Celebration and book launch

Associate Professor Sue McKemmish, Monash University

Associate Professor Sue McKemmish, Professor John Rosemberg, Dr Kirsty Williamson, Dr Fradda Burnstein, and Professor Don Schauder at the recent Monash University celebrations

On Monday 10 April, Monash University celebrated the Strategic Monash University Research Fund (SMURF) grant to the Enterprise Information Research Group (EIRG) for the Knowledge Management in Information Communities project and the Knowledge Management Laboratory. At the same time *Research methods for students and professionals: information management and systems* was launched.

The EIRG is based in the School of Information Management and Systems, Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University. The Group brings together researchers and industry partners with a strong track record in collaborative research, publishing, and training in knowledge management, information and telecommunications needs, electronic record-keeping, metadata, and decision support systems. It focuses on projects that promote synergy and innovative research alliances in these areas. The Group's director is Associate Professor Sue McKemmish and the deputy director is Dr Frada Burstein. Other lead researchers are Professor Don Schauder, Dr Kirsty Williamson and Professor David Arnott.

The SMURF Grant will enable the EIRG to build infrastructure to support the further growth of research and development, including a Virtual Knowledge Management Laboratory at the Caulfield campus to support research, training and teaching in enterprise knowledge management.

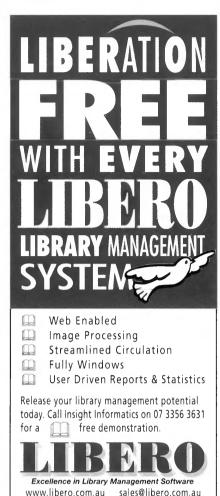Representatives of key industry partners attended the celebration and were thanked for their support. They included Fran Awcock, the state librarian representing the State Library of Victoria; Derek Whitehead, now Swinburne University librarian who, while at the State Library of Victoria, made an outstanding contribution to the work of Information and Telecommunications Needs Research; Gary Hardy and Larry Stillman from VICNET; Adrian Cunningham, National Archives of Australia; and Edward Lim and Hans Groenewegen from Monash University Library.

The book launch

Professor John Rosenberg, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University launched the book, *Research methods for students and professionals: Information management and systems* by Kirsty Williamson (written in collaboration with EIRG colleagues). The book is a multi-university venture: the other major university involved is Charles Sturt University, whose Centre for Information Studies published the book. Ross Harvey from Charles Sturt University wrote the introduction. Mr Ken Dillon represented Charles Sturt University's Centre for Information Studies at the launch.

Professor Rosenberg spoke of the book's multi-disciplinary approach — the content comes from social sciences, as well as information management and information systems. The book relates research to professional practice, as well as catering for student needs.

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