

Making news...

New library attracts big influx of members

From the *Weekend Courier*, 25 July 1997

The relocation of Kwinana Public Library to the Hub shopping centre has attracted about 1600 new members to the library. The library now boasts over 9500 members, and has new opening hours.

The library's 47 500 loan items include a range of audio-visual material, as well as material in Croatian, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Vietnamese languages. The librarian, Brett Hatwell, said that with the increased population in the area and moving to larger premises, the library has been able to secure more stock from the Library and Information Service of Western Australia. Future improvements to the library include an automated system for faster, easier borrowing.

Agencies in cyber space

From *The Cranbourne Sun*, 29 July 1997

The Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation has been awarded a \$20 000 Innovative Programs Grant to provide community groups with better access to electronic information. The funds will be used to install a Remote Access Service server at Cranbourne headquarters which will enable up to sixteen agencies with personal computers to dial into the library system and access the Internet.

Cutbacks hit hard

From *South East Advertiser*, 30 July 1997

Frustration over staff and resource cutbacks at the Coorparoo campus of Southbank Institute of TAFE spilt over into a student protest on Thursday.

Heidi Smith, a student representative, said that students returned from the mid-year break to find the campus library had been closed with no warning. An alternative library at the Morningside campus offered student access to computers but only on a user-pays basis.

Support for new library hours

From *Champion Post-Parkes*, 21 July 1997

A workshop was held recently with David Jones from the State Library of New South Wales Building and Planning Advisory Service to commence the process for the development of a brief for the proposed new Parkes Library and Exhibition Centre.

A preliminary list of the functional areas required in the new building were identified and discussion took place concerning the trends in service provision, staffing issues and the design challenges and philosophy in preparing a full design brief for the building.

The outcomes of the workshop will be discussed at the next meeting of the commit-

tee and a detailed report will be prepared for Council's consideration.

John Scott, librarian, reported to Council the results of a survey conducted to gauge support for the new library operating hours. The respondents were overwhelmingly in support of the new hours.

A library without books

By Nicole Strahan, from the *Moorabbin Glen Eira Standard*, 22 July 1997

A new shop-front library, hailed as Australia's 'first exclusively electronic public library' opened in Dingley shopping centre recently.

The library is almost bookless. Computer terminals provide access to encyclopedias, newspapers, magazines and books. There is also free internet access from the library.

Library users can also access the library catalogue for any of the city's libraries, reserve material, and have it delivered to the Dingley shop-front.

State's best home page is right here

From *The Cranbourne Independent*, 23 July 1997

A librarian was recently awarded for creating the best Victorian library home page. Michelle McLean, the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation's reference and information services librarian, beat information heavyweights including the State Library of Victoria to win the prestigious Tilda Award.

The home page includes a list of best-selling books, a guide to events and developments at the branch libraries, a government section, has links to internet sites with popular topics such as parenting and travel, as well as links to sites dealing with hot topics. There is also a school assignments section for children.

Have a look at the home page at <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~cclc/home.htm>

Ranges to bear brunt of cuts

From *The Yarra Ranges Post*, 15 July 1997

Mobile library services in the Yarra Ranges face cuts this year but staff numbers and services at Knox and Maroondah libraries will be maintained.

The Eastern Regional Libraries board this week recommended to member councils to award the library contract to the in-house team, signalling the end of months of negotiations and rumours of staff cuts.

Library staff in the area protested against further cuts to staff and services before the announcement was made. There is still concern in some quarters that library services may be put to tender again in twelve months, causing fears over job security. ■



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• 5-6/12 ALIA Distance Education Special Interest group National conference *Shifting Sands* Wagga Campus Library, Charles Sturt Uni. Accommodation/costs will be kept to a minimum. Contact: Elizabeth Law, Secretary, Distance Education Special Interest group, Charles Sturt Uni, Wagga Campus Library, ph (069) 332 130, fx (069) 222 900, elaw@csu.edu.au.

• 8-9/12 ALIA Information Literacy Taskforce National conference *Information Literacy — the professional issue*. Canberra Institute of Technology. Conference will explore information literacy as the foundation of accreditation processes, initial training and continuing education programs. Contact: Irene Doskatsch, ph 08 8302 6219, fx 08 8302 6699, irene.doskatsch@unisa.edu.au.

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11-12/10 Australian and New Zealand Transport Librarians (Translib) meeting *TranzInfo '97*. Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Cost: \$50. Contact: Margaret Hall, Dept of Public Health, Uni of WA, Nedlands 6907, ph 08 9380 1270, fx 08 9380 1199, margaret@quokka.epidem.uwa.edu.au.

15-18/10 New Zealand Library and Information Association Annual conference *Information is for life*. Venue: Wanganui Racecourse, Wanganui, New Zealand. Convenor: Jill Best, Wanganui District Library, Private Bag 3005, Wanganui 5001, New Zealand, ph +64 6 345 8195, fx 64 6 345 5516, wap@wdi.govt.nz, <http://www.netlink.co.nz/~nzlia/conf97/index.htm>

11-13/2 The New Zealand Law Librarians' group conference 1998 *Challenges to tradition: law and knowledge for the new millennium*. Auckland, NZ. Contact: The Conference Secretariat, The Conference Company, PO Box 90-040, Auckland, NZ. Ph +64 9 360 1240, fx +64 9 360 1242, info@tcc.co.nz, <http://www.knowledge-basket.co.nz/nzllg/welcome.html>

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