

## IN THE NEWS

### Pascall Prize

A new literary prize of special interest to public libraries will be awarded for the first time on 23 May. The Pascall Prize — created to commemorate the flamboyant journalist, Geraldine Pascall who died in 1983 — is not given for an individual work, but seeks to recognise the overall literary contribution of a writer, journalist, poet, or playwright. Shortlisted for this year's prize are Helen Garner, David Malouf, Frank Moorhouse, Louis Nowra and Eric Rolls.

The sponsor of the \$25,000 prize, the Geraldine Pascall Foundation, is willing to supply posters and book stickers to public libraries wishing to mount a display of the winning author's publication/s. For copies of the poster and other materials to assist in mounting a display, contact the Geraldine Pascall Foundation, PO Box E235, St James, NSW 2000, (02) 231 4888.

### Dublin bound

Veronica Paterson from the State Library of South Australia has been accepted for a three-month internship on book and paper conservation at Trinity College, Dublin University.

Veronica's career at the library started in May 1982 as a trainee booksewer. The following year she signed her apprenticeship papers

and was the first woman to become a book-binding apprentice in the library's history. Veronica has gained approval to study at this internationally renowned workshop with the full support of her colleagues, the management of the State Library and the Department of Local Government.

### LAA lobbying

The LAA's Queensland Branch made good use of the Association's MediaNet facility recently. A media release congratulating the Queensland State Government on the opening of the new State Library, drafted by Qld Branch President, Phil Roberts, also set out some home truths about libraries in the Sunshine State. The piece was run on page five of the *Courier Mail* of 9 April.

Phil Roberts pointed out that 'Queensland has the worst funding for public libraries in Australia with \$2.34 per capita compared with over \$10 per capita in other states.' He also commented on the funding cuts to libraries in the last State budget; the cut to staffing levels in school libraries; and drew attention to the fact that the normal CPI increase in cash subsidies to Queensland public libraries was not granted.

### ACCESS Queensland

ACCESS — Architects, Construction and Consulting Engineers Specialist Services, now has a Queensland Branch. ACCESS' aims are to facilitate co-operation between member libraries; share information and resources; enhance library resources to members and offer practical help to librarians experiencing isolation.

The annual membership fee is \$15. For further information contact Heather Todd, QIT Library, (07) 223 2723.

### PD in WA?

Yes, professional development is alive and well in WA! Although not listed on page 8 of *InCite* No 5 the Professional Development Officer for WA is Mr Steve O'Connor who can be contacted c/ Reid Library, University of Western Australia, Nedlands WA 6009.

### THREE EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES IN ONE AFTERNOON FOR ONLY \$10

NSW Branch Council of the LAA invites you to a free-and-easy afternoon seminar. On display will be:

- CD-ROM PRODUCTS
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Each product will be demonstrated at a particular time in the afternoon. The rest of the time is available for you to ask questions, 'play' with the technology or visit the host venue.

**Wednesday 25 May 1988**  
**1.00 pm to 5.00 pm**

Ground floor seminar room, University of Technology Library, Markets Campus, Cnr Quay Street and Ultimo Road, Haymarket, Tel: (02) 218 9415

#### The Programme:

- 1.30 pm CD-ROM products presented by Joe Cartwright (Sony)
- 2.30 pm The Electronic Book presented by Andrew Kerr (James Hardie)
- 3.30 pm Videodisc including 'Domesday Project', 'Ecodisc' and 'Volcanoes' presented by John Treloar (Barson Computers)

Admission: At the door — \$10 members; \$15 non-members

For information ring Frank Willems (02) 764 3099. (bh)

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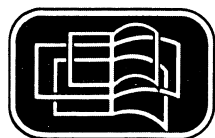
Please note that the telephone number for Impact Video on page 3 of *InCite* No. 6 was incorrect. The correct number is (071) 477 317.

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