



At the ALIA Western Australia Branch annual general meeting in November 1997 the WA Special Libraries section presented its Special Librarian of the Year award. The award, first presented in 1990, has been sponsored by Raeco since its inception. The 1997 winner was Trudy Parker from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Trudy has worked in a variety of special libraries — from music to the environment — and she has shown a level of versatility that many librarians would find difficult to emulate. Trudy has been the librarian at the Department of Environmental Protection since 1990, when the Department took over from the Environmental Protection Au-

thority. Recently Trudy also spent twelve months as acting library manager at the Ministry for Planning.

Trudy spent three years on the special libraries section committee as treasurer — a task all but the hardiest souls shy from. While on the Specials committee Trudy became involved with the mentoring committee and upon her resignation from the Specials committee at the end of last year became the mentoring committee chairperson.

Trudy has always been one of Western Australia's most approachable and enthusiastic special librarians, and a very worthy winner of this year's Award.



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