

# Enhancing the **commuter** experience

A library for Harbour Ferry commuters – now that's a novel idea. Sydney harbour ferry passengers travelling from Manly to Circular Quay now have an additional service at their disposal to enhance one of the world's most enjoyable and spectacular commuter rides.

Since Monday 26 March 2007, a mobile lending library has opened at Manly Wharf each weekday from 7:15–9:00 am. Manly Library Afloat is a new mobile library service on the forecourt of Manly Wharf, offering books and 'talking books' to commuters. The material is carried from nearby Manly Library to the wharf in a custom-fitted electric 'golf cart' that can accommodate up to 1 000 publications.

The stock is mostly current high-interest fiction and non-fiction titles. Normal borrowing privileges apply, including the standard three-week

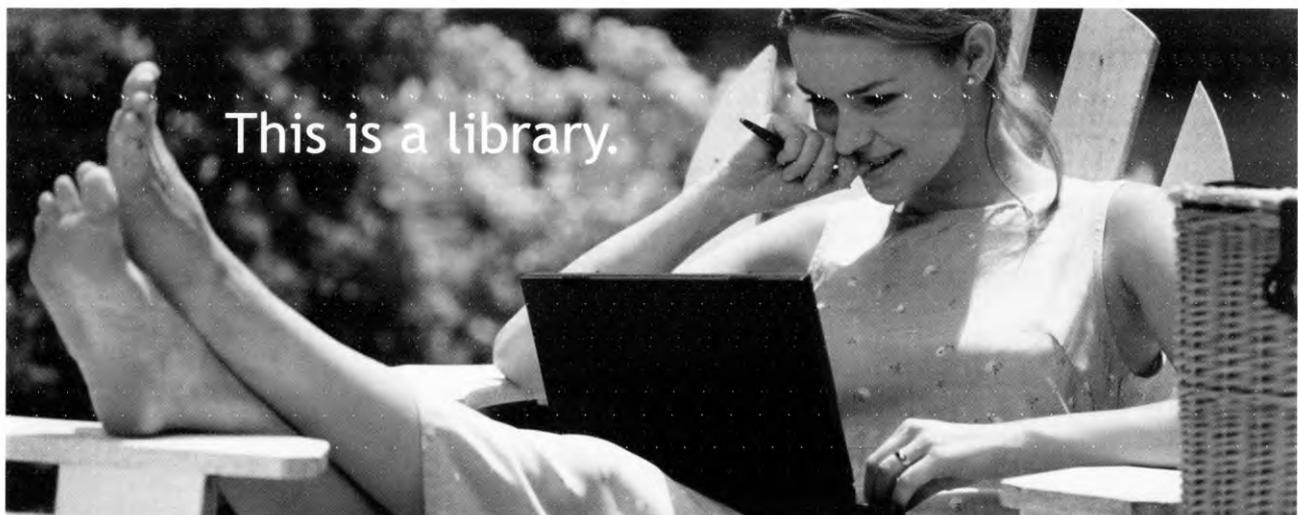
loan and books can be returned to Manly Library Afloat or to the 'mainland' Manly Library. Patrons can join the library as well as borrowing, thanks to palm-top digital technology giving electronic access to the main system. If commuters are in a rush, they leave their details and their membership card is available the next morning.

This service has been a hit, allowing the library to make contact with clients who might not have previously used Manly Library or known about its range of services.

For more information go to <http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au>



*Librarian Richard Barclay with the custom-fitted electric 'book-cart' on Manly Wharf*



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