

Library Group Report

The Library Group has been meeting regularly. Earlier in the year we unveiled the *Jan Easton Archive*, a collection of eight folders of material distilled from the huge collection of Jan Easton's family history research. A subsequent donation of material from the family of Desmond Smith has been received and is on the shelves in the back room with the Easton collection. Fortunately, it was well organised and indexed when we received it.

We have held an orientation session in October, with 8 attending the print sessions and 11 the digital session. Special thanks to Mel for continuing to run the successful digital sessions for us. Members continue to find these sessions useful, and several have gone on to become library volunteers.

We continue to receive donations of books from both members and general public, to the extent that we were swamped with unsuitable books. We managed to sell some - to members, and to a second-hand bookstore. Of the ones that we couldn't sell, we have donated a large number to the ADRA Op Shop in Morisset. We still have more to dispose of.

We have just completed a stocktake of the books and CDs on the library shelves. It is always a useful exercise, revealing books out of place, mistakes in labelling or cataloguing, and books needing label or binding maintenance. While the final tally isn't complete, it is clear that a number of books have disappeared since our last stocktake two years ago.

Out of our budget of \$1500 we have so far spent about \$1120 on books, stationery and copying. Our sales of used books has brought in \$536 in income for the Society. I am grateful for the dedication of the members Library Group; meetings are enjoyable and productive.

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Librarian

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