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This Ecoso is mainly about women, celebrating the holding of the 4th United Nations Conference on Women which will be held in Beijing 4th to 15th September. Thus the contents of this Ecoso :-

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THE U.N. CONFERENCE AT BEIJING

Statement by Victorian Branch of Union of Australian Women (UAW).

- * Peaceful resolution of disputes and conflicts. Opposition to Australia trading in armaments.
- * Freedom of women to control their own bodies. ie. Freedom of choice on contraception and abortion. Education of women in order for them to make appropriate choice based on economic and social equality. Provision of legal and safe services for all contraceptive and reproduction functions.
- * Equality of women in all aspects of life and elimination of discrimination based on gender, race, sexuality, age, physique or health. Ensure women's right to have access to labour organisations/unions to safeguard working conditions, wages and the right to work.
- * Campaigns and education to eliminate the culture of violence, e.g. Institutional violence, rape and acts of revenge inflicted on women in war. Torture and Disappearances, Traditional violence; e.g. female genital mutilation, (circumcision), killing of female offsprings. Domestic violence.
- * The right of indigenous people to their cultural heritage and their survival and representation as a relevant and legal entity.

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(Statement for U.N. Beijing Conference, continued from previous page)

- * Trafficking - child labour, child sex exploitation, mail order brides, exported domestic servants. International sanctions and boycotts against identified countries which do not take action to eradicate these abuses.
- * World Bank : Insistence on loans being conditional on pro-active government campaigns and strategies to eliminate the economic and cultural causes of exploitation of women and children. Making funds available to women's projects to ensure their independent economic viability.
- * Acceptance of the right of all and diverse groupings of women to representation at the world conference and Women's Forum on the basis that all women's viewpoints are relevant to the central aims of the conference.
- * Recognition by the host country that the participation of non-government organisations is a valuable contribution to international debate and that the downgrading of facilities and moving the Forum Centre to an inaccessible area are not in keeping with the international women's concept of networking and consensus.

WE CAN BE PROUD MELBOURNE WAS THE HOST CITY !

The United Nations - Sovereignty and Global Governance.

Gwen Goedecke, who will be the UAW delegate at the Beijing Conference, has contributed this report on the Fiftieth Anniversary Conference of the United Nations which was held at Latrobe University in July.

"Fifty years after World War 2; after Auschwitz and Hiroshima is as good a time as any to reconsider the most ambitious experiment yet in collective security." With these words, Joe Camilleri, Professor of Politics opened the conference on the role - past, present and future - of the U.N. There were 90 speakers presenting discussion papers in three areas: Global Security, Institutional Reform and Regionalism. Delegates and speakers came from many countries : The USA, South Korea, the Phillipines, France, Kenya, other African states, Japan, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Malaysia, Germany. Thailand, Indigenous Australia and many others.

WOMEN FROM ALL THESE COUNTRIES, fortunately, will take part in the NGO Forum in Beijing in September this year, Demilitarisation must be addressed as a priority at the Women's Forum. Escalating expenditure on arms, accompanied by staggering world poverty and environmental degradation are inescapable facts generally acknowledged by everyone.

Recognising this, women at Beijing in 1995 must ensure that the 1997 Fourth United Nations Special Session on Disarmament becomes the rallying point for a revitalisation of a U.N. Global Disarmament Campaign.

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REGALVANISE THE GLOBAL DISARMAMENT MOVEMENT. (U.N. Conference contd).

Michael Hamel-Green (who many will remember as one of the brave young draft resisters hounded by police because he opposed the Vietnam War) reminded delegates of the urgency of "regalvanising the global disarmament movement by applying **PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY** as a leverage on the governments of the world". The Beijing Conference will provide the link for women to demand an end to nuclear weapons and the down sizing of the global military machine. This means criticism of U.S. foreign policy, Michael Hamel-Green reminded us that the U.S. is the only country to drop the bomb; the U.S. has also threatened to use the bomb against non nuclear states, (eg in the Korean War, 1950; the Vietnam War 1965-75, the Arab-Israeli War 1973; plus the conventional Desert Storm action in the Gulf War 1990). He also warned about the planned French nuclear tests and that China has just tested nuclear weapons, albeit in her own country.

SOME NOTABLE QUOTES

Dr Judy Henderson, Oxfam International "There may be some attempt at Beijing to silence Non Government Organisations (NGOs), it is therefore necessary to establish clear guidelines for trust and co-operation between NGO's Governments and the United Nations."

