

Achieving the balance

Margaret Butterworth reports on *School Libraries Conference '92, Perth 30-31 May*

TWO HUNDRED teacher librarians and other school library professionals from all parts of WA attended this conference, which challenged the stereotype of the school library as a book repository. The emphasis is now on the process of learning, on the acquisition of skills rather than on knowledge and content. The school library is seen as a learning workshop, where pupils can develop information handling skills and experience new

technologies.

This year's theme reflected the need for a balance between traditional library services, such as promoting a love of books and reading, with the essential requirement of mastering new technologies which give access to today's information stores.

The conference attracted three keynote speakers of national stature. *Dr Max Angus*, from the WA Ministry of Education, discussed the Finn and Mayer reports, giving a preview of the likely directions for the next round of educational change in Australia. *Brian Caswell*, a teacher and author of children's books, told us how children's literature is evolving. *Dr Roy Lundin*, from Queensland University of Technology, looked at how teleconferencing can alleviate the tyranny of distance and 'the loneliness of the long-distance student'.

The conference was the second organised by SLOC (School Libraries Organisations Council), a body that coordinates the professional development activities of teacher librarians in WA. Proceedings will be ready shortly, gratis to all conference delegates and for \$15.00 plus postage to others. ■



Dr Roy Lundin with Norma Jeffery (WA Min. of Ed.) at the conference

Victorian Branch helps Regional Members

The Victorian Branch has made funds available to assist Victorian regional members to attend ALIA events held in Melbourne. An example of how Groups may use the money would be to hire a bus to cover travel costs.

All the Regional Groups were contacted and advised of the initiative in early May.

Branch has also set aside funds to support Regional activities. If any Victorian Regional Group wishes to organise a meeting and requires support funding, the Group should submit a proposal and estimate of costings to the Victorian Branch.

Regional members may wish to contact their Regional Group for further details.

Trevor Wakely
Vic Branch President ■

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