

Queensland Specials applaud and celebrate

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Australian Library Week topped off an exciting month for the Queensland Special Libraries Section. International Special Librarians Day, 18 April was celebrated across the state and the Queensland Specials committee celebrated by sending magnets to all section members with committee member contact details — the feedback we received from this exercise was astounding and the request for similar initiatives was resounding.

On 8 May Jenny Cram was awarded the Queensland Special Librarian of the Year award, proudly sponsored by ISA Australia, at the Australian Library Week Special Librarians breakfast held at the Australian Institute of Management. The award was presented by Alfred Gans, chief executive officer of ISA Australia.

The award is visible recognition of the vital role played by librarians throughout government and industry in the efficient and cost effective provision of information so necessary to production and profits. Jenny has a rich history within the profession and is recognised as an innovative professional who constantly strives to excel in all areas of special librarianship. Jenny, a past national president of ALIA, holds

the respect of librarians throughout Queensland and Australia for her tireless efforts in promoting the profession and is a worthy recipient of this coveted award.

The selection panel for the award is made up of senior librarians and a high profile industry executive. They were very impressed by the calibre of nominations in 1996 and were moved to single out a North Queensland representative, Suzie Davies of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority library, who was awarded an 'Excellence for achievement commendation'.

The annual special librarians breakfast has become a highlight for special librarians in Queensland. This year we had attendees from as far afield as Rockhampton. Our speaker was Dr Cherrell Hirst, chancellor the Queensland University of Technology and 'Queenslander of the Year'. Her talk gave us an 'outsiders' view of the importance of our profession to the future development of education and society and left us re-energised to face the 21st century. ■



Jenny Cram

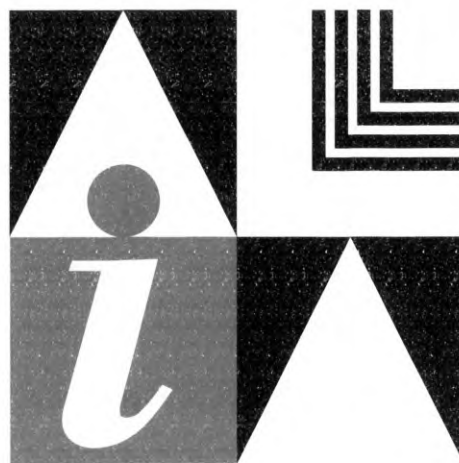
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