



IN THE NEWS

Access to the West



The Minister for Science and Technology, Mr Barry Jones with (from left) western suburbs M.L.C. Joan Kirner, WESTDOC co-ordinator Lea Giles-Peters and F.I.T. chief librarian Doreen Parker.

Australians are great 'thrower outers' rather than collectors, the Minister for Science and Technology, Barry Jones, said at Footscray Institute of Technology at the launch of the first publication of the F.I.T. library's Western Region Documentation Service (WESTDOC) on 25 September.

'On the whole, little has survived from the nineteenth century in the form of diaries and family papers, particularly from working class people. It's to our detriment,' Mr Jones said.

The publication entitled *Access to the West* is an index of information about the western region of Melbourne, held in libraries, government offices, educational institutions and community organisations throughout the area.

For further information contact Mrs Doreen Parker, Chief Librarian, Footscray Institute of Technology (03) 688 4234.

Two special collections

The Resource Library at the Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Associations of Australia, Kew, Victoria, a member of the Special Libraries Section of the LAA, has a unique collection of more than 1000 monographs, several thousand articles and papers and some films, on Blindness and Visual Impairment and related handicaps.

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They are available for use by students and organisations interested in any part of this work and can be obtained on request through Inter-Library-Loan. Please contact, The Librarian, Ms Shirley Jones, PO Box 162, Kew, Vic. 3101. (03) 860 4444 ex. 437.

Where d'you get it?

The proceedings of the 6th Special Libraries Conference held in Perth (25-29 September 1983) have been published in two issues of *Australian Special Libraries News*.

The December 1983 and March 1984 are the vital issues, and are available through ASLN's Business Manager, Mrs J. Michaelides, PO Box 55, Northbridge NSW 2063 (02) 95 2184.

Art donation



Award-winning children's author and illustrator, Ted Greenwood, has donated one of his original illustrations to the Research Collection of Children's Literature at the Library Board of Western Australia. The illustration is from his highly acclaimed book, *The Everlasting Circle* and will be an important addition to the collection, which will become accessible to researchers and serious students of children's literature some time after the Alexander Library Building opens in 1985.

Mr Greenwood was the Writer in Residence at the Western Australian College of Advanced Education for a month but has now returned to Victoria.

He has had fifteen books published and has illustrated many others. His next work, entitled *Warts and All*, will come off the press in November and sometime in 1985 *Ship Rock* is due for publication.

Keeping up with copyright

The impact of computer technology is the subject of the Australian Copyright Council's Bulletin No. 49, entitled *Computers and Copyright*.

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