“Team Christmas”. This week’s Property Service’s Christmas Function ran like a well-oiled machine (despite the weather) as a consequence, once again, of the cooperative efforts of a number of people. PS extends, on behalf of Chris White and the rest of the Management Teams, sincere thanks to: Rosie Issa - whose coordination skills around this big project cannot be underestimated, Tony Metherell (alias Director of Fun) for organising the music, Mark Gunther for taking photographs of the event, AVS for installing the PA, Carl Reidy, David Wilks and several others from Facilities Services for supplying ice buckets and for arranging cleaning and cartage services, Chris White and Terry McNicol for arranging drinks, Trish Mitchell and Chris Box for ‘dressing’ the tables, collecting the ice and helping to set up / tidy up and the doubtless others who chipped in at this busy time to make the celebration a success.
Congratulations to Space Planning’s Melways Quiz Winner

LAURIE CUTTIFORD

(answers below)

1. What is the oldest building owned by RMIT? Building 11 (1860)
2. Which building housed the student café before Building 8 was built? Building 6
3. By Gross Floor Area which are the three biggest buildings in the University? B108, B 8 & B10
4. What is the tallest building on the Bundoora campus? Building 201 (Siddons)
5. The Hamilton campus is on which highway? Gleneig Highway

Congratulations to Paul Stockwell who joined the throng of RMIT Graduates this month to collect his Master of Business Administration degree.

PS takes this opportunity to thank all of the Property Services staff who in any way contributed to the smooth running of the 2004 Graduation Event.

Message from the Executive Director - There is no denying that 2004 has been a difficult year. Along with the loss of our dear friend and colleague Peter Wilson we have had many other challenges to cope with. The University is no doubt in a troubled state but Executive Management changes already seem to be having a favourable impact. Reorganisation decisions have provided an opportunity for some staff to avail themselves of voluntary departure packages and whilst we wish all of them well in their future endeavours, we will sorely miss their experience, expertise and enthusiasm. The recent Organisational Review of Property Services too has been a mixed blessing. Even though it fell on us at a busy time of the year and in the midst of accommodating the fall out of departing colleagues it also provided a welcome opportunity to take stock of where we are, where we want to head to and what strategies we will need to pursue to get to a position which I truly see will be a better work situation for all of us. I wish every one of you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and I hope that you return to us next year re-energized after a relaxing break to work together refreshed towards a better future.

Chris White

P.S. extends its condolences to Julian Holdsworth-Smith and to Grant McGuffie whose Mothers passed away last month.