Qld EPA Library launches new system in Library Week

The Queensland Environmental Protection Agency's Central Office Library marked Australian Library and Information Week by officially unveiling its new web-based library management system, Voyager.

EPA's executive director (corporate affairs), John Gilmour, launched Voyager at a morning tea attended by a large number of interested staff and invited guests, including the Agency's deputy director general, Dr Ian McPhail, and representatives from the State Library of Queensland.

EPA Library Services have maintained an online library catalogue since mid-1993, when the State Library of Queensland's ORAQLE system was selected and implemented. Library services are continuing this partnership with the upgrade to Voyager.

In coming months, it is planned that Voyager will be progressively rolled out to the EPA's regional library in Cairns, and the Queensland Herbarium Library at Brisbane's Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Richard Sayers, manager, Library Services, Queensland Environmental Protection Agency

L to R: Kay Beumer; John Gilmour, executive director, corporate affairs; and Patricia Kennedy cut the Voyager cake, surrounded by EPA Library staff

Students take charge for Library Technician Day

Students studying Library technician courses in North-Western Tasmania have been able to use their participation in preparations for National Library Technician Day to gain credits for their course.

The students needed to demonstrate their ability to organise and co-ordinate an activity as a team. The selected activity was a function at which technicians from public, TAFE school and special libraries could enjoy a relaxing evening, extend their networks and applaud the presentation of thirty-one certificates and five diplomas to recent graduates. An award for the most outstanding student of 2001 was presented by a representative of ALIA to Sandra Cattanach.

Student team leader, Donella Wigg, kept her team of eight diploma students interested and on the ball by producing a weekly update sheet. In this way the group kept track of progress and the tasks remaining for catering and decorations, entertainment and guest speakers to come together on the night. Needed funds were raised by the running of three raffles, one for a solid blackwood table donated by Donella. The proceeds went towards paying for the entertainment and decorations.

The resulting presentation function at the Oz Rock Inn at Ulverstone was indeed a night to remember. The students, Robyn Noyman, Ruth Donaghy, Diane Anderson, Janet Lambert, Rosemary Goodman, James Cooper, and Nga Duong worked tirelessly to ensure that the guests enjoyed themselves. The entertainment featured belly dancers and a fire-wielding juggler. The guest speakers inspired us with stories of how *'Libraries changed lives'*. And the new graduates proudly received their well-deserved qualifications.

The *'Libraries change lives'* display set up by the students for the evening was transferred to the Devonport Campus Library for the remainder of Library and Information Week and aroused considerable interest.

Teacher of the class, Kerrie Blyth was pleased with the way in which the activity provided the students with the opportunity to display their initiative and skills in teamwork and co-ordination and by the way in which the students responded. We are looking forward to Library and Information Week 2003, when we hope to be able to undertake a similar project with new students. ∎