

# A special year in Queensland

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Once again, it is my pleasure to report on the activities of this innovative, practical and proactive committee.

At our monthly meeting we often joke that we always seem to fall on our feet! We always set out to 'break even' when offering continuing education and social activities but somehow always manage to be 'in credit'. So it is with great pride that I report that the Section has (once again) achieved the following and is able to pass on a modest bank balance to the incoming committee in 1997.

Our *Directory of spe-*

*cial libraries in Queensland* has proved its value to many hundreds of fellow librarians and in 1996 showed rapid pre- and post-publication sales. Special thanks to Di Thornthwaite, our editor.

The *Queensland Special Librarian of the Year Award* was presented at our annual Australian Library Week breakfast. This event and the award continues to be one of our annual highlights. Our special thanks to Alfred Gans of ISA for his generous support of both events.

Meg Jones and Sue Hutley (our continuing education officers) kept members

busy throughout the year with constant offers of library tours, career development seminars, international special librarians day cocktail parties and many other professional programs. Jane Simon coordinated a constant stream of Internet training courses ranging from basic to 'train the trainer'.

Newsletter editors Maleah Harris and Claire Hill kept all Section members informed on a regular basis and wore out their fingertips by posting *Extra special* to more than 300 members every eight weeks.

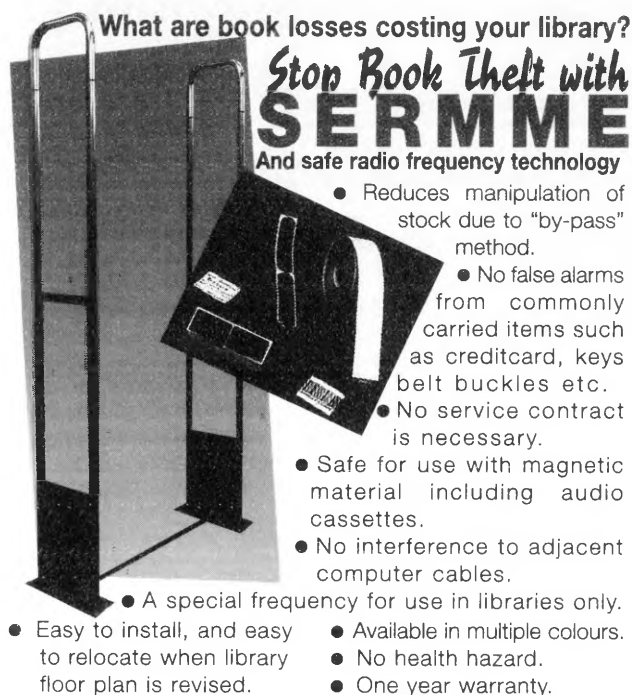
Our distant members in

Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba and Rockhampton kept in touch and contributed valuable articles and feedback to us city slickers. We were able to respond by sending a little financial contribution their way to assist with local activities.

I could go on in greater depth, but suffice to say that 1996 has been a year which has given your committee a great deal of work and pride — and on your behalf, I thank all Queensland Specials Section committee members for their generous and tireless efforts. ■

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