

## The ACT S'ports Library Week

**Marika Harvey found that 'S'port your Library' was a great theme**

ACT residents once again showed their 's'port' for the ACT Library Service in a series of exciting community events organised by the ACT Library Service and the ACT Branch of ALIA, with the continued support of the Canberra Blind Society.

### ALW launch

The week of festivities was launched at the Belconnen Town Centre Library on 18 October by the speaker of the ACT

er was guest speaker at a seminar held in Civic Library on 20 October. Members of the Round Table and invited guests gathered to hear the Commissioner speak on the new Disability Discrimination Legislation and how it impacts on libraries and services offered to the community. A lively and informative discussion was followed by a supper provided by the Canberra Blind Society and enjoyed by the large crowd who attended.



Roberta McRae MLA (centre) with Vic Smorhun, ACTLS Director, and Regional Librarian Ann Armstrong

Legislative Assembly, Ms Roberta McRae MLA, in a ceremony that made full use of the sporting theme. A stunning display focusing on various sporting activities provided an excellent backdrop to the launch, which included an enthusiastic performance by the younger members of the Academy of Callisthenics. ALIA ACT Branch President Denise Bird and the ACTLS Director Vic Smorhun were among the many guests who participated in this function.

As in previous years, all ACTLS branches provided plastic library bags for their borrowers, proudly sponsored by the Canberra Blind Society and circulated in conjunction with the Australian Library Week launch.

### Round Table Conference

Commissioner Elizabeth Hastings the Disability Discrimination commission-

### Borrow from a basketball

Perhaps the highlight of the Week in the ACT was 'Borrow a book from a basketballer' project, where members of Canberra's NBL team the Canberra Cannons came behind the scenes to operate the circulation desks of the ACTLS branch libraries. Although a little daunting at first, these local sporting personalities soon became familiar with issuing loans, reminding borrowers about those overdue books, and signing autographs for enthusiastic fans. The afternoon proved to be a resounding success, allowing all involved to show their support for the ACT Library Service.

A sporting challenge was issued as a grand finale to the week's activities, where many staff participated in an early-morning walk around Lake Ginninderra in Canberra's north—a fitting end to a highly-successful Library Week. ■



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