

**LIBRARY TECHNICIANS SECTION — SA GROUP**

**Balancing the 3 R's**

The Section recently held two interesting and informative meetings at the Adelaide College of TAFE. On 20 June, Jennifer Redding presented the topic 'Balancing the 3R's in your life: routine, relationships and relaxation'. Organisation, forward planning and self-discipline were discussed as beneficial ways of reducing stress in busy routines. Positive ways of handling personal conflict in relationships were emphasised as well as the need to always leave time for relaxation. Interaction and participation from the audience were encouraged and many ideas and suggestions were put forth.

**Safety standards**

On 25 July, Brian Vasey, Officer-in-charge from the Occupational Health and Safety Research section of the Department of Labour, spoke on hazards in the workplace. Briefly describing the structure of the SA Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act, 1986, Brian explained how the Act provides for basic safety standard regulations and illustrated how accidents primarily arise from unsafe and unhealthy organisation. The discussion was preceded by a short address by Anne Hazell on the activities of the LAA.

*Alison Potts*  
Secretary

**On the road**

In late June, Sue Kosse, the Executive Director, visited the Blue Mountains City Library to discuss issues of importance to public libraries which had emanated from NSW State discussions on the Australian Libraries Summit.

The Blue Mountains City Library is a relatively young library service, having been established 12 years ago, with the enthusiastic support of its local community and the Blue Mountain City Council. The library's main branch is located in Springwood in a new building, with its local history collection being housed in the beautifully renovated federation-style residence, 'Braemar'. The other branches, seven in all, are spread over 70 kilometres and support the operations of this community-oriented library service.

The library's program of visits to Branch locations by chief librarians, Drusilla Wendoloski and John Merrieman, and its use of the BOOKS automated system, assist it in overcoming the distance and isolation problems experienced by libraries in similar situation.



*Sue Kosse and Drusilla Wendoloski, Librarian, Blue Mountains City Library, inspecting 'Braemar' built in 1892 and restored in 1988 with the support of Bicentennial funding and the Heritage Council. As well as housing the local history collection the building is the home of the Springwood Art Gallery.*

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION QLD GROUP**

**Needs of the disabled**

On the evening of 5 July, Val Moon, Special Needs Consultant at the State Library of NSW addressed a group of librarians in the new State Library, Brisbane. Public librarians and reference library staff were present.

Val spoke on library and information needs of the disabled, giving us a colourful insight into her background and experience. She has been primarily responsible for the development of special services at the State Library of NSW. Val has overseen, at the State Library, the establishment of a Special Needs Centre equipped with a Kurzweil Reading Machine, a braille printer and special telephone devices for the deaf.

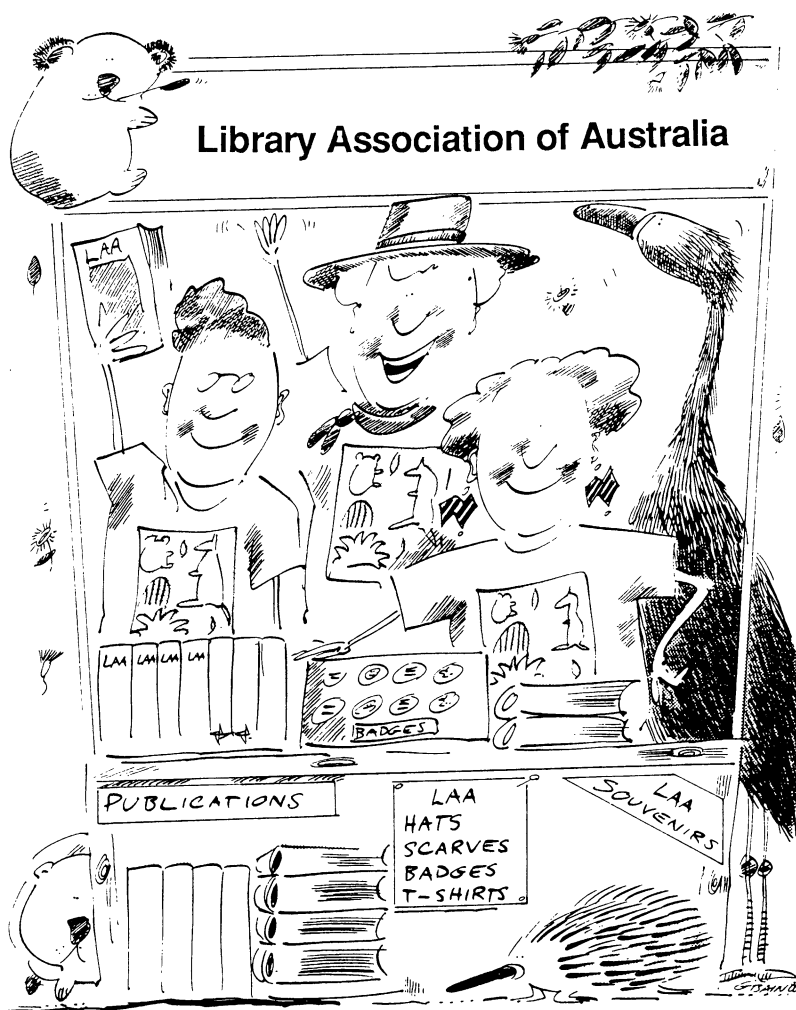
The librarians present at the talk discussed the various technological developments and the changing attitudes of librarians towards the disabled.

*Laurelle Johnstone*

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The Section wishes to call for nominations for the 1989 Division office bearers. The term of office for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, in addition to eight other committee members, is one year. Please send nominations for the above listed positions, by 20 September, to Marian Morgan, PO Box N250, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. For further information call (02) 250 0310.

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