

Ruth McIntyre

1998 WA Special Librarian of the Year

Ruth McIntyre has been named as the WA Special Librarian of the Year for 1998. Ruth, the information resources manager of the Kondinin Group, has over twenty years of experience as a librarian. Ruth received her award at the ALIA WA Branch annual general meeting. Raeco International, particularly the Western Australian Manager, Roger Stanton, has supported this event since its inception.

Ruth McIntyre has worked in a wide spectrum of libraries and information centres throughout her career. In fact, she was the president of the New England Regional Group of the Library Association of Australia in 1976.

Her career has spanned thirty years, she has held positions at the University of Sydney, University of New England, CSIRO Pastoral Research Laboratory (Armidale, New South Wales) and the Western Australian Farmers Federation. In 1995, the Kondinin Group appointed Ruth to develop the information resources required to support the FarmLine Information Service. Later, this role was recognised as a business stream in its own right, in order to allow funds for provision of information to the organisation as a whole.

As well as these roles, Ruth initiated and is the principal investigator of the fully-funded project, *Standardised classification scheme and thesaurus for Australian agricultural extension literature*. Ruth is also the Kondinin Group's contact and co-ordinator for the Prime Notes project, a compilation of agricultural information on CD-ROM. Ruth co-ordinates the preparation of materials on behalf of the Kondinin Group and the Grains Research and Development Corporation. As well as these jobs, Ruth has made the time to supervise two practicum students.

Ruth worked as a committee member of the ALIA Special Libraries Section (WA Group) for two years. During this time, Ruth hosted two highly-informative tours to the Kondinin Group and presented a paper at the ALIA CPD Committee's Forum on Information Packaging. Presenting papers is Ruth's previously well-hidden talent. Between 1996 and 1998, she presented conference papers at the NSW Country Public Libraries' Association Conference, the 7th Asia Pacific Specials Law and Health Conference and the 5th ALIA Biennial Conference. If her abstract is accepted, Ruth will also speak at the 8th Asia Pacific Specials Law and Health Conference in Hobart later this year.



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In July 1997, Ruth was elected as the Western Australian National Councillor for ACLIS and this led to her inclusion on Western Australian Branch Council. These commitments necessitated her resignation from the Western Australian Special Libraries committee at the end of 1997.

In her role in the agricultural information sector, Ruth has been the president of the Agricultural Information Association for Australasia (AGRiAA) since October 1998.

Her employment history and active participation in and outside of ALIA show that Ruth is innovative, has initiative and is prepared to share her knowledge and expertise. With her tremendous experience and contribution to the information industry, Ruth is a worthy recipient of the 1998 Award.

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SLNSW, Dixon Room, 9-4:30pm. For further information, please contact Judy Drayton, ph 02 9735 1281, fx 02 9649 2620.

• **31/3 ALIA NSW Branch AGM.** Guest speaker: Dale Spender. Uni of Sydney, Womens College, 15 Carillon Ave, Newtown. 6.30 for 7pm. Motions meeting must reach the Local Presence Co-ordinator, PO Box 246 Artarmon 2064, fx 9906 5987 by 10/3. Motions on notice will be published on the ALIANSW listserv. RSVP to: Jo-anne Fuller or Heather Black, ph 02 9906 6000, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

• **17/4 NSW Library Technician section General meeting.** Charles Sturt University, Panorama Avenue, Bathurst. 1pm. Lunch provided at meeting, dinner afterwards, further activity on Sunday 18th. Contact: Anne Hughes for dinner reservations, ph 02 6332 3488, phuges@lisp.com.au

• **20/4 ALIA NSW Branch Council meeting,** 6pm in the Jean Garling Room, State Library of NSW. *Observers welcome.* RSVP to Jo-anne Fuller or Heather Black, ph 02 9906 6000, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

• **6/5-11/11 NSW CYSS section. Committee meeting — everybody welcome,** 5.30pm 6/5 (Auburn Library); 8/6 (Pre-book week extravaganza); 20/7 (tba); 8/9 (Parramatta City Library); 22/10 (Management seminar); 11/11 (Burwood Library). Contact Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, fx 02 9413 2038.

• **8/5 NSW Library Technician section. Committee meeting (everybody welcome).** Video conference Room, Level 2, University of Technology, Sydney — City Campus Library, Corner Quay Street and Ultimo Road, Broadway, 1pm (lunch provided). Contact: Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9514 3036, Stephen.Coppins@uts.edu.au

• **June NSW Library Technicians section. Children's storytime & activities workshop.** Contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9514 3036, Stephen.Coppins@uts.edu.au

• **9/6 NSW Library Technician section. General meeting.** Library Locums, Level 9, 162 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills, 5.30pm (refreshments provided). Contact: Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9514 3036, Stephen.Coppins@uts.edu.au

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• **3/3 QLD Special Libraries section. Online and On Disc Exposé.** Hear feedback from colleagues who attended the Online Conference in Sydney. BCC Headquarters, 19 Wando Street, Fortitude Valley. 5.30pm, Free, nibbles, drinks. Contact: Jill Don, ph 07 3247 8669. *RSVP by 1/3.*

• **8/3 QLD Special Libraries section. International Women's Day.** Join the Specials Committee in celebrating IWD with drinks at Ed & Mary's, Corner Edward and Mary Streets, Brisbane. 6pm, nibbles provided, BYO drink money. Contact: Beth Mayo, ph 07 3228 9386, Beth_Mayo@corrs.com.au *RSVP by 3/3.*

16/3 Research Databases on the Web Workshop. Hands-on training presented by InterChange, use of guest logins for some fee based services. Venue: BCC Library Admin HQ, 9.30-12.30pm. Cost: \$125 per person (10% disc ALIA members). Bookings essential. Ph 07 3892 5495, interchange@iq.net.au

22/3 Kinetica Web Interface Information and Demonstration Session, 9-12.30pm, QUT Library, Gardens Point, Room V771, V Block. \$50pp Bookings to Barb Ewers, ph 07 3864 5183, b.ewers@qut.edu.au

25/3 Kinetica Web Interface Information and Demonstration Session, 1-4.30pm, QUT Library, Gardens Point, Room V771, V Block. \$50pp. Bookings to Barb Ewers, ph 07 3864 5183, b.ewers@qut.edu.au

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