Under the Victorian rural libraries online project, all Victorian public libraries will be supplied with new or upgraded computer facilities to provide free internet access.

The project will include a technology audit in rural libraries to identify what new hardware and software is required. The aim is to provide the same level of access to online information as is available in city libraries.

New board to guide region's telecentres

Albany and Great Southern Weekender, 3 December 1998

An advisory board has been established to help guide the future of Western Australia's rapidly growing telecentre network.

The state's fifty-three telecentres provide rural and remote areas with instant access to high-tech services — modern communications systems and state-of-the-art computer equipment.

The advisory board will enhance communication between the state government and the telecentre network. The board's tasks include developing policy and strategies for the network, seeking funding support and new grants, and working towards achieving self-sufficiency for telecentres.

Authors cautious as the Net profits

Dorothy Illing, *The Australian*, 16 December 1998

The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) has flagged copyright protection for academic publishing as an issue to be addressed. The union will work with other bodies representing copyright creators to develop a model agreement recognising the interest of authors, editors, publishers and users.

The practice of acquiring copyright has come under fire in the United Kingdom, with the Author's Licensing and Collecting Society campaigning to persuade academic authors to withhold publishing rights, especially all electronic rights, from publishers.

Dr Julie Wells, NTEU policy and research officer, says we should question whether online publication is the inevitable destination of academic work. She suggests that those who promote it on the basis of accessibility should consider the implications of the increasing costs of information technology. ∎

Who's where

The State Library of Queensland has announced the appointment of **Bernard Hawke** to the position of director of Special Collections, and **Janet Prowse** to the position of director, Policy and Development. Bernard has over twenty years of experience in public libraries in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. In 1994, Bernard was awarded the Margery Ramsay Scholarship by the Library Board of Victoria to attend a senior management course at the University of Canberra. His most recent position has been librarian, collections and services with the Brisbane City Council Library Service.

Janet Prowse joined the State Library of Queensland as public affairs manager in November 1995. Her previous experience was as the public affairs manager for the Australia Council and for the ABC's Radio National network. The Policy and Development Division plays a key role in researching, evaluating and developing future policy options for the State Library of Queensland.

Rob McKinney has been appointed to the position of regional manager for the SilverPlatter Information's Australia/New Zealand office. Rob has been with SilverPlatter since 1992, and has served in a variety of capacities, most recently as director of technology planning. He had previously served as director of business development for SilverPlatter's Internnational Division, and manager of strategic alliances. Rob is a graduate of Boston College, Massachusetts, where he took a degree in marketing and business administration.

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