Prof. Saul Mendlovitz, Rutgers University, "The term "NGO" is disempowering and demeaning terminology. We are citizens and should go under that title."

Dr Inge Kaul, United Nations Development Program, New York (a woman); "Global private enterprise needs to help the U.N development programs as 70% of world income is being generated in the private sector. A levy on international currency transaction is suggested. Daily one trillion dollars crosses international borders to the stock exchanges of the world."

Prof. Hilary Charlesworth (a young Melbourne woman lawyer of whom we can be proud) entitled her talk "Women and other minorities : issues of participation and representation at the United Nations" The irony of her title seemed to have been lost on most of the male audience (!!). She said "Women are under-represented at all levels of the U.N. Only 6 of the 185 member states have women as permanent representatives. In 1993 - one woman to 40 men in head positions. It will take 400 years at this rate for women to participate equally in U.N. structures."

Fran Boyd, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom described the tireless work of this organisation over 80 years.

THE ARMY AND THE U.N. PEACE KEEPING AND DEVELOPMENT ROLE.

Keynote speeches were given by an Australian Army General, A Vice Admiral, the Chief of Staff of Malaysian Armed Forces. but they did not seem to really grasp the complexity and magnitude of the U.N. peace keeping and development role.

However, Commander Robert Green, Royal Navy (retired) was a

welcome change ! He spoke about his work on the World Court Project in the U.K. He admitted to not thinking deeply about the implications of his former job. Now he is totally committed to the strengthening of the legal arm of the U.N. through the International Court of Justice, He said he was, "Working full time to awaken the popular consciousness ... my feelings are the intellectual equivalent to withdrawal from hard drug dependence - a traumatic business !" He referred to N.A.T.O as "the difficult countries." He also expressed satisfaction that Australia's submissions to the International Court are now "not quite so pro-United States." Commander Green gave all delegates a free booklet "Going to Court - Not War !"(Not surprisingly the peace activists gathered around him after his talk).

POOR PRESS

In spite of the international and national importance of this Fiftieth Anniversary Conference of the U.N., it did not appeal to media sensationalism, although the press and T.V. were present daily. The one exception was when the Timorese people and their Australian supporters rallied outside the official opening in order to get their message to Foreign Minister Evans.

Some Additional Information About the U.N. Fiftieth Anniversary (Melb in July) and also about the Fourth U.N. Conference of Women (Beijing in Sept.)

* There were about 500 people present at the UN Conference and about 50% were women. however, women speakers were a tiny minority.

* For more information about Gwen Goedecke (contributor of this article) see back page of Ecoso 2/34.

* At least nine members of the WOMEN'N CIRCUS will be going to the Beijing Conference. They will be presenting ideas of peace and international friendship through circus acts and song and dance.

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Women and Citizenship

Contributed by Ruth Crow who has made a submission to the Senate Inquiry

Currently the Senate is holding an Inquiry on National Citizenship. Its aim is "to provide a opportunities for a wide ranging debate about our own national identity, the quality of community life and the kind of society we want Australia to be."

One of the main ways women have contributed to citizenship has been through the development of community services such as free lending libraries, infant welfare centres, kindergartens, play-groups and other such social amenities, many of which are now (and hopefully in the future) administered by local government.

The Senate Inquiry provides an opportunity to popularise the fact that access to local government enables women to participate more fully in grass roots community development which results in the moral and cultural transformation our society. (For information about the Senate Inquiry write to Parliament House, Canberra or phone 06/277.3561. Ruth Crow's written and oral submissions are available from the Crow Collection or by phoning her at home 03/9329. 8685.)

Women and Local Government.

REPORT ON SHARING POWER CONFERENCE

Why and how women must share power were the two main subjects discussed at the Sharing Power Conference which was convened by the YWCA and held in April this year. The Conference prepared an Agenda for Action. Ecoso reprints the PREAMBLE :-

Across Australia, all government - Commonwealth, State and Local is a masculine preserve. In Victoria, women achieved the right to vote in State and Commonwealth elections in 1908 yet, in 1995 only 10% of members of the House of Representatives and the Victorian Legislative Assembly are women. Men make up 49% of the population and hold 90% of the seats in these so-called "People' Houses"

Universal voting in Victorian Local Government elections was only achieved in 1982, much later than in other states. Yet, before their removal in 1993/94, 45% of councillors in the eleven inner metropolitan councils were women and 21% statewide.

Under-representation of women is also apparent in other key areas of decision making, including :

- * senior ranks of the public service and public sector agencies and
- * powerful lobby groups such as the Committee for Melbourne, Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and other occupational associations.

