

Vantage point

Sue North and Duncan Furphy, Public Libraries section (WA)

In the first *Vantage point* for 1996 we profile a librarian making an impact in Western Australia. Kevin Marsh was the winner of the Jean Ryding Award 1995, presented at the Public Library section's annual general meeting on 10 November 1995.

Kevin has been employed in the public library service of the City of Subiaco since 1991, holding the position of reader services librarian since 1992. In this position he has been responsible for the development of the role of reader services librarian and for laying the foundations for standards and procedures in the areas of automation, cataloguing and reader education.

Kevin has combined his personal interests, professional skill and wide general knowledge for the benefit of public librarianship and the community it serves. Moreover he demonstrated a thoughtful, thorough and articulate understanding of, and a commitment to, the role and purpose of public libraries.

The Jean Ryding Award is presented by the Public Libraries section (WA) as an award for excellence amongst persons completing the first four years of work as a public librarian. It is open to people who have made



Kevin Marsh at the award ceremony

career changes, those who have previously worked in other areas of librarianship and librarians in their first professional position.

The award takes the form of one year's professional membership of ALIA and the choice of one year's subscription to an ALIA publication. Jean Ryding pre-

sented Kevin with a perpetual plaque to mark his winning of the award.

The selection panel for the award felt that Kevin is a librarian who has the potential to make a considerable contribution to public librarianship as well as the broader library profession. Congratulations Kevin. ■



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- **12/2 Qld Branch** welcome to new librarians function. Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 5594 8987, fax (07) 5594 8839.
- **12/2 Qld Library Technicians Section meeting.** State Library Theatre. 5.30pm. Contact Ailsa O'Donnel (07) 3259 3025.
- **19/2 Qld Branch Marketing workshop.** Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 5594 8987, fax (07) 5594 8839.
- **21/2 Public Libraries meeting.** TBA. Contact Del Simpson e-mail simpson@gil.lpswchcity.qld.gov.au.
- **26/2 Qld Branch Internet training.** Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 5594 8987, fax (07) 5594 8839.
- **4/3 Qld Branch legal research workshop.** Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 5594 8987.
- **8/3 ASSIG Seminar — The future of serials speakers** include October Ivins, North American Serials Interest Group and Will Wakeling, UK Serials Group. \$95 ALIA members, \$45 students, \$125 others. Registration forms Alfred Gans (07) 3371 7500, fax (07) 3371 5566, e-mail alfred@isa.com.au.
- **11/3 Qld Branch How to get that job seminar.** Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 5594 8987.
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- **26/3 Qld Branch tour of Parliamentary Library.** Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 5594 8987.
- **30/3 Special Libraries Section (Qld).** Closing date for nominations for the 1996 Queensland Special Librarian of the Year award. Contact Beth Mayo for conditions and nomination forms. (07) 3877 8663.

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- **28/2 ASSIG Seminar — The future of serials speakers** include October Ivins, North American Serials Interest Group and Will Wakeling, UK Serials Group. \$95 ALIA members, \$45 students, \$125 others. Local contact Jenni Jeremy (08) 302 6720. Registration forms Alfred Gans (07) 3371 7500, fax (07) 3371 5566, e-mail alfred@isa.com.au.
- **20/3 Information Science Section (SA)** Visit to Tea Tree Gully TAFE (tour and presentation about interactive multimedia). Contact Eleanor Whelan (08) 302 3413, fax (08) 302 3382, e-mail eleanor.whelan@unisa.edu.au.


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