



FROM LIBRARY TO RESOURCE CENTRE.

'To build up a library is to create a life. It's never just a random collection of books'

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Pittsworth State High School started its existence with a library housed at back of one of the classrooms. In 1967 a set of World Book Encyclopaedia was donated by the Kincora Ladies' Sunshine Club and in 1968 resources were purchased thanks to funds raised by the Year 11s, who held a second hand book drive, and from the school musical. Sir Alan and Lady Enid Fletcher also generously donated a number of books, some of which are still being used today.

In 1971 a library was opened on the 9 July by Sir Alan Fletcher only to be rebuilt in 1977 after a devastating fire. This was the opportunity to locate all the learning resources in one area and a full time Teacher Librarian- Len Saunders- was appointed in 1978. Paige Neale also took on the role of Library Teacher Aide in 1978 retiring in 1994 when Nerida Hegarty became the new Aide.

By 1983 the library was an established resource centre with 8350 titles in the book collection alone and with subscriptions to a staggering 73 magazines. Val Fiechtner also come on board as an Aide in 1983 retiring in 2005. The library was not just a place for quiet reading but in heavy demand from other sections of the school community- for Staff Meetings, Road Safety lectures and the judging of Miss Funcarna (was there a catwalk in the library?)

Borrowing went through the roof in the mid 80s thanks to two highly popular reading programs- RIBIT (Read In Bed Its Terrific) and SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) but the most exciting news was the plan for a Resource Centre which opened in May, 1990. The new centre could accommodate 152 people in 9 learning areas but only became operational after the Year 12s moved 16 000 resources.

In 2002 Len Saunders retired after 24 years at the helm and since then the Resource Centre has been manned by Jenny Sullivan, Jane Silcock, Tania Garratt and Narelle Ferguson.