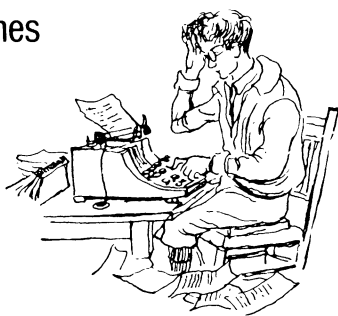


# THE SOURCE

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## Behold, the sea itself

Take a quick look at *Australian marine research in progress*, and marvel at the extent of work in progress in the waters around us. Marine fungi from Queensland systematically studied — since 1954. The social system of the sharp-nosed Pufferfish, studied by a sharp-tongued Sydney academic. These are but two of a thousand or so studies reported in the 85 edition of *AMRIP*, a printed version of the CSIRONET database of the same name.

This ambitious project, which is a joint venture between the Australian Institute of Marine Science, the CSIRO Central Information, Library and Editorial Section, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Victorian Institute of Marine Sciences, covers all aspects of marine science, ranging from cartography to civil engineering. *AMRIP* profiles full information on project participants, objectives, methodology and status. There are good subject, organisation, contact officer and geographic indexes.

*AMRIP*, 1985, is excellent value at \$15.00 and is available free from the Victorian Institute of Marine Sciences, 14 Parliament Place, Melbourne, Vic 3002. (ISSN 0727-677X)

## Microbreweries and noble rot

The new edition of Dean Tudor's *Wines, beers, and spirits* delves into the bibliography of alcoholic beverages around the world, with 14 entries for monographs, journals, organisations, nonprint materials and other sources. Information on this absorbing subject.

Tudor has been highly selective in compiling this sourcebook, listing 'only the better and more worthy, less duplicative materials', which he has then lucidly annotated. Judging by his reasonably extensive selection of Australian titles, he has a good palate. He has restricted his coverage to items which are currently in print, but he has cast his net far and wide, from the corporate history of a chianti wine company to small scale beer-making. His listings of wine libraries and museums, computer software, courses and seminars are interesting, with details of what Tudor regards as the more useful offerings, mainly in North America and Europe.

The second edition of Dean Tudor's *Wines, beers, and spirits: a consumer's sourcebook*, vintage 1985, was published by Libraries Unlimited and costs US\$25.00. (ISBN 0 87287 455 9)

## Geelong, gee whizz

A costume doll collection, a library specialising in cacti and succulents, and a Bereavement Education Resource Centre are among the surprises in a directory of libraries in the Geelong area.

Compiled and edited by Peter E. Le Breton, *Libraries resource centres information services of the Geelong region: a directory 1985* was published last year, and is an excellent example of a regional library directory. It covers public libraries, schools (with at least one notable exception), university, TAFE and special libraries in the STD Code 052 area. Entries are arranged alphabetically and there is a good subject index.

*Libraries resource centres information services of the Geelong region* was published last year by the Geelong Regional Group of the LAA and the Geelong Branch of the School Library Association of Victoria. Copies are available for \$6.00 (plus \$1.00 postage) from Christine Crocker, Secretary, Geelong Regional Group, c/o The Library, Deakin University, Vic 3217. (ISBN 0 86804 424 5)

## Local rags, local riches

A spinoff from a New South Wales survey of local studies collections was an extensive listing of newspapers held in local public libraries, and this list was used to produce *Union list of local newspapers in New South Wales public libraries*.

This 92-page work, published by the Public Libraries Department of the State Library of

NSW in 1985, generally omits the metropolitan dailies (although a few, such as *Sydney gazette* and *Sydney mail*, have crept in). A useful feature is a list of newspapers which are indexed. The publisher intends to update this work regularly. Copies are available free of charge from the Public Libraries Department, State Library of NSW, Level 8, 8-18 Bent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. (ISBN 0 7305 145 2 8)

## PNG periodicals

The Papua New Guinea University of Technology Library has launched a new series of bibliographies with a very useful checklist of periodical publications of PNG. Compiled by Mary Anne Lea and Eve Rannells, *Checklist of current Papua New Guinea periodicals* has about 400 entries, arranged alphabetically by title. The compilers are working on a subject index right now.

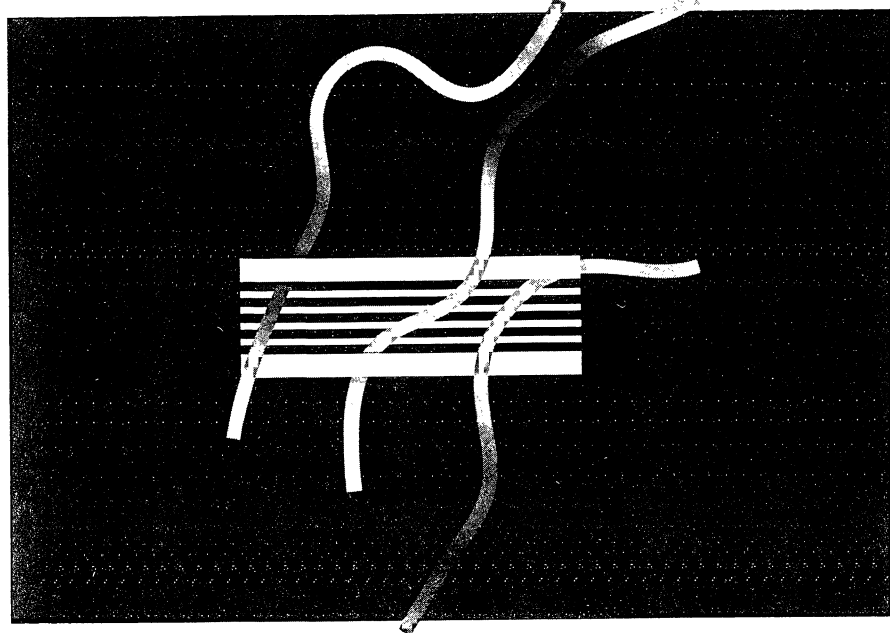
The *Checklist*, Matheson Library Occasional Bibliography No. 1, is available from the Matheson Library, Papua New Guinea University of Technology, Private Mail Bag, Lae, Papua New Guinea. (ISBN 9980 56 003 7)

## Hear, hear

Increasing staff awareness of the needs of users with disabilities is becoming an increasing concern of many organisations. Two recent publications from the National Library of Australia focus on the hearing impaired, and will be of great interest to Australian libraries.

Graham Weir and Clifford Law's paradoxically-titled *Quiet please! deaf people are coming* is an excellent introduction not only to the problems of the deaf when they come to use libraries, but also to the ways in which library staff can help. There is good basic information on audio equipment, group listening aids, captioned television, accessible telephones, telephone typewriters and sign language. There is also an extremely useful list of contact organisations in all states. *Quiet please! deaf people are coming* by Graham Weir and Clifford Law was published earlier this year by the National Library of Australia and costs \$6.50. (ISBN 0 642 99341 6)

Last year the NLA published the more prosaically-titled but equally worthy *Library services to deaf and hearing impaired people: a select bibliography*, a 21-page select and partially annotated bibliography of relevant monographs, reports and journal articles from Australia and overseas. It costs \$5.00. (ISBN 0 642 99343 2)



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