## National conference promotes access to indigenous information

national conference in Brisbane during November explored ways to make libraries information centres accessbile to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library Resource Network Conference was held at the State Library of Oueensland's Public Libraries Division at West End from 12 to 14 November.

Library Board of Queensland member Jackie Huggins said the conference provided an opportunity for information specialists to work together on a national level to share information and to learn about successful outcomes already achieved in this area.

Mr Huggins said there was once a time when indigenous people were apprehensive about coming into libraries and this conference was about opening doors, planning resources for indig-

enous clients and promoting these resources to the wider community.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols for libraries, archives and information services have received international recognition. The protocols outline guidelines in providing a library service to indigenous communities and in caring for collections from these communities. The State Library of Queensland has shown initiative in adopting the protocols and in establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit to meet the information needs of indigenous communities.

Established in 1993, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library Resource Network's role is to provide library, information or resource services to Aborignial and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to educate the wider community about the library and information needs of these people.

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