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guide, such as a letter code for primary, secondary, etc., which would greatly extend teachers' effective freedom of choice.

However, this book is too valuable a resource to be neglected, and the few inconveniences will be more than compensated for by the increased ready access it will give to the very complex field of AV resources.

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Young Aboriginals at Work. A Career Booklet. AGPS, Canberra, 1978.

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What do Lynette Atkinson - Recreational Officer, Peter Lenoy - Diesel Fitter, and Michelle Conway - Receptionist, have in common? They all appear in the most recent edition of the Commonwealth Employment Service's career booklet, *Young Aboriginals at Work*.

The booklet presents excellent 'on the job' photographs of young Aboriginals, accompanied by brief biographies giving details of each person's educational and vocational history.

From the booklet we learn that -

Marlene Mitchell is a Trainee Kindergarten Assistant at Mt Hawthorn Kindergarten in Perth, W.A. Aged 19 years, she attended Eastern Goldfields Senior High School until the completion of third year and then moved to Perth to begin her course on basic child care with the WA Pre-School Board. Marlene hopes to return to her people as a trained kindergarten assistant. (p.30)

and that

Timothy Manguarra, 26, was born at Roper River, N.T. and completed post-primary schooling at Numbulwar.

Timothy completed a motor mechanic's course and then was successful in being chosen as a Liaison Officer at the Darwin Police Station.

This immediately involved him in a 6-week training course in Alice Springs and he has now been acting as a Liaison Officer for 18 months. His duties include interpreting, assisting Aboriginal people and advising police officials on matters concerning his people. (p.36)

Many other young Aboriginal people, who are working and training in a wide range of jobs, appear in the booklet. Some of the occupations represented are electrician, public servant, glazier, compositor, counsellor, data processor, artist, hostel supervisor, nursing aide and administrator.

Not only does the booklet present positive images of successful and satisfied Aboriginals (to non-Aboriginals as well as to other Aboriginals) but also it encourages young Aboriginals to think about the employment possibilities available to them. It should, therefore, be of use to all those people who are concerned about the job prospects of young Aboriginals, and that, of course, includes teachers and those responsible for career education programs in schools.

I think *Young Aboriginals at Work* should be on the shelves (hopefully off the shelves more often than not) of every school library. It is available, free of charge, from the Australian Government Publishing Service or from the Commonwealth Employment Service.

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