

What a week

Queensland Branch has done it again!

With such a short time-frame since ALW 1994 the success of Australian Library Week 1995 in Queensland should be recognised. Queensland again held huge celebrations. Libraries all over the State made sure that their clients knew it was Australian Library Week and encouraged people to make libraries their destination for information. This was also reinforced by media coverage, especially on local and regional radio stations.

The Queensland Library Promotion Council (QLPC) coordinated a number of ALW activities including the official launch. On Monday 8 May, King George Square was transformed for the launch day. Street theatre, a jazz band

and clowns provided interest and entertainment. The storytelling tent and the display from the Noah's Ark Toy Library provided a wonderful focus for children. Library staff from the Brisbane region pooled their resources to assemble displays and organise activities for the day. At the official proceedings, presentations were made to the winners of the QLPC promotion awards and grants, including the inaugural *Library achiever of the year award*. There were craft and other demonstrations, book valuations, a vintage car and face painting. The winner of the mystery flight for two prize was drawn as a close to the day. It was a jam-packed celebration!

Libraries held their own celebrations with morning teas, displays, tours,

quiz games, book sales and storytelling. North Queensland librarians mounted a display in Townsville's City Mall. There were breakfasts, lunches and dinners — librarians love food! The State Library of Queensland also hosted their annual Australian literature lecture.

Queenslanders are setting the pace for Australian Library Week celebrations. To the rest of Australia — come on, you can do it too!

Sue Hutley, Qld Branch



L-R: Mary-Ann Secker, winner of the Library Achiever of the Year Award, with her manager Paul Smith and Noela Foote from Queensland Library Supplies

Staff 'in the know'

During the week leading up to Library Week, staff at the Bureau of Meteorology in Melbourne were invited to participate in a Library Week quiz. The quiz was a light-hearted activity designed to 'test' staff knowledge of the layout of the library, use of the catalogue and use of other important library tools. Also as part of Library Week staff were invited to sign up for Internet training.

The head office library hosted a function on Tuesday afternoon at which the winner of the quiz was announced and a celebratory cake in honour of Library Week was cut. The function was attended by staff from most sections of the Bureau in Melbourne and included the Director, John Zillman.

Clare Body, Chief Librarian, Bureau of Meteorology

Technicians on the right track

Colleen Harris reports on a careers and ideas forum

On 10 May 1995 the WA Library Technician Section held a careers and ideas forum, titled *Technicians on the right track*.

Five speakers were invited to share their ideas and experiences with fellow technicians. Julie Dare, Sharr Medallist 1993 and Bridget Wilcox, runner up Sharr Medallist 1994, spoke about their awards, inspiring Library Technician students to aim high and set their goals. Evette House, Library Technician of the Year 1993, spoke of her achievements towards promoting the library technician movement, this included helping technicians gain recognition and improve salaries.

Two technicians discussed their roles and duties working in special libraries. Carey Benier talked about her experiences working in a law library and Colleen Harris told of her past experiences with the Perth Zoological Gardens Library.

It was an informative and motivating evening for all who attended. ■



Standing: Carole Metcalf (President, WA Library Technicians Section) with delegates at the forum

Editors note:

Judging from the stories we received, Australian Library Week 1995 was celebrated in style around Australia. Unfortunately, due to space restraints, we were only able to print a limited number of photographs which accompanied the articles, my apologies to those whose photographs did not appear.

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RAY CHOATE BIENNIAL TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

The S. A. Branch of the Reference and Information Services Section invites applications from qualified graduates to pursue a research project in a chosen area of librarianship. The successful applicant will receive a stipend of \$2,000 and the research undertaken will be published to provide useful and relevant information to Reference and Information services throughout Australia.

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- Be a graduate from a recognised Library school or undertaking study at a recognised institution.
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- A current member of ALIA.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Alison Burden on (08) 379 6979. Applications close Friday August 11th. 5pm.