

Hot trolleys!

Barossa's inaugural 'Pimp my trolley' competition

Spawned from the 'Pimp my bookcart' competition (born in the USA of Gene and Paul from overduemedia.com), the idea of library staff having a 'fully sick' book trolley was one that the staff of the Barossa Council Public Library couldn't pass up.

Visions of dropped suspensions, chain steering wheels, gold crucifixes and fo shizz dudes filled our thoughts, so after consulting with overduemedia, we opened the competition up to the libraries of South Australia.

Some libraries used the exercise as a school holiday activity. Any library with a book trolley was eligible to enter – and one library even scrounged a book trolley to 'pimp' as they didn't have one!

Paul de Boer, SA and NT manager of Raeco, was quick to offer support to the competition, with the delivery of a brand-new book trolley as the first prize incentive. Paul said

"Raeco is proud to be associated with such an innovative and fun concept that has obviously captured a lot of people's attention." Gene and Paul offered their services as judges. (Thank goodness for e-mail!)

Entries came in just as staff were beginning to think it wasn't going to happen, and the imagination of SA's library staff is amazing, as you see from the photos.

The winners in the end were Norwood Payneham and St Peters library with their creation: 'pimping' the trolley turned into a staff morale booster and team session. Their entry came complete with a DPS (Dewey Positioning System), a stacked mini-bar complete with non-alcoholic beverages so no staff were under the influence whilst shelving, tiger skin upholstery, bull bars (from a real bull) and the ultimate must have, a trolley driver who is not just 'fully sick', he's 'fully ILL' (inter-library loan).

Thank you to all the libraries who entered and made the competition fun for themselves and for us. As Gene and Paul said 'it totally rocked'. The plan is to make the competition national in the near future, so to those libraries who didn't feel like entering or who didn't want to enter, the challenge is now on for you to come up with something bigger and better!

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