

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on library activities from January 1 to March 31, 2004



A member of the library's Reading Group has donated the library \$1,000. The funds will be spent on reference books and other resources for the Hat Head library.

The little building at Hat Head on the grounds of the Anglican Church is very close to completion. It was consecrated by the Anglican Bishop on the 27th of February and it is likely to be in use before the end of the financial year.

The State Library has run a number of courses during February and March this year. As they are free, and the SL contributes to the travel costs, most members of library staff have attended at least one session. They have become acquainted with the services the SL offers to country public libraries, as well as receiving some specialist training that is of considerable assistance to them in the successful carrying out of their duties. We are very heavily reliant on the State Library for the supply of resources we don't hold.

Libraries all over the state report falling circulation and people through the door. It is gratifying to see that since we started counting the library's website hits in January, the figures have doubled; from 386 in January to 636 in March. Although it is a low base from which to start, we are noticing an increasing number of people reserving their books on the internet, and only coming in when we phone them to say they are available.

Comments by Director

Noted.

Financial Implications

All donations gratefully received.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Nil

ESD Implications

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

For information of Council.

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