Commonwealth and State Governments are pursuing economic rationalist policies which :

- * transfer public assets to private interests
- * radically alter the delivery of traditional services and
- * diminish the independence of the public service.

At the same time, the rights and influence of citizens are being reduced and the status of customer substituted for that of citizen.

Many of these policies have a disproportionate effect on women. We are therefore keenly aware of our exclusion from decision-making and determined that our voices will be heard.

AGENDA FOR ACTION.

Delegates decided on a six point Agenda for Action, setting out the "principles" and stating the "action" on 1) Equal Representation, 2) Participatory Democracy, 3) Sustainable Economic Development, 4) Regional and Rural Development, 5) Social Development and 6) Reconciliation. (More information from the YWCA, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 3000, phone 03/9329 5188. Some of the papers from the Conference are obtainable from the Crow Collection) .

Women and Exchanging Information

Over the past couple of decades women have developed a great variety of formal and informal networks. Now they are examining ways of linking into the Information Superhighway. Here is some information on WIRE (Women's Information Referral Exchange), The Rural Women's Network and Welcoming Women. But, first, two examples of the old fashioned ways of exchanging information through letters and postcards.

IMPRESSIONS FROM LATIN AMERICA

Excerpts from a Letter from Audrey Davies.

*Madres De Plaza de Mayo
International Women's Day
March 8th, 1995.*

Buenos Aires has a distinctly European flavour with wide boulevards, smartly dressed people, busy restaurants and cafes, lots and lots of gorgeous young people, kissing flirting and in love.

A flash of a stiletto heel, a taughtly stretched fish net, a sucked in stomach, a lizard with a moustache and sideburns with a snap brimmed hat... two people glued together... the Tango is everywhere !

The President dances to another tune. He has pardoned the generals (Galtieri etc) who were swept from power after the Falklands and into prison to serve long terms to appease the army - but it displeased the people and especially the "mothers" who still march every Thursday at 3.30pm in the Plaza.

Eva Peron's tomb is still frequented by weeping women and young men with red carnations. Simply marked "Familia Duarte" it stands between rows of amazing and eclectic funeral architecture. Juan is not in this crematorium.

Death and suffering you can't avoid it, it's everywhere in South America they cherish it and they worship it. The churches and cathedrals are vastly ornate and filled with statues, bleeding hearts, broken kneecaps, crowns of thorns (six inches deep) blood from eyes, cascades from the sides. There were seven stilettos through one virgin heart.

There are 18,000 "disappeared sons and daughters"

(Audrey is a member of the Crow Collection Association's Committee

Thanks Audrey !)

IMPRESSIONS FROM TENNESSEE

Postcard from Yoland Wadsworth

*Highlander Research and Education Centre
Newmarket, Tennessee, U.S. A.
May 28th 1995*

Do you know of Highlander ? It was important in the lead up to the civil rights movement. ... teaching African Americans to read and write and to therefore be able to fill in their vote registration forms. They also brought together white and black for union/labour organising/training... providing a "free space" to think and strategise, at a time when this was illegal. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks both trained at the Highlander Centre..

From the poor South to the rich North : at Cornell University I met a woman working in agricultural economics. Her work is with isolated rural communities to introduce cost free the Internet for their access and use. She is one of those gentle, tireless, behind the scenes workers who does not get her share of recognition.

(Welcome home to Yoland who has been studying on a Churchill Scholarship).

W. I. R. E.

Pride of place in these examples of information on "information exchanging" goes to the Women's Information Referral Exchange (WIRE). Here are some extracts from a paper by Inez Van Polanen.

GAINING ADVANTAGES USING NETWORKED TECHNOLOGIES.

The Women's Information Referral Exchange (WIRE) is a statewide telephone, referral and support service for women. Women contact WIRE for many reasons, for instance distraught at the prospect of ending a relationship they contact WIRE for support and legal information, not having adequate information about hormone replacement therapy they are worried by the different opinions about this therapy. They might not know where to find a financial counsellor in their area, or they might have been abused as a child and have come to the realisation that this has affected their lives ever since; who can help them, where can they go? Whatever women's needs WIRE acts as a starting point for information but also for gaining some perspective on opinions and gaining control.

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The new developments in information are very exciting. The Internet offers a wealth of information. The assumption is that in the future every household will have access to Internet, however at this moment in time only people in academia, professionals, business people and interested individuals - primarily men - have access.

