

IN THE NEWS

Impact's impact

Impact Video Productions have received an excellent response from libraries throughout Australia to their range of educational videos. Comments from librarians such as Maroochy-dore Library's Janelle Milne that 'all of Impact Videos productions are well received and in constant use' are now common.

Impact's range includes the Australian Equestrian Series. Their first aid video 'The Life You Could Save' is being used by councils and individuals as a supplement to safety training programs. The 'Australian Freshwater Ecology' video has received excellent reviews from film libraries and education departments. All videos are available for appraisal, so if you are interested in these titles or knowing more why not give them a call on (02) 411 6469.

Flying high

The NBC recently announced winners of the Banjo Awards. The gold award went to Manning Clark for *History of Australia Volume 6*; the silver to Morris Lurie for *Whole Life* and the NBC/Qantas New Writers Award was won by Graeme Harper for *Black Cat, Green Field*. The latter award was judged by Kate Grenville and Michael Noonan. A fact to file away for your next library trivia night is that Qantas purchased over 13,000 (13,600 to be exact!) Australian books last year for inflight use.

Call for cataloguers

One of Australia's earliest subscription libraries began in 1834 in Bothwell, Tasmania. Two thousand books, in poor repair, which belonged to the Bothwell Library Society remain in a room built for the society in 1856.

Most volumes were collected between 1836 and 1870, by purchase and donation. The latter method, surprisingly, produced many of the better bound volumes, some imprinted pre-1830. Some of the Society's minute books, borrowers' ledgers, and catalogues are held in the State Library of Tasmania. The last catalogue was published in 1888.

Mary Ramsay is currently cataloguing these volumes and would like to correspond with anyone who has worked on a similar project, or is interested in this field. Her address is 'Ratho', Bothwell Tas 7030.

QIT Survey

QIT's A.M. Fraser Library is about to undertake a survey of organisations in Brisbane and the Gold Coast to identify problem areas in information provision. They wish to assess the resources organisations provide for themselves, the types of information they have to look for further afield, and the outside sources they approach.

The survey team will contact up to 200 firms with a view to establishing ways in which information provision can be improved. The results will be published in late May. The QIT survey team can be contacted on (07) 229 6258.

Indexers medal

This year the Australian Society of Indexers is offering an award for an 'outstanding' index to a book or periodical compiled and first published in Australia. The award will be called the Australian Society of Indexers Medal.

To be eligible for the award, the index must be in print and must have been first published in Australia in 1987. It must have been compiled in Australia even though the text to which it refers may have originated outside Australia. Librarians and others are invited to nominate indexes. Recommendations with bibliographical details should be sent to the Secretary, Australian Society of Indexers, GPO Box 1251L Melbourne Victoria 3001 by 13 May.

SAA launches ITS

The Standards Association of Australia has launched a monthly newsletter called *Information Technology Service*.

Although sourcing most of its material from the British Standards Institution's publications it will include the latest news on Australian developments. The first issue outlines a number of new Australian standards, including safety of data-processing equipment, credit cards, electronic funds transfer, SAA subscription services and the latest computer standards. The cover story on Electronic Date Interchange (EDI) is of particular interest to the Australian scene as SAA is currently setting up a committee to prepare Australian standards on EDI, mainly based on internationally accepted standards.

Lobbying with friends

The Public Libraries Branch of the Department of Local Government in South Australia has produced a lobbying kit. It was prepared by Sandie Grocock, formerly Chief Librarian of Whyalla and Tea Tree Gully Libraries. The kit, soon to be reviewed by John Levett in the *Australian Library Journal*, covers a number of areas including tactics and public relations and is available for \$10.

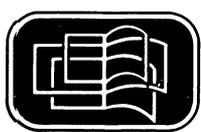
Another kit produced in conjunction with the South Australian Group of the LAA Public Libraries Section is on Friends Groups and is priced at \$5. Both kits are available from the Public Libraries Branch, 121 The Parade, Norwood SA 5067.

The Public Libraries Branch of the Department of Local Government in South Australia has received excellent input on the economic advantages of using the public library system, however most examples received so far have been from South Australia. Ideas from other states are needed to give a balanced and national perspective. Please send examples as soon as possible to Dr Chris Henderson, Manager, Public Libraries Branch, 121 The Parade, Norwood SA 5067, (08) 332 8266.

Books for the Bicentennial

Contact James Bennett now for a comprehensive list of titles published for or about the Bicentennial Year, including all those from the official Australian Bicentennial Authority's Publications Program.

Please send me a copy of the special J.B.L.S. Bicentennial List
Name _____
Library _____
Address _____
Postcode _____



James Bennett Library Services

4 COLLAROY STREET, COLLAROY, NSW 2097, AUSTRALIA. PH: (02) 982 2122