

## **DENNIS JOHNSON**

Dennis Johnson was Blacktown City Council's Town Clerk/General Manager from 1984 until his untimely passing in 1996.

Mr Johnson was at the forefront of guiding Blacktown City Council through a period of growth and development. He balanced necessary management reform with a longer plan of financial stability. He was an unpretentious man who was quietly proud of his strategy to achieve a debt-free Council.

He successfully undertook the demanding and difficult job of administering one of the largest local government authorities in Australia. Amongst the developments that occurred during Mr Johnson's term were:

- construction of the inner ring road in the Blacktown CBD
- provision of an extensive network of community facilities including the expansion of child care services
- a high quality network of recreational facilities including Nurragingy Reserve and Plumpton park
- negotiating the expansion of the Westpoint Shopping Centre, Blacktown.

The naming of this newest Branch Library stands as a permanent reminder of Mr Johnson's commitment to the people of this City.