



## Robert Williamson Award

For the first time, by special decision of the award committee, the annual Robert Williamson Award has been made to an organisation rather than to an individual. The award was made to Informit — the commercial arm of RMIT libraries, at the recent VALA (Victorian Association for Library Automation) conference in Melbourne.

The Williamson Award is one of Australia's highest honours for contributions to the information services industry. The award commemorates the work of the late Robert D Williamson, a pioneer in the field of on-line information services in Australia.

The citation recognised Informit's achievement in making extensive Australian information available on

CD-ROM at a time when virtually none was available and the market was dominated by overseas information sources.

Beginning with AUSTROM in 1990, Informit currently publishes more than 20 electronic titles, in collaboration with more than 50 other organisations among which the National Library of Australia is pre-eminent. While remaining Australia's major CD-ROM publisher of bibliographic databases, Informit has diversified into multimedia publishing, and Internet publishing and training.

Recent titles, *Australian feature films*, and *No place that's home* are examples of Informit's commercially available multimedia titles. Many of the bibliographic titles are currently being

converted to SilverPlatter's SPIRS software: titles already converted include AUSTROM, *Business Australia on disc* and *Serials in Australian libraries*.

In his speech at the VALA dinner when the award was announced, Dr Schauder praised the joint effort of all the staff and associates who have contributed to Informit's work — in particular Tom Denison, Jan Swinburne, Jeff Leeuwenburg, Sandra Oxley, Soula Kipos and many others.

Current staff of Informit are pictured above with Don Schauder, university librarian, and Sandra Oxley, head of Informit. The photograph also includes Tom Denison and Jan Swinburne, who resigned recently after many years at Informit. ■

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\$125 others. Registration forms: Alfred Gans (07) 3371 7500, fax (07) 3371 5566, e-mail: alfred@isa.com.au.

• **11/3 QLD Library Technicians Section meeting** State Library Theatre. 5.30pm. Contact Ailsa O'Donnel (07) 3259 3025.

• **13/3 QLD Specials Section.** Cocktail Party to introduce Reuters Business Briefing. 5.15pm at The Heritage Hotel, Edward Street, Brisbane. FREE. RSVP to Andrew Rutherford, Reuters Australia on (07) 3210 0850.

• **18/3 QLD Specials Section.** *Navigating the Internet for beginners.* 8.30-4pm. Uni of QLD. \$110 ALIA. \$120 Others. RSVP to Jane Simon (07) 3275 6261.

• **25/3 QLD Branch & Specials Section (QLD).** *Legal research workshop on QLD Legislation.* OQPC Library, 17th Floor, 111 George Street. 9-1pm. \$40 students/unemployed, \$50 ALIA, \$60 others. RSVP to Julie Woodyatt (07) 3397 5402 by 20/3.

• **26/3 QLD Specials Section.** Tour of the QLD Parliamentary Library. 12.15-1.15pm. FREE. RSVP to Sue Hutley (07) 3405 1124 by 25/3.

• **28/3 QLD Branch and Public Libraries Section.** *Electronic links for public libraries.* Speaker Dr John Cook, Australian Dept of Communications and the Arts. 2-4pm, QLD State Library Theatre. Free. Contact Wendy Abbott (07) 875 7111, ext 8987 or (07) 5594 8987.

• **29/3 QLD Specials Section.** *Navigating the Internet for beginners.* 8.30-4pm. Uni of QLD. \$110 ALIA. \$120 others. RSVP to Jane Simon (07) 3275 6261.

• **30/3 Special Libraries Section (Qld).** Closing date for nominations for the 1996 Queensland Special Librarian of the Year award. Contact Beth Mayo. (07) 3877 8663.

• **3/4 QLD Specials Section.** Internet Resource Discovery Tour — Law, Business & Government. 8.30-12.30pm. Uni of QLD. \$110 ALIA, \$60 Others. RSVP to Jane Simon (07) 3275 6261.

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• **20/3 Information Science Section (SA)** meet at the TTG Campus, Torrens Valley Institute, 100 Smart Road, Modbury 5.30-7pm. Dennis Goh about multimedia courses, conferences, cooperative centres. Contact Stephen Barnett on 2078103 e-mail stevebar@tafe.sa.edu.au.

**30/4-2/5 Insearch/Knight-Ridder** Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (30/4), Beyond the Basics (1/5), DataStar (2/5 am). Adelaide Contact (02) 212 2867.

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• **1/3 ASSIG Seminar** — *The future of serials speakers include*

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