

# BRIT Library team shine

Natalie Rose, Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE

The Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT) Library Team were recently awarded the BRIT Team of the Year Award. The BRIT Board introduced the awards in 2001 to highlight and recognise the importance of teamwork. The BRIT Library Team share the award with BRIT's Maryborough Campus

(Administration Team). The joint winners will share a professional development package to the value of \$2000.

The library team was nominated for the award by BRIT's Kerang Campus, located 130km from the BRIT Library. The nomination highlighted the library's serv-

ice to its off-campus clients. The BRIT Library services seven campuses, McCrae and Charleston Road Campuses in Bendigo and regional campuses situated in Castlemaine, Echuca, Kerang, Kyneton and Maryborough. In addition, the library supports the Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre, Bendigo, Loddon, and Tarrengower Prison Libraries.

As part of the nomination process the entire library team and members of the BRIT Board of Management were interviewed. Staff were asked to share their insights on what makes them such a successful team. Respect for each other and each other's talents was high on the list.

When accepting the Team Award at the Annual BRIT staff awards function the library team shared their 7Cs to fostering a successful team: common goal, client focus, consultation, communication, co-operation, chocolate and cake!

Narelle Stone, Jenny McIntyre, Rosemary Rogers, Sheryl Bastin, Amanda Steen, Kathryn Launer, Lindy Phegan, Natalie Rose, Marion Cagney, Pam Dawkins, Tammy Higgs and Janene Smith make up the BRIT Library team. Congratulations to them all!

## Victoria's virtual libraries

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Victoria's Virtual Library, a gateway to the State's public libraries, has recently recorded its first two million hits. Victoria's Virtual Library enables members of the public and students to access current issues, online databases, catalogues and full-text magazines.

Administered through the State Library of Victoria's VICNET division, the Virtual Library is part of Multimedia Victoria's Connecting Communities strategy. The Minister for State and Regional Development, John Brumby, launched the Victoria's Virtual Library in May 2000 as part of Libraries Online program.

The public can use the 'Hot Topics' icon to link to web pages or sites focusing on current issues. 'Hot Topics' also links to a site covering issues of regional significance, such as the Scoresby Bypass and marine parks. Local Victorian public library staff contribute to these links to keep them updated and relevant.

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