

# Novel idea turns page on \$10,000

WET weather did not stop literature-enthusiasts rushing to the Ipswich Showgrounds yesterday to buy pre-loved copies of their favourite novels at Drug ARM's fourth annual Book Affair.

Drug ARM national marketing and communications manager Josie Loth said volunteers sold about 4000 books yesterday and the organisation was on track to raise its target of \$10,000.

But despite patrons walking away with armfuls of bargains, yesterday's sales barely made a dent in the organisation's stockpile as Drug ARM launched the Book Affair with about 40,000 to 50,000 books across 26 categories.

Books sold for between 50 cents and \$5 yesterday and will become even cheaper today and tomorrow.

Due to heavy rain yesterday, Ms Loth said "everything must go".



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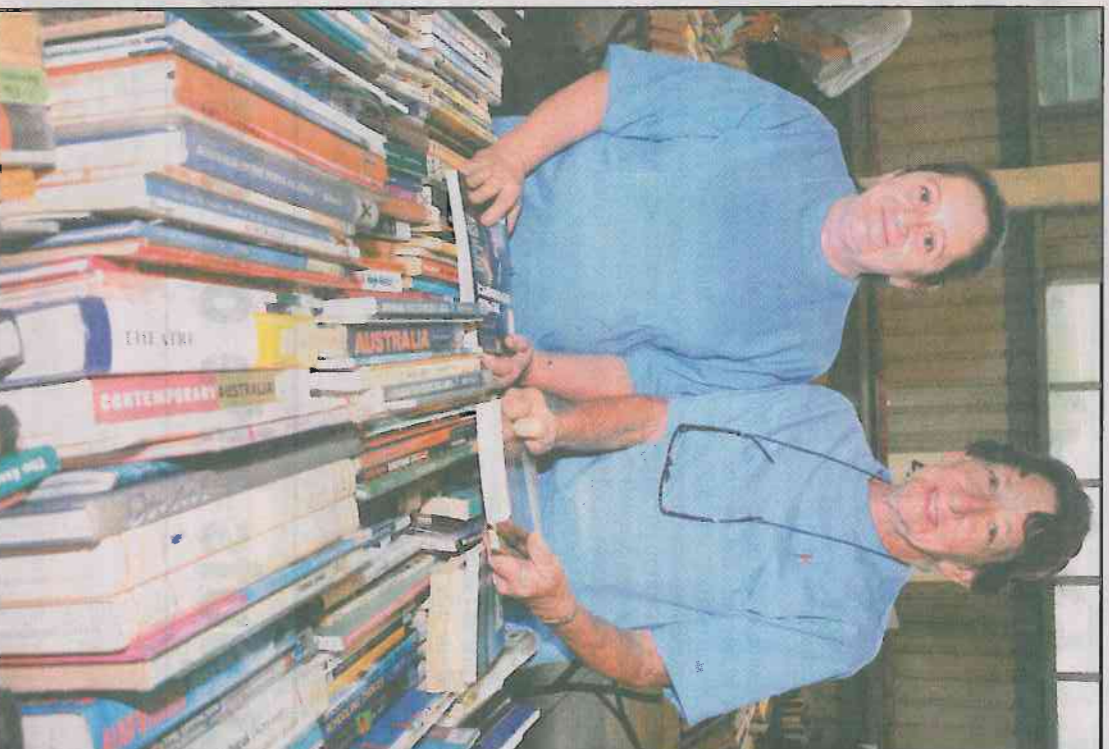
"Because it's raining we can't get any of our books back to where they are stored," Ms Loth said.

Books will be very cheap tomorrow and could be sold "by the box".

"We've marked everything down," Ms Loth said.

Money raised will go to Drug ARM, which conducts several programs in Ipswich, including the Community and Family Support Service and the Queensland Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative.

■ **The Book Affair opens today from 9am to 4pm and tomorrow from 9am to 1pm.**



**VOLUNTEERS: Debbie Allen and Pauline Newton help at the Ipswich Book Affair.**

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**FAMILY FUN: Mackenzie Taylor with her Grandma Gwendolyn Taylor find a great read.**

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**BARGAIN HUNTER: Bruce Hunter picks a bargain.**

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