

Cavala in Carlton — CAVAL and VALA get-together

IN a true spirit of cooperation, CAVAL (Cooperative Action by Victorian Academic Libraries) and VALA (Victorian Association for Library Automation) combined forces in organising a celebratory dinner on 29 November

1988. The occasion was the annual presentation of the VALA awards and the tenth anniversary of the incorporation of CAVAL.

Some 70 librarians and well-wishers gathered at Asti Restaurant in Carlton to witness Mrs Enid Williamson present

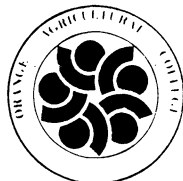
the Robert D. Williamson award to a surprised and delighted Elizabeth Swan. This award is made annually to a person judged to have made an outstanding contribution to information science. Elizabeth Swan, formerly head of library and information services at ACI, richly deserves the award because of the major role she has played lobbying for national information services and in ensuring an active LAA Information Science Section.

The VALA Award for innovation in library automation was won by Redcliffe City Council Library Service in Queensland for its electronic bulletin board. The award was presented to City Librarian Carolyn Johnson by Doreen Parker, President of VALA. Redcliffe's service is based on an IBM microcomputer and OPUS software. Users can dial in from home at night or at weekends to participate in national and international electronic conferences, use the electronic bulletin board or electronic mail facilities and obtain access to a large collection of public domain software.

Guest speaker at the dinner was State Librarian Jane La Scala, who has a close affiliation with and been a strong supporter of both VALA and CAVAL. Also present at the dinner were several past Directors of CAVAL, Southwell, retired State Librarians, Dietrich Borchardt and Brian Southwell, retired State Librarian Ken Horn and Professor Evan Williams who retired as chairman of CAVAL in July 1988 after having been associated with the company since its establishment.



Hans Groenewegen, Executive Director, CAVAL, and Enid Williamson observe the photographer, whilst Jane La Scala, State Librarian, is engaged in conversation with Robert D. Williamson Award winner Elizabeth Swan



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