

In brief...

The new-look library and information services of Melbourne Water, InfoService, is now open for business.

InfoService will provide information for projects and activities of the Water Services Group, which is responsible for the planning and operation of the major components of water supply, sewerage and environment services. A core collection of water industry reference materials, journals and databases will be maintained by the service. A collection of Melbourne Water publications and reports also will be maintained. Access to these materials is available to the water industry at a fee. The collection will be available to the general public by appointment. The collections held by sections of Water Services, many of which are situated remotely from the Head Office, will be catalogued and entered on the InfoService database. ■

The Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN) recently applied Blackwell North America's Table of Contents Enrichment Service to the National Bibliographic Database. When distributed through ABN, more than 25 000 ABN records will be enriched each year. The data will be supplied as abstracts and contents notes in standard MARC records. From this month Australian libraries will trial Blackwell's enriched records in their specially customised MARC format, which supports enhanced display and indexing capabilities in local systems. ■

Helen Hayes, Librarian at the University of Melbourne, has been elected Chairperson of the Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services for 1994-1995. ACLIS is the national organisation working to achieve effective access to information for all Australians through cooperative action among libraries and information services in all sectors. ■

\$41 000 of good news

Big winners in the Committee for the Advancement of University Teaching's National Teaching Development Grants for 1995 were two staff of Edith Cowen University's Department of Library and Information Science.

Judy Clayden and Julie Johnson were awarded almost \$41 000 to help develop a CD-ROM-based database of practical examples to support cataloguing units taught by the department.

The database will include 'answers' in the form of catalogue records for the items, thus allowing students to work at their own pace and to evaluate their own work as they proceed. Non-print examples will be included.

The CD-ROM will provide an alternative and more attractive means of delivering unit materials to the Department's large number of distance education students in the library technician and teacher librarianship courses. ■



Judy Clayden and Julie Johnson

Be an earlybird for NT conference

There has been great interest in the 8th National Library Technician Conference at the Northern Territory University in Darwin, with 50 expressions of interest after initial mailing of flyers and posters sent throughout Australia.

The provisional program and registration brochure for the conference, which will run from 12-14 July 1995, is now being prepared and will be sent out in November. Remember, early bird registration closing date is 31 March 1995 and the final day for registration is 28 June.

July is our popular tourist sea-

son and accommodation will be scarce.

The ABC's Lex Marinos, ANU Library's Tony Barry and Sarah Wirawan from Hasanuddin University, Sulawesi, Indonesia are our keynote speakers.

Workshops will be held on Tuesday before the conference, covering acquisitions, cataloguing, serials, circulation, public libraries, special libraries and interlibrary loans. If anyone has any other suggestions please get in touch with Kaye Bartlett, our conference convener, on telephone (089) 46 6179 or on fax (089) 45 1317. ■

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