# Moving experiences – libraries on the move

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## Unplanned library move

- 4.00 pm Wednesday16 October 2002
- Asbestos audit results= 0.01 airborne fibres
- Training centre and library to close permanently
- No access. Temporary move to offsite computer centre





### Library Disaster Recovery Manual

- Useful for identifying priorities for removal
- Example: fire museum items, photo sets, slide sets, newspaper clippings, journals



#### With a little help from my friends...

Electronic services such as Emerald, Standards Australia, NFPA Codes, Lawlex legislation

inFIRE, ALIES, VIGLA Listservs and online catalogues







## The second library move

- Check out the new facility. Tag the rooms and storage areas with a heavy duty marker
- Document responsibilities of all involved
- Budget for extra help after the move





#### Memorabilia database

- Recruit framed photographs
- Awards
- Antique fire equipment
- Plaques
- Paintings
- Trophies
- Uniforms

- Prints
- Badges
- Display gifts from overseas fire services
- Helmets
- Certificates
- Honour boards
- Ornaments





#### LESSONS LEARNT

- Be involved in preparing an organisation business recovery plan
- Continue to obtain, control and promote electronic information services
- Have a continuous weeding process in place
- Enlist services of facilities services

# The next library move.....

