Cooloola **Then** and **Now** website

History, and its linkage to the present and future of regional Queensland, is extremely important in heritage-minded communities such as Gympie. With this in mind, Cooloola Libraries set about securing a State Library of Queensland Library Strategic Development Grant to undertake the Cooloola Then and Now project.

Fiveways Then

Funding enabled Cooloola Libraries to create a photographic website documenting the changes in the Shire. Staff selected over 40 historical images dating

Fiveways Now

back to the late 1800s and employed a local photographer to take photographs from the same location and position. Views of the Cooloola region have been labeled to give everyone a deeper understanding of the location of historical buildings, landmarks and street direction.

The popularity of Cooloola Then and Now site has been overwhelming with over three and a half thousand hits in January alone **http://www.cooloola.qld.gov.au/library/thenandnow**

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Information **Awareness** Month - **May** 2008

Information Awareness Month (IAM) aims at increasing public awareness of the information industry and the importance of maintaining good records and information, relating to everyone from global corporations through to small business and even the homemaker – in other words 'connecting information and people'.

This year's 'Safety: Security: Privacy' theme is more relevant than ever, in light of the increasing prevalence and notoriety of cases involving Identity Theft, SPAM, E-Mail Scams, Sharing of Personal Information, Electronic Access of Information, Electronic Banking and Credit Card Fraud.

IAM is a collaborative event between various bodies within the records/archiving/information management community including the Records Management Association of Australasia (RMAA), the Australian Society of Archivists (ASA), National Archives of Australia (NAA), Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA), Institute for Information Management (IIM) and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and is supported by a number of key State Authorities in Australia such as the Public Records Office of Victoria (PROV).

Events are being run throughout May in all states and territories. Details available on the Information Awareness Month website **http://www.informationawarenessmonth.com.au**