

brary, 13/10 — Glenroy Library). RSVP: Sheena Daniel, ph (03) 9817 4566.

• **2/6-8/12 ALIA Vic Special Libraries section committee meetings.** Venue to be advised, 5.30pm. (2/6; 14/7; 11/8; 8/9; 13/10; 10/11; 8/12). For further information contact: Anne Sedgley, ph (03) 9616 8011

11-12/6 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Market Intelligence (11/6 pm), Introductory DIALOG (12/6). Melbourne contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.uts.edu.au

• **19/6 VIC UCRLS AGM.** Guest speaker: Sandra Pyke, on her study tour of North American academic libraries. Uni of Melbourne, Baillieu Library, Reader Education Room, ground floor. 5.30 for 6pm. Agenda items and RSVP: Susan Bray, ph (03) 9344 8322, bray@lib.unimelb.edu.au

• **20/6 Geelong Regional group.** Winter warmer cocktail party — all welcome. Deakin Uni, Woolstores Campus, 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong. 5.30pm, \$5 members, \$7 non-members. Contact: Peter Macauley, ph (03) 5227 8246, fax (03) 5227 8000, petem@deakin.edu.au

25/6 Victorian Association for Library Automation meeting. Metadata: what is it? Why use it? Speaker: Andrew Waugh. Uni of Melbourne, Baillieu Library, Reader Education Room, Ground Floor. 5.30 for 6pm. Contact: Alyson Kosina, ph (03) 9725 2725, fax (03) 9723 6097.

28/6 Schools Section (Vic group). Do teacher librarians still buy books? School library collections in the electronic age. Speakers Ken Dillon, Kerry Tanner, Sue HEaly, Barbara Bugg and Anne Chowne. Venue: Treacy Centre, Parkville. 9.30am – 3.30pm, \$50 members, \$60 non-members, \$40 student/unemployed. Contact: Sandra Ryan, ph 03 9885 4501, fax 03 9885 1978.

7/7 Australian Society of Indexers. Abstracting and indexing for databases — workshop. ACER Conference Room, 19 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell. 9-4.30pm. Cost: \$95 ASI members, \$105 non-members. Contact: Max McMaster, ph/fax (03) 9571 6341, mindexer@interconnect.com.au

7/7 FLIS Training Pty Ltd. Change management. Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins

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Library corporation wins leadership award

Russ Elwin,
Wimmera Regional Library

The Wimmera Regional Library Corporation recently received a prestigious Local Government and the Arts Leadership Award, for 'Leadership by a Regional Library in exemplary co-operation and networking'.

The award was presented to Chief Commissioner Bruce Cross and Russ Elwin, chief executive officer/regional librarian by Lorraine Elliott MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, at the Victorian Local Government Conference on 20 February 1997.

The award is in recognition for the co-ordinating role played by the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation in the facilitation of a joint materials tender between itself and five other library services (Glenelg Regional Library Corporation; Swan Hill Regional Library; Mildura Rural City Library; Gannawarra Public Library; Campaspe Regional Library) providing library services to 215 000 people in an area of 92 418 sq kms.



(l-r) Russ Elwin, chief executive officer/regional librarian; Chief Commissioner Bruce Cross from West Wimmera Shire Council; and members of the Horsham Rural City Council who won a similar award for their Regional Art Gallery after the awards ceremony

The process began in 1995 with a meeting of commissioners and library managers which discussed possible interaction and co-operation in the provision of services. A number of areas of co-operation were discussed including common library cards, integrated mobile library services, joint material purchases and integrated library computers.

Although the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation had real pleasure in accepting the award, it was only as a representative of the network as the concept could not have worked without the full co-operation of all parties. It was unique to Victorian public libraries and has been watched with keen interest by libraries from other sectors.

The award is of an unusual design, is oval in shape, set in cast aluminium, with a sunken cobalt-blue glass feature. ■

Celebrating a learning society

Adult Learners Week 1997

Despite many thousands of Australians providing learning services, and over three million people undertaking an adult learning course every year, adult learning is still taken for granted according to Jonathan Millar, national co-ordinator of Adult Learners Week.

Adult Learners Week celebrates both the tremendous achievements of adult learning providers in their efforts to help adult Australians gain access to the skills and knowledge they need, and the excellent work of adult learners themselves whose increased knowledge and skills benefit them-

selves, their community and very often the society as a whole. These skills are required not simply to get a job, but also to help people learn, among other things, basic literacy skills, to communicate effectively, to be creative, and to deal with difficult personal situations. But despite learning being integral to almost every aspect of our lives we take it for granted. We forget to celebrate the benefits it brings us and our communities. It is for this reason we have Adult Learners Week.

Adult Learners Week is a time to remember that the provision of learning services combined with a desire

by the community to learn are central to the creation of a tolerant, intelligent, healthy and economically viable community and that under-resourcing of these services will have a detrimental effect on communities throughout Australia.

For information on how to get involved in Adult Learners Week and details of planned events contact Jonathan Millar on (06) 251 7933, fax (06) 251 7935, or e-mail aace@netinfo.com.au. You can also visit the Adult Learners Week home page at <http://sunsite.anu.edu.au/community/aace/alw/alw.htm>. ■