

Librarians in focus

WA 2000 Calendar available now...



Miss January 2000, Nicole Wreford, King Edward Memorial Hospital

Following the success of, and mild controversy surrounding the publication of the *Librarians in focus: calendar 1999*, the ALIA WA Branch is pleased to announce the publication of *Librarians in focus: 2000*. Once again you will have the chance to ogle, admire, and envy a group of your peers who have cast aside inhibitions to promote their profession.

The calendar celebrates the skills,

diversity and photogenic splendour of librarians and library technicians at the turn of the millennium.

Featured are the already-famous CD-dress, the football-playing twins, a nice sweaty gym shot, two librarians with a prime minister, and another one being molested by a large and hairy primate. Plus much, much more! Librarians and technicians from every sector of the profession, including aca-

demie, public and specials, from the city and the country.

All proceeds from the sale of the calendar go to ALIA. Copies of the calendar can be obtained from the ALIA WA Branch Office, PO Box 406, Hillarys WA 6923, e-mail waalia@tpg.com.au, phone 08 9402 5862. The calendar cost is \$5 plus postage. Postage within Australia is \$3 for the first copy and \$1 for each additional copy. ■

Promoting services

Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation Australian Library Week promotion

In keeping with the Australian Library Week theme of 'explore and discover', the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation devised a competition which would allow people to do exactly that. The competition was made up of two sections: section one required the entrant to search the computer catalogue, and section two was a guessing competition.

Section one contained questions on the collections and services, giving the library the opportunity to highlight particular aspects such as the new virtual library at Warrandyte. The answers to the questions were easily discovered, and staff were encouraged to help by demonstrating search techniques and pointing people in the right direction.

Section two simply involved guessing the size of some of the library's collections, such as CD-ROMs and Greek videos. Judging from some of the answers many patrons will be surprised by the extent of the collections.

The library was fortunate to gain the support of Propeller Head, from whom we have purchased much of our CD-ROM collection and who are supplying a selection of great prizes divided into three groups: a reference pack, an education pack, and a games pack. Runners-up in the competition will receive CD-singles supplied by Sanity Records. Library staff have been very co-operative and have welcomed the competition as an opportunity to promote the library and its services as well as educate our patrons so they can get the most out of every visit. ■