



Woodley. Church of Christ, Chapel Hall, corner Swanston and Little Lonsdale Streets. 7pm for 7:30pm, \$15. Contact: Margaret Zarifeh, ph 03 9527 5853, fx 03 9898 9872, graeme=Oke@vut.edu.au. RSVP by 10/10.

22/10 FLIS Training Pty Ltd. *Basic essential skills for library and information workers* Monash Uni Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 9:15-5pm. Cost: \$170. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph 03 9813 1925, fx 03 9882 4274, libflis@vicnet.net.au.

22/10 Victorian Association for Library Automation (VALA) meeting. *Future trends in the Internet and telecommunications*. Speaker: Peter Gerrand, IT, Uni of Melbourne. Venue: Uni of Melbourne, Baillieu Library, Library Tutorial Room, Ground floor. 5:30 for 6pm. Contact: Alyson Kosina, ph 03 9725 2725, fx 03 9723 6097, vala@vicnet.net.au.

• 24/10 Vic Health Libraries section. *Vicgratis/Country librarian's day*. Venue to be confirmed. Suggestions for speaker and/or demonstrations are encouraged (to any committee member). Publicity officer: Helen Cotsell, ph 03 9344 2398, fx 03 9347 8591, cotsellh@cryptic.rch.unimelb.edu.au.

• 30/10 Vic Branch/ACLIS. *Emerging issues in a complex library labour market* — Phil Teece, ALIA personnel and industrial services manager. State Library of Victoria, La Trobe Seminar Room, 5:30pm for 6pm. Contact: Florence Olsen, ph 03 9669 9961, florence@newvenus.slv.vic.gov.au.

31/10 Cultural Organisations and Multimedia conference. *Held in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Interact Multimedia Festival 1997* State Library of Victoria Theatre. For further information please contact: Janice Van de Velde, Conference Administrator, State Library of Victoria, ph 03 9669 9869, jvanveld@slv.vic.gov.au, URL <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/slv/events/commcon97>.

12-13/11 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DI-ALOG (12/11), DataStar (13/11). Melbourne contact: 02 9212 2867, krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au.

• 15-16/11 Vic CYSS section. *Bridging the gap — a literary weekend*. Confirmed speakers: Maureen McCarthy, Margaret Clark, Michael Pry-

New directions in library and information studies

University grants from the University of South Australia

Two senior lecturers from the Library and Information Studies teaching team at the University of South Australia were awarded university grants to help develop new directions in the subjects they teach within the Graduate Diploma in Information Studies and the new Masters degree. These funds are contested very strongly within the university as they offer good support for the development of quality teaching programs.

Maureen Nimon received her grant from the Flexible Learning Centre of the university to underpin the development of a new subject called 'Information literacy and the information professional'. This subject aims to enable students to acquire the knowledge to design library services to foster clients' development of information literacy and to meet their needs for information more effectively.

A subject development grant provides a range of services which may include some release time or research assistant time to facilitate the writing of the subject, together with production support to prepare a range of materials to enhance the flexible delivery of the subject for all students, whether they are working in internal or external mode. Staff of the Flexible Learning Centre (a

funded DEC) can assist with the production of resources such as web pages, videos, professional quality photographs, computer programs, or other material deemed by the subject lecturer to support the implementation of the curriculum. Maureen is in the very early stages of planning the subject materials. She hopes to be able to package the content in a way that is suitable for a distance mode ALIA continuing education program.

Julie Dow's grant is an Innovative Teaching and Learning Grant to support the development of a web site to meet the professional information needs of teacher-librarians. This will be done in conjunction with students enrolled for 'Collection management'. Students will participate in identifying the resource needs of teacher-librarians as a client group, assess Web sites for their suitability to meet these identified client needs and they will assist with the preparation of the site for external access.

This is the third innovative teaching and learning grant that Julie has received from the University. The first grant was to initiate on-line tutorials for internal and external students in the subjects she teaches. The second grant was awarded to begin working with students to integrate web site management into their learning. ■

Alice Springs farewells first librarian

Ida Joy Brucek (nee Cuskey)

Ida Joy Brucek, who passed away on 2 July 1997, was the first librarian in Alice Springs. She arrived in the town on 9 September 1953 with 2000 books, and opened the then new library a month later. Within a week the library had 240 members and many empty shelves!

Those early efforts came to fruition in 1980, with the building of a beautiful, much larger library, named the Nevil Shute Library. Mrs Brucek, who had left the former library and had undertaken

other business ventures in town, began working as the director of the new library in 1984. She retired in 1989, and after a varied and long working life she spent her final years at the Old Timers Village in Alice Springs.

A new wing was added to the Nevil Shute Library in 1995. Following the passing of Mrs Brucek the Town Council proposed that the wing be named after her, in recognition of her services to the Alice Springs community. ■

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