

Career change leads to new career... and state medal

A decision to study in a different field at TAFE has paid off for Kings Cross resident, Susan Flannery, who has received a TAFE NSW State Medal for outstanding academic achievement.

Formerly working as a publicity assistant for SBS, Susan decided to act on a desire to work in libraries and enrolled at TAFE's Sydney Institute in the Diploma in Library and Information Studies course for which she has been awarded the State Medal.

Susan is one of eighteen TAFE NSW State Medallists from Sydney Institute who were presented with their medals at a function hosted by Institute director, Marie Persson.

Ninety-four medals have been awarded around the state to students attaining the highest average mark in courses completed last year.

Now employed by the NSW Teachers' Federation as a library technician, Susan was extremely happy when she

heard she had been awarded the Medal.

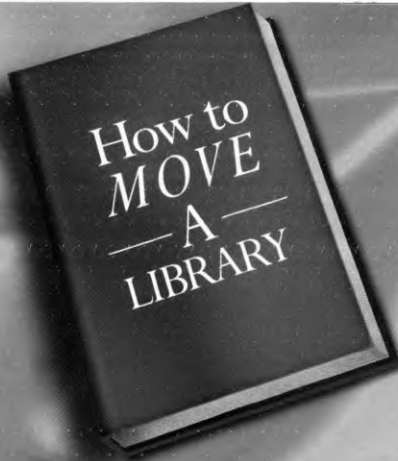
'I also felt very lucky because there were lots of excellent students,' she says. Adding a tribute to the quality of her TAFE teachers, she says: 'the teaching was of a very high standard; challenging and thorough and providing a good grounding in the technical expertise required to work in libraries.'

Susan aims to bring her three great loves of food, research and libraries together and would one day love to

work in a gastronomic research library with food and cookery books. ■



Sydney Institute director, Marie Persson (left), and deputy director-general of TAFE NSW Robin Shreeve (right), presenting the State Medal to Susan Flannery




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