Our concern at WIRE is that the gulf between the information rich and the information poor is rapidly widening. Specifically, WIRE is concerned that women will be left out. Juggling family and work responsibilities, economic reasons, not having a sense of ownership of technology and not sure what it can offer them. When we look at how many women use Internet, the consensus seems to be that approximately 10 % of users are women. This does not come as a surprise given that :-

- * Women are still under-represented in almost every aspect of computerculture, from programming to product design.
- * Women and men perceive technology in different ways. Men take time out to play with the computer and check it out. Women use computers for specific purposes.
- * Many women don't have access to the hardware and software needed for Internet..

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Community organisations working at grass roots level - such as WIRE - are concerned that resources will not be available to facilitate access to information technologies. It is crucial that funds will be allocated to ensure that the already existing gap will not become wider. Access to community information on networks has to be made available in public places. Community organ-isations and educational institutions can play an important role in making training available, not only for the individual but also for other community information workers, (affirmative action

to ensure that women will use information technology is very important.

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The social aspects of networked technologies have to be integrated in the technical aspects. Information is for people who need it, if they don't have access to it, if they can't find it or if they can't recognise it for what it is, then it might as well not be there. (More information WIRE, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne 03/9654 6844 or 008/13 6570).

Rural Women's Network

The Rural Women's Network is a free newsletter which links women's groups and individuals into a network towards sharing resources and skills to meet the needs of rural women. Through the newsletter women in the country have contact with a support network enabling them to have a more active and influential role in government decisions which affect their lives.

The newsletter has approximately 50 pages packed with information from women from all over Victoria. In its latest issue it had several articles about understanding more about information Superhighway.

One article from a woman in Creswick warned:- *"The so called information highway is largely passing country areas but its existence is going to change the infrastructure of our entire society. The telecottages and changes to schooling are two instances which spring immediately to mind. ... Information is an important part of any enterprise including farming...Crucial decisions will be made, agreements struck in cyberspace.....We can't afford to be left behind.The very technology that is being touted as overcoming distances is still in the hands of a male, urban elite."* (The address of Rural Women's Network is the corner of Mair and Doveton Streets, Ballarat, 3350, phone 053/336. 785).

Wellcoming Women

No, the word "welcomong" has not been mis-spelt. *Wellcoming Women* is a network of women group which meet throughout the Central Highlands, the Grampians and the Wimmera. It is a health service which recognises that encouraging women to form their own groups to discuss issues contributes to preventing of illness. .

Wellcoming Women has a network through which it distributes 1200 quarterly newsletters. The March newsletter included information about discussion circles held in Stawell, Horsham, Warnambool, Brim, Dunmunkle Rainbow and other towns. It also included information about health needs of Turkish and other NESB women, smoking, breast screening, old age women as carers as well as articles about women in overseas countries (Burma, Papua New Guinea. Information on the Beijing Conference was also included, and as it was published in March it featured an article by Joan Kirner celebrating International Women's Day. *Wellcoming Women* has easily accessible drop in Centres right in the hubs of Ballarat, Stawell and Horsham. (For more information phone Horsham 053/81 1663, Stawell 053/58 4113, Ballarat 053/33 5201.)

Women and History

*"The shallowness of men ignorant of their history,
is their destruction."*

The above quote is from George Bernard Shaw, please excuse his old fashioned, sexist language and also take heed of what Joan Kirner said in her 1995 International Women's Day message :-

"Rose Scott was right when she said, in 1902 at the victory celebrations for the vote for women that "The males involved in historical events will live on, not only in the history of Australia, but that of the world, while the names of the women will be largely forgotten". She then gave this example :-

"You would think from the celebrations that the war was won by men. Who actually staffed the munitions factories ? Who ran the land army ? Who looked after the kids at home ? Who worked in the nursing services ? Women - but the story of women's contribution is largely untold."

The Crow Collection has some original documents about women's participation as volunteers and workers during the Second World War. Here is a quote from an article by Ruth Crow, in the Brunswick Children's Centre Newsletter, September 1944:-

"On invasion day (the opening of the Second front. in June 1944 ed) workers and helpers from the Brunswick Children's Centre gathered with other Brunswick citizens in the Town Hall.....This turning point in the war should make us think once more about our responsibilities in ensuring that victory will be ours. Today the woman's task is not to wait and weep, but to work to win". (emphasis Ecoso ed.)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN THE MID 50s

It is nearly 40 years since teachers in the Victoria Education Department won the right to permanency for married women .

Before 1957 marriage meant resignation, or if lucky, demotion to temporary teaching. This meant not only a smaller salary but much lower status. The 1956 Married Women's Teachers Act put an end to 68 years of discrimination.

