

Who's where...



Philip Kent



Stuart Ferguson



Ken Dillon

Philip Kent has been appointed to the position of assistant general manager, information management reporting to the general manager, CSIRO Information Technology Services. The creation of the position follows the restructure of CSIRO's Corporate Information Management and merger with Information Technology Services. The Information Management group provides corporate support to CSIRO's library and information activities, including archives and records management. The group is located in the science park at Clayton.

Stuart Ferguson and **Ken Dillon** from the Charles Sturt University School of Information Studies have recently been appointed Joint Directors of the Centre for Information Studies at Charles Sturt University. The Centre for Information Studies has been a successful publisher of titles in library and information science, teacher librarianship and, more recently, in Australian children's literature.

The purpose of the Centre is to support and commission research, publications and continuing professional development in library and information science. Current activities include a foray into electronic publishing with a new CD-ROM for multimedia training and the maintenance of a busy publishing schedule which has already seen five new titles in 1997.

Brisbane City council is undergoing a major restructure. A feature of the new organisational framework separates the policy and strategy functions 'the purchaser' from the service delivery 'the provider'. The director/manager of library service, **Ruth Cameron** has been appointed to the new 'purchaser' position of manager community information and libraries. Ruth has been director of library services with Brisbane City Council for more than four years.

Ruth's new role involves responsibil-

ity for strategic planning, policy development, strategic marketing, contracts, asset management, and information and technology planning. The other new senior library position is that of manager, library services which involves 'provider' responsibility for the operation of the thirty-three libraries, collections, customer and technical services. Both positions are of equal status, and replace the previous position of director, library services. The purchaser-provider model is being implemented across Council and will be managed with 'partnering' and service level agreements.

Mrs **Esther Sibanyoni**, was designated South Africa's Woman of the Year 1997 on Friday 8 August, on the eve of South Africa's National Women's Day.

Mrs Sibanyoni first drew her inspiration to uplift her community when destruction raged through the country during the 1984 state of emergency. She was inter alia instrumental in developing Soshanguve's first library and mobilised young people in her community to address the need for an arts centre. She was described by the judges as a 'dynamo with a heart big enough to fill the whole world'.

She also received the award for the arts and culture category.

At the State Library Mrs Sibanyoni is chair of the Pretoria Educational Resource Centre (PERC) fundraising committee, which aims to establish a study centre for students in the Pretoria city centre. Students from various tertiary education institutions crowd the reference rooms of the State Library and the Pretoria Community Library daily because of lack of other study venues. Many queue for hours for a place in these libraries, where seating is limited owing to strict safety regulations. ■


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