

Joondalup goes mobile

The City of Joondalup in Western Australia has launched its first wireless website. Members of the public are now able to access a wide range of dynamic information provided by the City of Joondalup Library and Information Service, from any WAP-enabled mobile telephone/PDA.

In what is believed to be a first for local government in Western Australia and possibly Australia, the City is now able to reach out further than ever before and provide information to the public as and when it is required, 24 hours per day, seven days per week, regardless of where a user is located. Being near a computer is no longer a necessity to access online information.

The range of services offered currently includes library opening hours, an upcoming local events database, searching the library catalogue and placing requests, and searching the community information database for local organisations. Further services are under development. These can be accessed at <http://library.joondalup.wa.gov.au/wap/> (not currently available via Optus).

To be able to access the wireless web via WAP, users should contact their mobile telecommunications provider. For more information about the City of Joondalup Library and Information Service WAP site, contact Trevis Lawton on 08 9400 4738 or trevis.lawton@joondalup.wa.gov.au. ■

Award winners announced

The Centre for Australian Cultural Studies awards

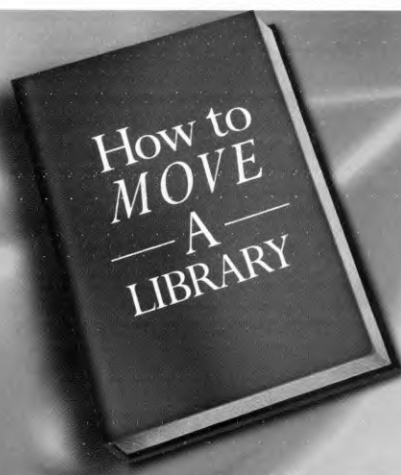
Peter Carey has won the National Cultural Award from the Centre for Australian Cultural Studies for his book *True History of the Kelly Gang*.

Carey gives readers a unique view of the Kelly story through the imaginative medium of Ned Kelly's diary, from his childhood to his last days.

Centre director David Headon said, 'The story of Ned Kelly has always been entrenched in the Australian psyche.'

The National Library of Australia took the prize in the group category for its exhibition *The World Upside Down: Australia 1788-1830*, which showcased books, maps, drawings, prints and letters in the Library's collection from early colonial Australia.

The Centre, supported by University College at the Defence Force Academy and the University of Canberra, gives the awards for 'an outstanding contribution to the quality of Australian cultural life', and is sponsored by the *Canberra Times* and the National Capital Authority. ■



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