

# New chapter for regional library service

**Peter Conlon,  
Queanbeyan City Library Services**

The people of Queanbeyan City and the surrounding region are now enjoying access to a first-class library facility after major extensions and upgrades costing close to half-a-million dollars were completed at the Queanbeyan City Library.

The library extensions and upgrades were officially opened on 13 March 1997 by the Hon Bob Debus, the Minister assisting the New South Wales Minister for the Arts.

The library extensions have added an additional 400 square metres of floor space allowing the previously separate adult and junior libraries to be combined into one integrated service. Queanbeyan City Council provided \$360 000 towards the upgrade and the State Library of New South Wales assisted with a \$100 000 capital development grant.

The major improvements to the library include a new study and research area; a newspaper and magazine reading area; display areas for community events and activities; CD-ROM and public access Internet



At the official opening of the Queanbeyan City Library's extensions were (L-R) Peter Conlon, Queanbeyan City Library Service; Councillor Frank Pangallo, Mayor of Queanbeyan; and Hon Bob Debus, Minister assisting the New South Wales Minister for the Arts

services; access for people with disabilities; and easier access to all collections.

The Mayor of Queanbeyan, Councillor Frank Pangallo, MBE made special mention of the library's extensive multicultural resources and services which are available to Queanbeyan's diverse cultural community, including books, magazines, newspapers and audio materials in a range of community languages. The library's free public access Internet service also enables library clients to access materials in languages other than English.

Public usage of the library services has increased dramatically in the past year with a twenty per cent increase in member registrations and an average of 12 000 clients using library facilities and services each month.

An exciting aspect of the additional library floor space is the potential it provides for greater involvement by the library in local community and cultural activities through displays, exhibitions, workshops, performances and launches. ■

4064, ph (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512, pub97@sunray.im.com.au. Competition closes 31/8.

- **Sept Qld Branch** Library software packages — how to tender, select. Full day. Contact: Denis Smith, ph (07) 5495 0395, fax (07) 5495 0292.

- **Oct Qld Branch** Demystifying telecommunications. Half day. Contact: Jenny McCarthy, ph (07) 3864 3373, j.mccarthy@qut.edu.au

- **12/11 Qld Branch** Evening seminar — Kerry Smith, President ALIA. Contact: Janice Rickards, ph (07) 3875 7134, j.rickards@ins.gu.edu.au

### SA

**24/6 State Library of SA 1997 Institute Lecture.** Featuring a leading world figure in public libraries — Paul LeClerc, President and CEO of New York Public Library. 6–7.30pm at Uni of Adelaide, Elder Hall. Open to the public. Bookings, ph (08) 8207 7210.

- **3/7–4/12 SA Health Libraries section general meetings dates** (3/7; 9/9; 5/11 — Conference report; 4/12 — AGM). Meetings are held at SAHC at 1pm. To add items to the agenda or for apologies contact: Juliet Marconi, secretary, ph (08) 8226 8157, or Anne Fricker, president, ph (08) 8222 3224.

**17–18/7 Winning Package Workshops**, conducted by Meg Paul of FLIS. Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, Uni of Adelaide. 9.30–5pm. \$200 ACLIS members, \$250 ALIA members, \$300 non-members. For further information contact: P Hawke, Executive committee secretary, ACLIS (SA), phone (08) 8308 4064, fax (08) 8303 4369, phawke@library.adelaide.edu.au

### TAS

- **10/6–9/12 Tas Branch meetings dates.** State Library, Morris Miller Room, 91 Murray Street, Hobart, 4.30pm. (10/6; 9/7; 12/8; 10/9; 14/10; 12/11; 9/12). Contact: Patsy Jones, ph (03) 6233 8631, fax (03) 6233 7845, slt-pj@ecc.tased.edu.au

### Vic

- **2/6–13/10 ALIA Home Library Services Special Interest group meetings.** 10am, Christian Blind Mission International, 1245 Burke Road, Kew. (2/6, 11/8 — Altona Li-

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