



Marie Wilson with Dr Ali Sharr

Edith Cowan University farewells Marie Wilson

Marie Wilson, chairperson of the Department of Library and Information Science since 1988, retired on 4 July after twenty-three years in the Department. Marie, with husband Ralph, is currently wandering around Britain and enjoying garden parties on the camomile lawns

of Buckingham Palace. Under Marie's leadership, the department grew from a staff of three to fourteen, broadening its areas of expertise and diversifying its internal and distance education offerings. Although describing herself as 'technologically illiterate', Marie oversaw the department's development of

successful programs in interactive multimedia, communications and information technology, archives and records management, in addition to its longstanding focus on teacher librarianship and education for library technicians.

Staff and students of the department will miss Marie's warmth and generosity and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

Marie's successor as chairperson of the department is Jan Ring. Jan, a senior lecturer, has a background in school librarianship and tertiary computer science. Jan joined the department in 1994 after working closely with external library technician students during her development of Edith Cowan University's virtual campus. She is currently completing a PhD in education at the University of Western Australia, having investigated navigation in multimedia environments. ■

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Teacher-librarians in South Australia were saddened to hear of the sudden death on 16 June of Margaret Burden, the teacher-librarian at Mercedes College. Margaret was a long-time member of the executive of the School Libraries Section (South Australia) where her thoughtful contributions were always welcomed. In the national arena Margaret represented ALIA on the working group which developed learning for the future,



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using her negotiation skills to ensure that ALIA's voice was always heard in what were often very tense situations. She also represented South Australia on the School Libraries Section national executive in 1994/5.

Margaret will be greatly missed by everyone who had the opportunity to work with her. ■

A third woman vice-chancellor

Professor Denise Bradley AO is to be the University of South Australia's new vice-chancellor. Professor Bradley will bring to three the elite group of women vice-chancellors in Australia.

Chancellor and chair of the selection committee Dr Basil Hetzel said the position was strongly contested but Professor Bradley emerged as the outstanding candidate in the light of her past achievements and her vision for the future of the University.

Professor Bradley is highly respected in higher education nationally and has made an outstanding contribution over many years at a national level. She has contributed significantly

to the successful development of the University of South Australia since its merger in 1991.

Professor Bradley was recognised in 1995 for her contribution to higher education when she was made an Officer of the Order of Australia. She has been extensively involved in national educational policy and was a member of the National Board of Employment, Education and Training and Deputy Chair of its Higher Education Council. She has also been a member and chair of the National Women's Employment, Education and Training advisory group.

Professor Bradley will take over the position of vice-chancellor of the University in January 1997. ■