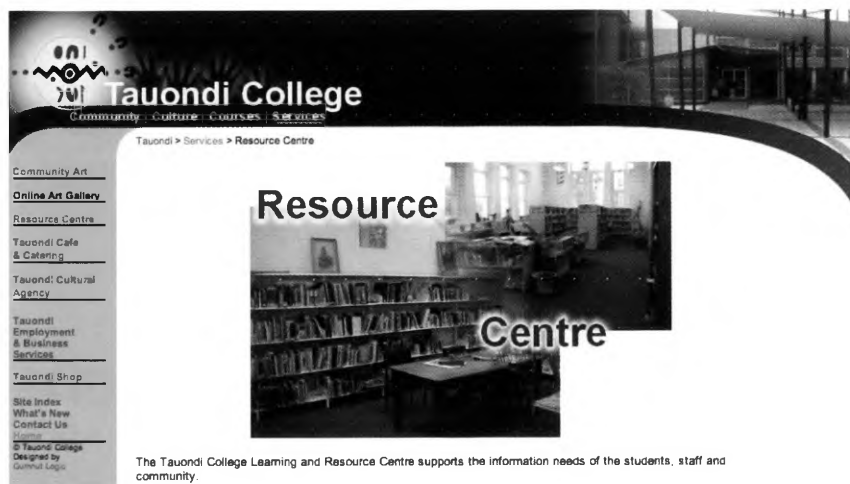


Tauondi College celebrates

Tauondi College, independently controlled and managed by Aboriginal people, celebrates its thirtieth birthday this year with a variety of activities and events being held. Tauondi offers courses that lead to further studies and/or employment opportunities. The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) supports the learning requirements of both internal and external students as well as communities.

Thirty years ago, on 12 June 1973 the Aboriginal Community College was established in Adelaide, South Australia. In 1992, the Kurna word Tauondi was selected to represent the philosophy of the college. The definition is 'to penetrate or to breakthrough'. Today the college, situated at Port Adelaide, has approximately 275 adult students studying nationally-accredited training packages in art, hospitality, business, Aboriginal tourism, information technology, and foundation studies. There is a course of study offered for elder Aboriginal people, some of whom have had a long connection with Tauondi. They also participate in visits to schools to demonstrate crafts, read stories and to share their culture and history. Graduation is held each year in March and is a highlight of the academic year.

Tauondi is constantly responding to current needs and a new course 'Training for the disabled' will commence in Au-



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gust 2003. Community needs are met with Adult Community Education activities.

The LRC holds approximately 9500 catalogued items, with a large section being the Aboriginal Collection. We use *Bookmark* cataloguing software.

To respect Aboriginal cultures the Rare and Restricted items are retained in a locked cabinet, but may be accessed whenever requested. Please refer to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocols for Libraries, Archives and Information Services, <http://www.ntu.edu.au/library/protocol> and <http://alia.org.au/policies/aboriginal.html> for more information.

Two successes have been the introduction of a three-hour loan for art students and the permitting of food and drink into the LRC. This has encouraged a system of trust.

While external users may access the collections, no borrowing is permitted. The library is only open to students during term time, and three former Tauondi students who are now external university students also access the resources. Three people staff the library, a full-time library technician, a part-time library assistant and a volunteer who works on the newspaper clippings.

The LRC celebrated both Library and Information Week and the thirty years birthday with a display and balloons. A special display was created focussing on libraries thirty years ago with cataloguing cards, the second edition of *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR), and photos of the early days of Tauondi. To continue the theme, the display also featured items of libraries today, such as computer disks, electronic catalogues and the internet.

Two of the many activities held during the week were the concert and the community open day. Explaining the history of the term 'happy birthday' was the library's contribution to the concert. The community open day was held in wintery conditions with stalls, bands and activities. The week concluded with cultural tours of the Botanical Gardens and Cleland Wildlife Reserve in the Adelaide Hills, and a church service on Sunday.

Later in the year, a celebration ball will be held, and we plan to launch a Friends of Tauondi group. Before the end of the academic year another staff/student day is planned and a concert will be a highlight of this day.

Please visit Tauondi's website at <http://www.tauondi.sa.edu.au/> to read the newsletter *Tauondi Talk* and/or to discover other interesting facts about this special college.

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