

very strongly in the advantage and the wonderful things that people get from reading...'

The Redmond Barry Award citation comments her contribution as follows:

*'Mrs Stretton has been unstinting in her commitment to library development ... Such a contribution is to be expected from members of the library profession, but it is unique for a lay person to make such a contribution.'*

*'She has worked untiringly, and at a cost both in personal time and money, which only a few of her older associates can fully appreciate. No one has appeared on more platforms throughout Australia on behalf of libraries. She has addressed meetings in every state, ranging from large assemblies to a handful of enthusiasts in a cold, draughty hall in the smallest country town.'*

Other community contributions by Dulcie included membership of the ABC Talks Advisory Committee from 1963 to 1969, of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO from 1974 to 1980, and foundation membership of the Governing Council of the National Book Council in 1973. She was Deputy Chair of the Council from 1978 to 1985, and Chair of the NSW Committee from 1974 to 1981.

Dulcie was a member of the Library Council of New South Wales, the governing body for the State Library of New South Wales and with other responsibilities including government relations with the public library network, from 1975 to 1983. She made a major contribution to the Council's work and was particularly proud to have been elected by the Council as its president, the

first woman in Australia to fill such a position, from 1979 to 1983. She established The Library Society friends group, and her contributions are recognised in the annual Dulcie Stretton Lecture series established in 1984.

Dulcie's outstanding contribution to national life was recognised by her appointment as a Commander in the Order of the British Empire [CBE] in the 1979 Queen's Birthday List, for 'services to the community'. She also received an honorary Master of Arts Degree in the University of Sydney in 1997, and the Australian Library Promotion Council in 1979 honoured Dulcie with its Alfred McMicken Award for 'an outstanding personal contribution to libraries.'

Dulcie was a most gregarious person. She loved conversation, books and reading, good food and wine, and had the widest circle of friends. She gave splendid parties, especially when she lived and ran her conference business in Glenmore Road, Paddington. Dulcie had a passion for owls — ceramic and wooden, drawings and paintings, many the gifts of friends who came across them in their travels — and the Paddington house seemed to be overflowing with them. She was enormously proud of her three children and the grandchildren who filled a central place in her life.

Dulcie said in the interview mentioned above that her life, career and voluntary work had given her a great interest in human relationships, and the depth and sustaining nature of the friendships she made in our profession testifies to this. She will be sadly missed, and the profession is in her debt for her major contributions to our affairs.

Warren Horton

## Professionalism rewarded

Pauline Sawyer, past-president, Special Libraries Section WA

The winner of this year's WA Special Librarian Award is Ini Campbell-Fraser, manager information services at the Western Australian office of CPA Australia. During her thirteen years with CPA, Ini has developed the library from a one-person para-professional operation to the present arrangement where she is a member of the senior management team. She serves a small staff, but has thousands of members throughout the state.

Ini is an innovator and an excellent communicator. She is the local IT guru in her organisation, writes columns in the state and local newsletters and conducts internet training courses which form part of the organisation's professional development program. She is involved in numerous projects within her organisation, for which she is nationally recognised. She describes herself as a risk taker, working on the philosophy that it is better to try something new and fail than not to do it at all.

Ini has also been active in ALIA: a former specials committee member and one of the organising committee of the 1997 Australian Special Health and Law Librarians conference, a mentor, and also a member of the Business and Finance Librarians Group and Australian Law Librarians Group. She is very supportive of para-professionals and of the WA Library Technicians group.

The aim of the award is to recognise an information professional who has outstanding skills, who promotes the information service in their organisation, and who freely shares their knowledge with their colleagues, and Ini admirably met the criteria.

Thanks go to our sponsor, Information Enterprises Australia, and to company principal Shirley Cowcher for making the award presentation at the Western Australian launch of Library and Information Week.



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**24/8 The invisible web.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au, <http://cpd.sistm.unsw.edu.au>

**14/9 Synonyms and taxonomies: thesaurus design for information architects.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au, <http://cpd.sistm.unsw.edu.au>

• **18/9 ALIA NSW.** Council meeting, all welcome. Sumitomo Room, Level 11, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 6pm. RSVP for catering purposes to: Jo-anne Fuller, local presence co-ordinator, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

• **16/10 ALIA NSW.** Council meeting, all welcome. Sumitomo Room, Level 11, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 6pm. RSVP for catering purposes to: Jo-anne Fuller, local presence co-ordinator, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

**22/10 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series.** University of Technology, Sydney, evening. Contact: Richard Gilzean, ph 02 9514 2923, richard.gilzean@uts.edu.au

• **26/10 Children's and Youth Services (NSW).** On the shelf and online: collection management in the children's library. Burwood Council Chambers, Conder Street, 9-4:30pm. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

**29/10 Designing eye-catching brochures and newsletters.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au, <http://cpd.sistm.unsw.edu.au>

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### QLD

• **1/8 Qld OPALS.** General meeting. AIM-Cerebral Palsy League of Qld, Level 2, 55 Oxlade Drive, New Farm. Time: tba. Contact: Deb Cronan, ph 07 3358 8036.

• **8/8 Collection and Access Management Qld.** Untangling the web: options for access to electronic resources. State Library of Queensland Theatre, 1:30-4:30pm. Cost: \$22 ALIA members, \$29 non-members. Contact: Paul Jensen, ph 07 3875 6418, fx 07 3875 5314, p.jensen@mailbox.gu.edu.au

• **14/8 Pathways to CPD.** Research, analysis & interpretation techniques Writing the definitive conference paper — speaker: tba. Densions, Sheraton. Contact: Sue Rigney, [sue\\_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au)

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