

Riverina triumphs in 2006 LEP Excellence Award

The TAFE NSW Riverina Institute has won the 2006 LEP Excellence Award for raising awareness and use of Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) resources. Following a professional development workshop presented by NSW Library Extension Program Co-ordinator Anne Freer, Riverina staff were inspired and enthused to promote the many uses of statistical data to their staff and students. Well done!

The Riverina Institute impressed the judges with their initiative in providing Intranet Quicklinks to ABS regional census data. General education teachers and Noelene Williams (the Albury campus librarian) also developed a training program for English as a Second Language students, young early school leavers, and literacy students to demonstrate what the information

is used for, and to make them feel comfortable with the census process.

The ABS stated, 'It is with great pleasure that we award Riverina Institute for the work they have done in integrating ABS information into their learning environment. They demonstrate a commitment to learn about and understand ABS information so that they can provide best possible service to their clients.'

The TAFE NSW Riverina Institute was presented with the award and prize at a ceremony held during the '20:20 Vision' TAFE NSW Library Conference at Darling Harbour, Sydney.

With ABS statistics now free on the web, the Australian Bureau of Statistics has expanded its services and support for libraries. The Information Skills Program, incorporating the LEP, pro-

motes access to, understanding and use of ABS statistics. It provides introductory level information sessions, training, learning materials on the ABS web site,

promotions, and client support for library and information staff. Building on the success of the Library Extension Program, the Information Skills Program has consultants in each State and Territory to assist librarians and information services build their expertise in the use of ABS statistics.

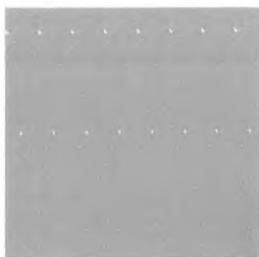
For further information see the ABS web site pages for Libraries, under the Services We Provide link on the homepage: <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

Please note: the Excellence Award will now be awarded biennially – the call for nominations for the 2008 award will be announced late in 2007.



Ian Ewing, the ABS NSW Regional Director, presenting the LEP Excellence Award to Jennifer Vaughan, Manager Library & Information Services, TAFENSW Riverina Institute

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