimulate discussion of information issues amongst WA librarians. WAIN is also used to promote events and advertise jobs.

His graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies from Curtin follows a Bachelor of Education majoring in mathematics

and a ten year career as a teacher. Teaching skills have been extremely useful, according to Peter, who has used them to good effect in information literacy training for teachers and staff at the University.

Peter doesn't view the Internet as the 'end' for librarians. He teaches classes in its use and says it is essential that information professionals master the 'net' in order to support their clients the way they always have.

'The skills of librarianship lend themselves to improvement of the Internet but it won't be a monopoly any more than the development of database searching software was a monopoly for librarians.'

Also active in the WA group of Reference and Information Service Section of ALIA and currently working on his masters degree, Peter's next move is a six-month stint in Kalgoorlie where the School of



Mines and a TAFE college are combining to form a University College affiliated with Curtin. ■

*If you know any young achievers that you believe should be profiled in inCite please contact Carolyn Cherrett at the National Office, telephone (06) 285 1877, or fax (06) 282 2249.*

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