The Public Service Act in 1889 excluded women from the teaching service but it had a loop hole which enabled married women to be employed as temporaries, with much lower salaries no promotion opportunities and often in remote schools.

It is timely to give recognition to the tenacious teachers who so successfully campaigned for married women to have permanency, they not only had to face the Department's bureaucarcy but also the name calling which was so prevalent during the 1950s Cold War period.

They blazed the Affirmative Action trail !

BOOKS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Congratulations to Morag Loh (Committee member of the Crow Collection Committee) on the publication of her latest book for children "Grandpa and Ah Gong". The story is about a little girl and her two grand-fathers. The child has to come to terms with complex human relation-ships....balancing expectations and realities. Like two of her other books "The Kinder Hat" and "Tucking Mummy In" this book is a book for 2 to 8 year old youngster and all adults.

Other Books to Look Out for are :-

Breaking Through - Women, Work and Careers ; Jocelyne Scutt (Artemis ISBN 1 875658 00 9). And, another book by Jocelyne Scutt *City Women Country Women*, (Artemis)

The Politics of Australian Child Care - from Philanthropy to Feminism Deborah Brennan (Cambridge ISBN 0 521 41792 9)

"Kindergarten at the Crossroads - the Werribee Kindergarten Study" by Harry van Moorst and Sue Graham, Faculty of Arts, VUT Werribee (ISBN 1 86272 478 4)

"Workers with Family Responsibilities - Handbook for Unions" published by ACTU ISBN 331 1330994)

"Preliminary Report of the Best Practice in Primary Health Care." David Legge, Gai Wilson, Paul Butler, Maria Wright, (more information 03 9482 2127).

"The Stuff Dreams are Made of - Housing Provision in Australia 1945 - 1960." by Alstair Greig, (Melbourne Uni. Press, ISBN 0522 84621 1.)

"The Globalisation of Capitalism and Its Impact on Australia" by Ted Wheelwright and Abe David (not yet published)

"A Republican Manifesto" by John Hirst, (Oxford Press, ISBN 0 19 553649 5)

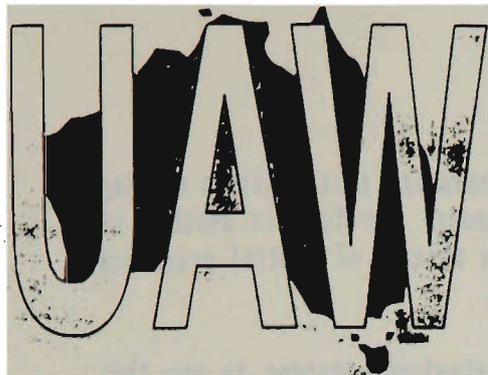
"Discussion Paper on A System of National Citizenship Indicators" (For information see page 4 of this Ecoso)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Fifth Women and Labour Conference will be held from 29th September to 1st October at Macquarie University, NSW. More information from School of History, Macquarie University NSW, . 2109, 02/850 8861.

An Evening with Carmen Lawrence at the invitation of the Sunshine International Women's Committee at Brimbank Council Annex (near Sunshine Town Hall) on Friday, October 27th. registration from 6 pm. The meeting will start at 7 pm,. More information from Gwen Goedecke 9311 1933.



Union of Australian Women Documents

An important collection of documents detailing the history of the Union of Australian Women was recently donated to the St Albans campus library.

The UAW played an important role in the history of women's reform in Australia and was active in pushing for many of the rights that Australian women today take for granted.

It was initially formed in 1946 as the New Housewives Association which affiliated with an international organisation known as WIDF (Women's International Democratic Federation).

The Union changed its name to the Union of Australian Women to reflect a change in outlook from issues traditionally regarded as 'housewifery' to broader community concerns affecting women such as:

reflect a change in outlook...

- to win and defend women's rights
- to defend the rights of all children to life, happiness and education
- to safeguard peace

Issues such as peace and human rights, peace in relation to women and children, wages and women in industry, prices, child welfare and women's health were chief priorities.

The Union was active in campaigns against the Korean and Vietnam wars; atomic testing and proliferation bans against war propaganda including war toys for children; equal pay and equal

Equal pay and equal opportunities in education, work and in government

opportunities in education, in work and in government; provision of kindergartens and childcare for working mothers; paid maternity leave and child endowment.

The Union for Australian Women has also supported other women's organisations campaigning for more family planning clinics, free contraceptives and the right to have abortion treated as any other medical procedure.

