

Special librarian honoured

Queensland Special Librarian of the Year Award winner announced on International Special Librarian's Day

Cathy Campbell, library services manager at the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) (Queensland), has won the Australian Library and Information Association Queensland Special Librarian of the Year award.

Ms Campbell was presented with the award at a breakfast in Brisbane on International Special Librarians Day, Thursday, 15 April.

The annual award recognises specialist librarians who have demonstrated outstanding achievement within the information services industry. ISA Australia are proud sponsors of the award.

Ms Campbell said the award was a great honour but also recognised the outstanding team work of the DPI Library Service.

'DPI has a dedicated library team which is committed to providing top-class information services and this award is in recognition of this', she said.

Ms Campbell was appointed DPI library services manager in 1995 and under her guidance the library has grown in strength and stature.

'Our main aim is to provide relevant, timely and accessible information services to promote and support the department's goals and objectives,' she said. 'This can range from searching for documents and information on a specific topic, to conducting internet awareness training sessions in remote and rural communities.'

Another of the team's major achievements has been to develop partnerships with other institutions and government agencies to purchase im-

portant databases such as *Current Contents* which provide the department's research scientists with access to information on the latest worldwide research developments.

'This provides financial benefits to all groups involved and allows us to purchase expensive but valuable information databases for the benefit of library-users', Ms Campbell said.

DPI Library Services was also responsible for the successful Information Supermarket conference and trade display held during Primary Industries Week in Brisbane in March. The conference attracted more than 100 people and was also video-conferenced to Longreach, Biloela, Roma and Mareeba with links to presenters in Alice Springs, Canberra, Longreach, Perth and Rockhampton.

Another important milestone was the DPI InfoSearch initiative, a fee-based information service for industry



ISA Australia operations manager, Roslyn Jackson (right) presented Cathy Campbell, Department of Primary Industry library services manager with her award

and business organisations. InfoSearch provides benefits such as internet training, information searches, regular updates on new books and journal articles and much more. 'The service identifies and meets important industry and business needs and can contribute significantly to the competitiveness of business enterprises', Ms Campbell said. ■

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