
The Gratis Net

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CONVENOR'S COLUMN

1993 has been a year of consolidation for the network and I'm sure we are all reaping the benefits of the combined fiche and would like to thank those involved in its production. With the task complete the network is looking to other projects which will improve the network as a whole for all its members.

The national membership directory and review of the data entry sheets are among the first of the projects you will be aware of in 1994. There will also be a group looking into electronic options for the network's data, so we can expect to hear from them in the new year as well. We invite anyone with comments regarding any of these issues to contact either their local state committee or the national committee.

The network is the total of all its parts -- I hope that you will support GRATISNET in whatever capacity you can in the coming year. On behalf of the national co-ordinating committee, I wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous 1994.

Mary Anne Ross

Lidcombe Hospital Centenary

To celebrate the centenary of the Lidcombe Hospital, the Librarian, Don Keast has compiled a book, **Lidcombe Hospital: a pictorial history, 1893-1993**. Colleen McCullough has written the foreword.

The book is priced at \$6 per copy PLUS \$2 postage per order.

Please make cheques payable to: "Lidcombe Hospital Auxiliary". Copies are available from:

MEDICAL LIBRARY
LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL
P.O. BOX 247
LIDCOMBE NSW 2141

(02) 646 8239

Note from the editors

This is the first newsletter to emanate from Queensland since GRATISQ took over the National Co-ordinating role in August. We would like to introduce ourselves, Megan Neumann (QWES), and Louise Norman (QES), as editors and compilers of "The Gratisnet" for the next two years. We look forward to receiving any news of interest to the whole network, and facilitating the communication process within the network.

Please send your news to your state reporters as listed:

GRATIS Marion Steele, NWCH
GRATISACT Sheelagh Sneddon, AWH
GRATISSA Julie Hooke, SRAH
VICGRATIS Bill Freeman, VCI

The deadline for the March 1994 newsletter is the 28th February, 1994.

GRATISQ

QELR - This NUC code has now been cancelled and replaced by QTLN:F. This is due to the amalgamation of the Dept. of Industrial Affairs Library and the Bureau of Employment, Vocational and Further Education and Training (BEVFET) Library. There is now one library service for the Queensland Dept. of Employment, Vocational Education, Training and Industrial Relations (DEVETIR) called the DEVETIR Library. Contact details are:

DEVETIR Library
Forbes House
LMB 2234 GPO
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Ph: (07) 227 3962
Fax: (07) 227 5217
E-mail: (QTLN)

Librarian: Greg Ovens
ILL Officer: Jill Duff

QROC - The former Medical Library, Rockhampton Base Hospital has relocated and is now incorporated in the Yangalla Centre, Rural Health Training Unit.

The new name and postal address are as follows:

Health Science Library
Yangalla Centre
PO Box 4028
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700

The phone and fax numbers remain the same:

Ph: (079) 316 218
Fax: (079) 274 978

The library is now located on the ground floor of the Staff Quarters, Rockhampton Base Hospital in Canning Street.

QES has had a name change to become the Queensland Emergency Services Library. The library now has a fax machine located next to the library. The new fax number is (07) 227 4829. All other contact details remain the same.

GRATIS

NPOW has been refurbished and has re-opened for business

GRATISSA

Cathy Schier (SRAH and SJF) has now been appointed to a professional position at Regency College of TAFE. We wish her well for her new challenge.

GRATISACT

ACHA - This library is currently being amalgamated with AWWH.



**AROUND
THE TRAPS**

VICGRATIS

VMTR - The Medical Library, Mount Royal Hospital have withdrawn from the network until further notice.

New member - The network welcomes a new member, The Northeastern Metropolitan Psychiatric Service. Their coding sheets have been completed although the library's holdings will not be on the fiche until next year. At the time of printing no address details were available. However, we will advise you of the contact details as soon as possible.

NATIONAL DIRECTORY

All GRATISNET members should by now have received a form requesting up-to-date details on their libraries for inclusion in the forthcoming national membership directory. The aim is to have to have the directory available by March 1994.

NEW CODING SHEET

The National Co-ordinating Committee is putting out a call for any submissions regarding a redesign of the coding sheets currently used for recording holdings. A simple, single sheet is required if possible. Bear in mind that the end-users of the forms are data entry staff at Uni Co-Op. Please send all ideas to Chris Parker (QWPH).

LOGO COMPETITION

The National Co-ordinating Committee is running a competition to find a logo for GRATISNET. The prize is a \$50 voucher towards any purchase from the University Co-Op Bookshop. Those of you with children can get the kids onto the job during the school holidays. Please send your entries to Megan Neumann (QWES) by 31st January, 1994.

UNI CO-OP BOOKSHOP DISCOUNTS

It has come to the Committee's attention that some network members may be ordering items from the Co-op Bookshop without identifying themselves as GRATISNET members. By using your "Discount entitlement card" and quoting your account and membership numbers when purchasing books from the Co-op Bookshop the network receives 2% of the sales value from Uni Co-op. If you have lost your Discount entitlement card or were unaware that this arrangement existed, please contact Carolyn Cherrett at Uni Co-op on (02) 281 9011.

ILL RULES

It has been brought to the attention of the Co-ordinating Committee that some members may not be observing the ranking system. In some instances this may be due to confusion with the new fiche where, instead of sending requests to their own state members first, some people have been sending requests to the locations listed first on the fiche.

In addition, all members are reminded of paragraph 6.2 in the "GRATISNET code of conduct, rules and objectives." This paragraph suggests that, where necessary, note on your request forms the libraries that have been previously tried.

ERRORS IN THE NEW FICHE

Several errors in the new fiche have been noticed, and the Committee thanks Don Keast for bringing a large number to its attention. So that the next fiche can be even better, all GRATISNET members are asked to document any errors they come across and send them to Di Thornthwaite at QMM. Please note that errors in holdings information are not wanted - just submit coding sheets to amend these in the usual way. The type of errors that have already been noted are duplicate entries for the same title, misspellings, etc.



Merry Christmas to all

NEW NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Queensland Committee has taken over the national co-ordinating role. Your new national committee members and their roles are as follows:

Mary Anne Ross (QPCH)	Prince Charles Hospital Medical Library Ph: (07) 350 8317 <i>National Convenor / GRATISQ Convenor / Coding sheet co-ordinator</i>
Di Thornthwaite (QMM)	McAuley Library, School of Nursing Mater Public Hospitals Ph: (07) 840 8639 <i>Minutes Secretary / Coding sheet & manual redesign co-ordinator</i>
Christine Promnitz (QDH)	Qld Health Central Library Ph: (07) 234 0933 <i>Treasurer / National directory co-ordinator</i>
Chris Parker (QWPH)	West Moreton Health Library Ph: (07) 271 8488 <i>New members co-ordinator</i>
John Sutherland (QSIM)	Safety in Mines Testing and Research Station Information Centre Ph: (07) 288 2788 <i>Statistics co-ordinator</i>
Megan Neumann (QWES)	Wesley Hospital Library Ph: (07) 377 7478 <i>National and State newsletter editor</i>
Louise Norman (QES)	Queensland Emergency Services Library Ph: (07) 227 5759 <i>Committee member</i>
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