

When you want to relax . . .

... during your Adelaide trip, take time off to visit Kangaroo Island. At Seal Bay you'll find these friendly seals, and the Island has a lot more to offer. The Flinders Chase National Park takes up a large part of the island's area and offers more than 10,000 hectares of undisturbed reserve.



STOP PRESS

Victoria - From 29 March-21 June there will be a series of short courses covering AACR2, DDC19, serials and government publications. Contact Pam Naylor, Whitehorse College of TAFE (03) 89 6243 ext 20. Watch Happenings for further information.

BOOK ENDS!

TASMANIANS MUST BE unusually rough on their library books, if a recent information sheet emanating from the State Library of Tasmania is anything to go by!

Readers are advised that books should not be taken to the beach, because 'sand gets into the binding, causing it to disintegrate and the book to fall apart'. It looks as though Tasmanian borrowers have a lot to learn, because it is also pointed out to them that suntan lotion will stain the pages and that sun will buckle the cover and make the paper brittle.

And in case it had not already occurred to the hapless readers, the guidelines also mention that the sun can have an equally powerful effect if the book is left inside a car.

Reading in the bath seems to be a very popular habit in Tasmania - though with some disastrous results for the book. Perhaps fingers still greasy from suntan oil cause the readers to drop the books into the bath, because they are warned that water buckles and stains covers and pages.

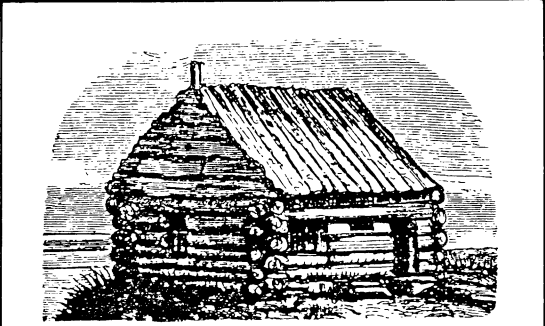
But even if they don't drop the books, they're still in trouble. In the steamy bathrooms of Tasmania, 'high humidity ... gets into the binding, softening the glue! The book probably ends up in a sodden heap on the bathroom floor, no longer able to keep itself together.

By this time you may be thinking that being a book in a Tasmanian library is a very short-term prospect indeed. But there are many more hazards they have to face. Apart from the obvious ones of being bent backwards and having their spines broken, having their corners turned down to keep a place, there are greater dangers ...

Many of them are chewed, if not eaten completely, by that friend of humankind, the family dog. And it appears that sometimes in Tasmania, the circle of domestic animals is extended a little to include pigs, and some library books have come to an unfortunate end amid the pigswill. It is not certain whether this was to improve the pig's mind or a comment on the quality of the book!

There are other cases where the pig and the book have had a more practical relationship, but again the borrower has revealed a very shortsighted attitude - pieces of bacon and have been used as bookmarks! Although no statistics have been provided about the frequency of this occurrence, the practice is firmly discouraged, and, in this case, no further explanation was considered necessary!

Hear Patricia Cianciolo,
LAA 22, Adelaide August 22-26, '82.



Book now for 1982-83 courses in Gt Britain

THE BRITISH COUNCIL is organising a number of educational courses to be held in England during 1982 and 1983, and interested people are invited to apply. Applications close in Sydney one month before the course dates.

The courses cover a very wide range of subjects, including Museums in Education, Management of Information and Library Services, Bookshop Management, Resource-Based Learning and Archive Administration. The venues are at towns throughout Great Britain, ranging from Exeter to Edinburgh and from Aberystwyth to Oxford.

For a complete list of the courses being held, the dates and booking information, please contact the British Council, PO Box 88, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

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Don't forget to advise the LAA so that you don't miss any copies of *InCite* and *Australian Library Journal*.

Complete the form below and send to LAA, 473 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010.

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