

# Winner announced

## Presentation of the 1996 Margery C Ramsay scholarship



Bruce Davidson, parliamentary librarian, Parliament of Victoria; Anne Holmes, manager of library services at the City of Boroondara and recipient of the 1996 Margery C Ramsay scholarship; and Jeff Kennett, Premier of Victoria at the awards presentation

At a function on Monday 18 November 1996 at Ashburton Library, Jeff Kennett, Premier of Victoria and Minister for the Arts, presented the Margery C Ramsay Scholarship to Anne Holmes.

Arts Victoria, through the Libraries Board of Victoria, offers scholarships each year for practising public librarians. The scholarships are named in honour of eminent librarians Margery C Ramsay, FLAA and the late Barrett Reid, both of whom made outstanding contributions to public librarianship in Victoria.

Anne Holmes is manager of library services at the City of Boroondara and former city librarian at the City of Hawthorn. She has been a committee member and office bearer for a range of professional and community organisations and has published extensively on issues of library and information services.

The successful proposal from Ms Holmes, *Benchmarking and performance indicators for negotiated service agreements*, involved researching benchmark and performance indicators in Australia and overseas.

Ms Holmes will undertake a study tour to investigate overseas developments in this area; develop a range of performance indicators and develop proforma benchmarks for negotiated service agreements, for use both at a statewide level for funding and also at a local level for libraries engaged in the compulsory competitive tendering process.

The Libraries Board found the project very worthy of support, particularly in view of the current public library funding review. The proposal covers a topical subject; it has not obviously been done before and the overseas experiences will add to existing and current research.

## TO ALL LIBRARIANS:

THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHO DRAFTED THE US DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, SAID "If the book be false in its facts, disprove them; if false in its reasoning, refute it. But for God's sake, let us hear freely from both sides."

Yet, without giving reasons, the asked major distributors refused to handle the book **ONWARD TO FREEDOM**. In effect, this barred the public from obtaining the work through the normal channels, a cynical mockery of our vaunted "freedom of expression"; they might as well make a Nazi bonfire of a book as deny access to it.

**ONWARD TO FREEDOM** is a "perfect bound" volume of 320 pages all up, with a r.r.p. of \$9.95. Even so, the price to 28 February for public libraries is only \$3.00 including postage and handling. Though this may not cover the advertisement and despatch costs, the undemocratic boycott must be defeated.

Do you believe your clients should have freedom of reading choice, and that you can withstand the subtle censorship of the dominating ideology? If so, please either order a copy of the book, or ask for more details of it, from the author, J.C. Stannard, at 35 Warramoo Crescent (or Reply Paid 73), Narrabundah, ACT 2604.



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• **11-12/9/97 12th National Cataloguing conference.** *New opportunities for cataloguers.* Paper sessions and workshops. Contact: Prue Deacon, ph (06) 289 7062, e-mail prue.deacon@hhlgcs.ausgovhcs.telememo.au.

• **24-26/9/97 Library Technicians conference.** *InterACTION.* Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra. Contact: Marion Boyd, High Court of Australia, PO Box E435, Kingston 2604, fax (06) 273 2110.

• **12-16/10/97 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarian's conference and exhibition — Perth.** *On the Edge.* Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Contact: Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6831, ph (09) 322 2666, fax (09) 322 1417, e-mail edge97@portia.murdoch.edu.au.

• **9-12/11/97 Public Libraries Section and Reference and Information Service Section conference.** *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...* Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: Kelly Flynn, Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, ph (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512, e-mail pubr97@sunray.im.com.au.

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