

## Looking ahead in WA

A series of exciting events centred around a broad interpretation of the theme *Destination Information* was organised by WA Branch.

The week started with a series of seminars arranged by the Library Promotion Council of Western Australia called *Managing the media*, all-day events featuring Rachel Green, an award-winning communications counsellor and voice coach. Rachel covered the skills and techniques which lead to confident and credible interviews.

On Tuesday our very active Technicians held a forum titled *Moving forward with Technicians, a careers and ideas forum*. Carole Metcalfe and her group arranged an informative look at the vital role technicians will be playing in the future. Tuesday also saw the



At the WA Branch ALW Dinner: (l to r) Prof Ian Lowe, Jo Bryson, Dr Patricia Gillard, and Dr Ian Reinecke

start of a series of library visits centred around The Year of The Family theme, arranged by the Specials section.

Following the concluding workshops from *Managing the media*, the Library and Information Service of Western Australia held their Premier's Book Award Dinner on Wednesday evening.

The highlight of the week in Western Australia came on Thursday with the Branch Colloquium *Destination information*. This featured Dr Ian Reinecke and Professor Patricia Gillard, members of the Broadband Services Expert Group, as well as Jo Bryson from the Western Australian Information Policy Unit. We were

given a picture of the future of communication for Australia. The colloquium nature of this gathering enabled us to take the opportunity to discuss with this influential group many of the implications for the information professions, its communities and clients. Concerns about access, privacy, copyright and censorship were raised.

A dinner followed at which Roger Stanton of Raeco library suppliers presented the 1994 Raeco Special Librarian of the Year Award to well-known health librarian



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Brigitte Glockner from King Edward Memorial Hospital. Professor Ian Lowe, Head of the School of Science at Griffith University, was our guest dinner speaker. Using a skilful blend of humour, information and inspiration, Ian allowed us a glimpse of what we could be in for with *Destination information*.

By Friday everyone was well and truly ready for a Breakfast with the

Minister, organised by the Library Promotion Council of Western Australia. It was an ideal opportunity to keep our Minister for the Arts in Western Australia, Peter Foss, a supporter of our library system, informed of current issues of local interest.

The closing event for the week was the Great In-

ternet Party held in the School of Information and Library Studies at Curtin University. The School treated participants to fairy bread, vegemite sandwiches and balloons — and a play on the Internet!

The variety and success of the WA program for Australian Library Week is an indication of the dedication, enthusiasm and energy shown by the committees and sections in Western Australia. The WA Branch is now looking forward to May 1995 and our next ALW.

What a wonderful week! The timing of ALIA's meetings with Brian Howe and the Prime Minister's Cultural Statement could not have been better.

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