



# Libraries

are for everyone!

Library and Information Week  
19 - 25 May 2008

## The Mild Ones ride again for Library and Information Week

Once a year mild-mannered librarians come together on motorcycles to form Biblio Turismo, travelling to country public libraries, receiving abundant hospitality and drawing public, press and council attention to the unique contribution libraries make to community life.



BT grins at Maitland Library

This year nine bikes, nine riders and two pillions rode from Gosford to Forster visiting libraries at Maitland, Gloucester, Tamworth, Armidale, Dorrigo, Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey and Taree - covering more than 1200 kilometres in three days.

Brainchild of Alan Flores from Gosford Library, this year's Biblio Turismo was the third to be held, with previous tours to libraries in western and south eastern NSW.

All library staff, anywhere, on bikes or in cars are welcome to join the mild ones when next they ride.

<http://www.biblioturismo.org>

## Wendy has dinner in Albury

Library communities in the Albury-Wodonga region celebrated Library and Information Week with a visit by comedienne, broadcaster, and writer Wendy Harmer.



from left-to-right: Alison Fothergill, Carina Clement, Wendy Harmer, Tim Eggleston and Diane Whitaker

As well as speaking at an evening function in Rutherglen, Wendy

conducted sessions for school children in Albury Library Museum and in Wodonga Libraries, held book signings in both libraries and was guest speaker at a public dinner in Albury. The audience included Friends of both the Albury and Wodonga Library's, staff and students who came from as far away as Wagga, Leeton, and Yarrawonga. Damian Lodge, ALIA Director and convenor of ALIA Riverina, was there, as was Anna-Maria Sviatko, ALIA Groups Liaison Officer.

Wendy presented ALIA silver pins to Chris Griffiths and Tim Eggleston, in recognition of several years' contribution to ALIA Riverina before treating the crowd to a thoroughly entertaining review of her life and career.

## LIW in Campbelltown



Some of the morning tea crowd

TAFE South Western Sydney Institute Campbelltown College Library celebrated LIW, with a free morning tea, displays, competitions, tarot readings and Mocktails.

## Wimmera Regional Library Corporation

A wide range of activities occurred across the Wimmera region. Nhill kicked off the celebrations with afternoon tea in support of the Cancer Council. NSS was held at six branches; Sasha the husky puppy and library mascot 'Readit' the frog visited Horsham's Storytime, 'Readit' was also a guest at the Tadpoles Reading Club afternoon tea.

Various branches held 'Australia's biggest morning tea' for older members while others learnt about genealogy and family history research from open afternoon's and evening's at Stawell and St. Arnaud branches; and at Edenhope there was opportunity for a book chat and cuppa.

Adventurer Tim Cope spoke about his three year trek from Mongolia, across

Southern Russia, Kazakhstan, and the Ukraine to Hungary and the week concluded with Library stand at the Horsham Antique Fair, demonstrating databases and family history resources.



Tim Cope

## City of Canterbury

A competition was held in which people could submit creative work to explain why they feel libraries are for everyone. The following entry in the adult category included a written piece as well as a beautiful painting; both particularly moving and truly reinforced the value of what we do. They will be placed on permanent display at Campsie Library.

*I am not alone.*

*The book was my childhood friend. I did not feel afraid if I am alone when I have a book. But I have the strong feeling that the libraries are the power to change the world, because it changes our mind, how we feel and how to think.*

*I try to explain my feeling in my artwork. My vision that we are as a fish in the sea; different in everything, language, color, religion, culture, and the library makes us human being together, and our mind become much richer.*

*I feel now I can communicate with other in the society.*



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