

ALW in SA

Sandra Gapper with news of lively happenings

All ALIA sections developed programs during the week in their libraries, focussing on the themes of *Your right to know* and/or *The International Year of the World's Indigenous People*.

The *Advertiser* newspaper focused the *Education* page on information literacy. In addition students were invited to submit poems about libraries and information and a selection of these was published in *Kids Bizz* and the *Education* page.

In the weekly *Messenger Press* the managing editor's column was devoted to library and information services and the State Library took out a double page feature highlighting both State and local Public library services.

Glen Innes/Shire ALW went well

...for their libraries writes **Sandy Fitzgerald**

Earlier this year librarians from the eight libraries in the town formed a group to facilitate resource sharing between local libraries, and to promote and publicise the range of library services and resources in the area. Librarians from TAFE, all the schools and the public libraries meet once a term. We publish a titles list and notices in the local newspaper every few weeks.

During Australian Library Week we all got together to set up a shopfront display in a newly vacated shop in a prime location on the main street. The



Pictured from left to right: Evan Miller, Jan Gaebler and Ray Choate argued for free libraries, Partick Condon mediated and Anne Hazell, Gerritt Stafford and Vinnie Ciccarello supported 'user pays'

The social activity of the week was a super debate at The Orphanage Teachers Centre following the launch of the book *Twice paid: user pays and public libraries* edited by Di Booker and published by Auslib Press. The debate topic was *Libraries are a public good,*

not a free good: the user should pay and featured the library notables seen in the photo. This 'live and sweaty' panel provided great entertainment for the large audience (...but who won? Ed.) which then proceeded to a well earned celebration dinner.

...and in Perth

Susan Hall was right in the thick of it with the WA Specials

The dedication, enthusiasm and knowledge of Perth librarians once again shone through for the library visits organised by the Special Libraries Section (WA) Group for the Australian Library Week.

The theme *S'port your library*, focused attention on the following libraries: Churchlands Campus, Edith Cowan University (Lyn Leslie), Western Australian Petroleum P/L (Jacqueline Bousfield), Federal Court of Australia (Jenni Cornish), Fremantle Hospital (Cheryl Hamill) and the Blind Association (Sue Cooper).

Those who attended the visits appreciated the opportunity to find out about the methodologies, technology, collections and personalities in the libraries.

The host librarians were pleased to provide the venue for the exchange of ideas and for the interaction of others from a diversity of libraries.

Thank you to the librarians and staff who were able to juggle their work schedules to make those visits a success.

libraries participated by showing off samples of their most interesting, attractive and relevant resources. We packed the window, advertised the libraries involved with banners, set up a notice board with library statistics from the ABS study in 1987 on usage of cultural agencies in the society, and covered the walls with colourful promotional library posters. There was even a vase of local Australian native flowers and foliage.

The response to our first combined display was enthusiastic and positive. We have been asked by the shop, which is opening in the space, to do their first window. The local paper took a photo and wrote a caption (omitting most of the relevant details) but nevertheless gave us good exposure.

Front page billing for books, books and more books! TAFE college librarian Sandy Fitzgerald (left) with public school librarian Mark Brumby and high school librarian Kylie Hanson (Photo: courtesy of Glen Innes Examiner).