The documents consist of correspondence, manuscripts, newspaper clippings and notes relating to various campaigns and activities that the Union of Australian Women has been involved with.

of interest to researchers

The documents are currently being added to the collection and once catalogued, will be made available as a special collection of interest to researchers and others interested in the history of the women's movement in Australia.

For further information contact Susan Monaghan at St Albans campus library on 9365 2238.

These two articles are from "Inform (The Information Paper Highway)" Issue No 2, June 1995.

"Inform" is the newsletter for the Victoria University libraries.



Community Access to the Internet

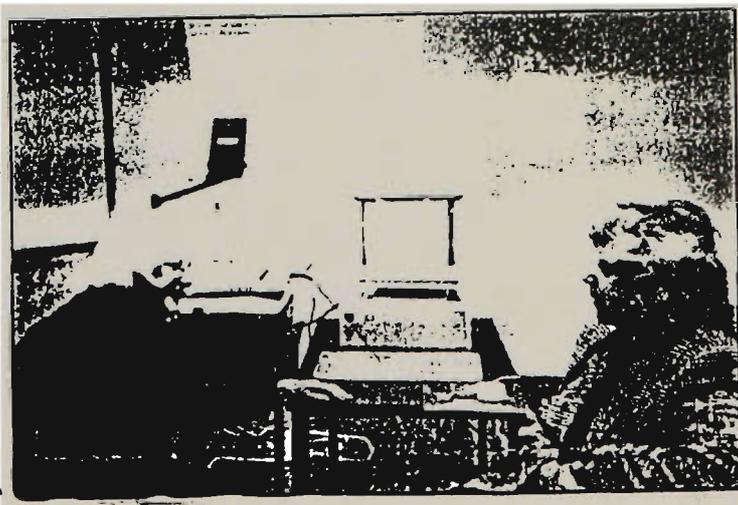
Ruth and Maurie Crow amassed a huge collection of political and planning materials during their long involvement as community activists. These materials are now held at the Footscray campus Library and form the basis of an active Crow Collection Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held on April 5th. After the meeting, a talk was given by Susan Jennison, the Footscray Arts Subject Liaison Librarian on AARNet and INTERNET use at the Victoria University Library including image data on the World Wide Web, the Firstsearch document delivery service and the Victorian regional catalogue 'Coolcat'.

The audience was keen to know of the latest developments in access to the information Super highway by the general community. The March issue of the Crow Collection Association Newsletter 'ECOSO Exchange' raised the issues of information infrastructure which is morally and legally accountable to the public.

"...If residential consumers (of information) are not to be left by the roadside, condemned to the dirt track, or given selected highway services for which they do not have the most need or interest, then a dynamic notion of universal service in terms of geographic availability, accessibility, affordability, technical standards and social participation will be necessary."

Gerard Gogging and Christopher Newell ('Media Information Australia' Nov 1994)



Community activist Ruth Crow and Librarian Susan Jennison 'surfing' the Internet

Access to University Archive

To arrange access to the University Archive, contact Sarah Brown, the University Archivist at the St Albans Campus, Building 7. Telephone 9365 2659 on Mondays and Wednesdays 9.00am to 5.00pm and Fridays 9.00am to 12.30pm

Ecoso Exchange Guidelines

Adopted 1973

1. Ecoso has a value judgement in favour of regeneration and promotion of community participation meaning that it is humanising and enriching for people to relate to each other through one form or another of voluntary participatory activity both on the job and off the job, exercising a measure of control over such activities.

2. A consequent recognition of the necessity for change in life-style and behaviour patterns to one that sees the quality of life as an alternative to consumerism, understood as mass production and consumption of wasteful and unsatisfactory goods and services based on compulsion and manipulation.

3. Accordingly a policy of restricting the use of energy and non-renewable resources per head and hence a planned design of community including size of population, where people can relate to each other and to nature in order to reduce wasteful goods and services and at the same time guaranteeing an adequate minimum subsistence for all, using modern technology to this end.

4. The recognition that such objectives cannot be achieved either on the basis of practical, linear, one-level ecological remedies or with authoritarian and manipulative control of affairs and requires participatory effort to achieve global equilibrium.

(Subscription to Ecoso Newsletter \$10 for 6 issues. Ecoso was first published from 1967 to 1980. It was revived in 1988. The Crow Collection Association was formed in 1990. It has adopted Ecoso as its newsletter. More information about the Crow Collection and Ecoso from the address below.)



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A Living Library to Plan for the 21st Century

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