

Information Technology Week

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Week will be held in all States except Queensland and Tasmania from 15 to 21 August 1982.

ITW, sponsored by the Commonwealth Department of Science and Technology and the Australian Computer Society, is an annual event which gives everyone an opportunity to look at what is happening in the areas of computing and information processing. It aims to increase understanding and awareness throughout the community and to allow opportunities for interaction with these technologies and to promote informed debate about them.

A wide range of activities is planned in all States, and details will be published in local media. Each State has an ITW committee with members from the education, governmental and business sectors; branches of the LAA are working with these committees in arranging and supporting ITW activities. Members, their families and friends are urged to take part. Libraries will be mounting displays and other events to highlight the

increasing range of services and products provided by new and improved technology.

Activities will vary from State to State, but a series of papers entitled *Technological change – impact of information technology, 1982* will be nationally available; primary school pupils may obtain a coloring book which is being released along with a teacher's guide, and a floppy disc containing information on convicts transported to Australia on the First Fleet will be available for secondary school teachers. (Requests for the disc should be made through the school principal to the ITW State Secretary.)

Business houses will conduct open house displays on the application of new technology to their business. Typical examples will cover Videotex, Teletext, networking, word processing, micrographics communications and bar codes as applied to grocery identification. A number of educational institutions will be conducting 'hands on' activities, and there will be film screenings, seminars and displays in many locations.

The LAA is supporting ITW nationally. In NSW it will be distributing brochures and posters to public libraries. Other libraries wishing to display publicity materials are invited to contact the Association's office (02) 698 4100 for supplies. The Association urges members to arrange displays of books and other materials related to information technology in their libraries and to act as an information centre for local activities.

Tune into Library Networking

RADIO UNIVERSITY, the radio station of the University of New South Wales, will repeat its comprehensive course on 'Library Networking For Resource Sharing' starting early in August. It is a revision of the 1980 course and Dorothy Peake, Head of the Information Resources Service at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, is the lecturer for the series of five radio lectures, and one video cassette/TV lecture, in conjunction

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Preservation secrets shared

The National Film Archive at the National Library of Australia is achieving recognition in South-East Asia as an authoritative organisation whose procedures are eminently suitable for adaptation by other countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Library's Film Curator, Mr Mike Lynskey, said the Australian archive was smaller than its European counterparts and this enabled representatives of neighbouring countries to relate more easily to its practices.

Mr Lynskey's remarks followed the arrival at the Library on July 5 of two Indonesians, Mr Suparjo and Mr Slamet Siahaan, and a Malaysian, Miss Samsiah Muhamad, to be trained in film archive work.

Mr Suparjo is from the directorate of Pembinaan Film, Jakarta; Mr Siahaan from Sine-matek Indonesia, Jakarta; and Miss Muhamad from the National Archives of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Miss Samsiah received training in Sydney as an archivist in 1979, but this did not include film preservation.

The visiting trio will spend a month at the archive in Canberra. Their visits are funded jointly by their home governments and by the National Library as part of its Regional Cooperation Program.



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