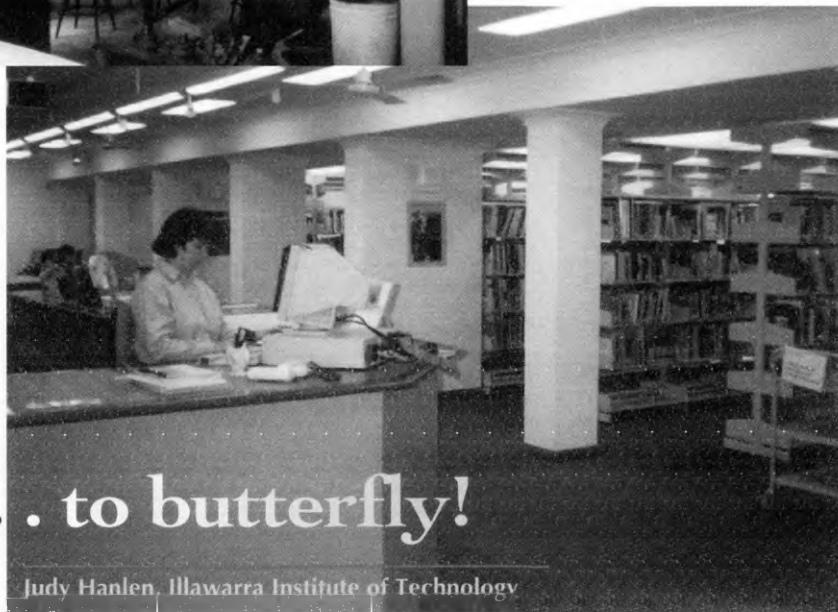




(left) before: Illawarra Institute of Technology, Goulburn — automotive workshop; (below) after: a modern, comfortable library now occupies the space



...to butterfly!

Judy Hanlen, Illawarra Institute of Technology

The Illawarra Institute of Technology, Goulburn Campus, has a new, very impressive, 'conversion' library which began operation in February this year. The original library, which was on the first floor, had grown beyond its capacity and had inadequate disabled access. Having been designed well before the computer age, there was seating for only twelve, and as more computers were installed, space for study and resource storage purposes became impossible. Class use of the library for research was also limited by the lack of space. When the course profile of the campus changed in response to current needs, the opportunity arose to convert existing space on the ground floor, of the same building.

From the beginning of the project, library staff took an active part in the planning process,

working closely with representatives from the Institute Properties Unit, the Department of Public Works and Services and the architects, Gary Dutailis and Associates. From this collaboration, the new library has emerged as a very attractive and functional facility from what was formerly an automotive workshop, complete with sunken floor, theory rooms, tool store, teachers' offices and the all-pervasive smell of diesel. The library includes two group-study rooms, an audiovisual room and a separate room housing student-access computers. There is a spacious student seating area in addition to individual study carrels which together offer seating to ninety-eight users.

Being part of one of the original buildings on the site, which had been extended in more recent times, the library also has some unusual features, such as a centrally-located storage room with very solid, 30 centimetre-thick walls and a variety of floor levels in different areas. As with all conversion projects, some compromise in design had to be expected!

The move from the old library took place during the vacation with the need for fine weather paramount. With the assistance of the campus outdoor staff, the library collection was boxed and sent out the window of the old library on a conveyor belt to its new home on the floor below.

The new library is proving to be a great asset to the Goulburn campus, allowing much greater flexibility in its use by both staff and students. It can now truly be a place of learning for the entire campus population. ■

## Did you know?

- More than 1.5 million students undertook vocational education and training in 1995.
- Over 270 million hours of vocational programs were delivered.
- There were 1 628 892 course enrolments in vocational programs

Source: Selected vocational education and training statistics 1995. Leabrook, SA, National Centre for Vocational Education Research for the Australian Committee on Vocational Education and Training Statistics [1996]



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**27-28/9 Australian Society of Indexers conference.** *The Futureproof Indexer.* Mountain Heritage Country House Retreat, Katoomba. For further details contact: Michael Wyatt, ph (02) 9931 7764, fax (02) 9331 7785, keyword@ozemail.com.au, URL at <http://www.zeta.org.au/~aussi>.

## NT

• **3/7 NT Branch meeting.** NTU Library conference room, 4.30pm. Contact: Ana Govan 8924 7311.

## QLD

• **8/7 Qld Branch** *Creating World Wide Web Documents using HTML.* Griffith Uni, Information Services Centre, Kessels Road, Nathan. 9-5pm, \$150 members, \$170 non-members. Contact: Wendy Abbott, ph (07) 3875 7111 ext 8987, w.abbott@ins.gu.edu.au. Limit of 10 participants.

**9-11/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** Update (9/7 am), Introductory DIALOG (10-11/7). Townsville contact: (02) 9212 2867, [krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au](mailto:krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au).

• **14/7-8/12 Qld Library Technician section meetings.** State Library of Qld, Metway Theatre, 5.30pm (unless advised otherwise). (14/7; 11/8; 8/9; 13/10; 10/11; 8/12). Contact: Ailsa O'Donnell, ph (07) 3259 3025, fax (07) 3259 3084.

• **21/7 Qld Special Libraries section** *The Winning Package Brisbane workshop.* \$200 ACLIS members, \$250 ALIA members, \$300 non-members, (less if workbook already purchased). Contact: Jeanine Fielding for a brochure or to RSVP by 11/7, ph (07) 3883 0726. Limited places — book early.

• **5/8 Qld Branch.** *Evening meeting and ALIA Fellowship presentation to Dr Brian Cook.* The presentation will be followed by a talk by Dr Cook on *The electronic library: critical issues*. State Library Theatre, 5.30pm for 6pm. Contact: Janice Rickards, ph (07) 3875 7134, [j.rickards@ins.gu.edu.au](mailto:j.rickards@ins.gu.edu.au). RSVP by 31/7 to Jill Barkley, for catering purposes.

**5/8 Qld Library Promotion Council Inc.** *Annual General Meeting.* New committee members needed. All welcome, join us for nibbles and drinks. 5.30pm, Public Libraries Division, 299 Montague Road, West End. Contact: Barb Ewers, ph 1800 646 522

• **8/8 Qld Special Libraries section.** *Application for the student conference sponsorship to the Specials conference*

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