

Lobbying, marketing, customer relations and career planning

Marsha Reilly, secretary, Riverina Regional Group

The Riverina Regional Group held six committee meetings this year, alternating between Wagga Wagga and Albury, and concluded the year with a grand bash at Culcairn on 29 November, comprising the annual general meeting and planning meeting at the Culcairn Public Library, followed by a Christmas dinner at the renowned Culcairn Hotel.

A varied program of continuing education events was held, including a marketing workshop, a lobbying workshop and talk on the National Competition Policy by Virginia Walsh, a two-day library customer relations training program, a training day on DDC21, and sessions on career planning and copyright. An information session on ALIA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recruitment and Career Development Strategy was also held on 27 November in Albury.

The Group has adopted a successful strategy of involving as many members as possible in meetings and activities. We try to have at least one representative of all the larger libraries in the re-



Delegates from the Riverina Regional group at the lobbying workshop run by ALIA executive director, Virginia Walsh and Carolyn Cherrett on 21 May

gion on our committee, which helps with ideas and information dissemination. Meetings are held in libraries throughout the region, and are usually followed by a meal in a local restaurant, giving us lots of time to socialise.

In recent years, we have held our planning meeting in November, with a program going through to February of the year after. This means we always have lots of ideas in the pipeline, and keeps members' interest. ■

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Remember the front cover of *inCite* in July, with the diver reading under water? This photo records the opening ceremony of our major achievement for 1996 — a very successful Australian Library Week. At the closing ceremony in Cairns, Mayor Tom Pyne and guest speaker Charles Brass were snapped on stage with the Wangetti Education Centre dancers. We were also exposed to the gaze of colleagues across the nation with the publication of a photo of Suzie Davies receiving her Excellence of Achievement Commendation from Dr Ian McPhail. Suzie, librarian at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in Townsville, is our newly-appointed general councillor to Qld Branch Council.

After Library Week, the northern winter lecture circuit began. We welcomed speakers on industrial relations (Phil Teece), ordering resources using the Web (Mary Baker of Co-Op Bookshop), arts training (Andrew

Clements), statistics (Acting Deputy Commonwealth Statistician) and information audits (Elizabeth Orna). Speakers recruited by Queensland Cataloguers' Section preferred not to travel north, instead organising an audio-graphic teleconference on 'Transforming technical services'. The JJ Roadshow focussed on electronic futures and starred local talent. Janet Fletcher reported on the AusWeb96 conference and Judith Clark treated us to holiday snaps from the United States of America — insights gained from her study tour of new library/education centres in several states.

What else did we do? Some of us made forays into quality assurance while others coped with a major copyright survey. And we provided the first public library Internet access in North Queensland. Our last event for the year will be a fast track annual general meeting at a good restaurant. We think we have earned it! ■



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited from members willing to take on the role of editing *Cataloguing Australia* in 1997.

Cataloguing Australia is the official journal of the Cataloguers' Section of ALIA. It is intended to provide material of professional interest to cataloguers and those interested in the state of the art in cataloguing and related fields, particularly in Australia.

It is normally published four times a year, and is currently in a very health financial position.

The current editors have been responsible to the journal since 1993. It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Cataloguers' Section in 1995 that new editors would be sought to take over from 1997 for a period of approximately three years.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by the end of December 1996.

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