

Innovation in education

SA

• **3/7 SA Acquisitions section.** *Acquisitions basics seminar.* Flinders Uni, Exhibition Room, Main Library. 9:15-4:30pm, \$40 members, \$25 students (includes lunch, morning and afternoon teas). Contact: Jenni Jeremy, ph 08 8302 6720, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

• **15/7 SA Health Libraries section.** *All Fired Up.* Guest Speaker: David McGowan, Fire officer, RAH. Fire and pyrotechnics will make a guest appearance. Robson Theatre, Level 7, Services and Teaching Block, Royal Adelaide Hospital, 4 for 4:30pm (sharp). Contact: Mary Peterson, RAH Library Services, ph 08 8222 5443, mpeterson@nadmin.rah.sa.gov.au

• **21/7-17/11 SA Branch.** *Council meeting dates for 1998.* Uni of Adelaide, Barr Smith Library, Seminar room B, 5:30pm. 21/7, 18/8, 15/9, 20/10, 17/11. Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@library.adelaide.edu.au

• **28/7-22/9 SA Branch.** *Conference program committee meeting dates for 1998.* 28/7, 25/8, 22/9. Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@library.adelaide.edu.au

• **30/7 SA Special Libraries section.** *A practical workshop covering issues affecting special libraries.* Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, 9-4:30pm. Contact: Caryl Armstrong, ph 08 8274 3361, carmstrong@dasc.sa.gov.au. Numbers limited, so please register now!

• **9/9 SA Special Libraries and RAIS sections.** *Special Libraries display.* This is to be a repeat of the very successful "Who you gonna call? The Specialists" evening where a number of special libraries displayed their work. Contact: Clare Aitken, ph 08 8303 8859, clarea@cobweb.com.au

• **16/11 SA Library Technician section.** *AGM.* Details: TBA. Contact: Marion Fielke, ph 08 8374 6258.

• **18/11 SA UCRLS section.** *AGM presentation of student award and Garry Benson on Communication.* Details to be advised. Contact: Carol Dungey, ph 08 8302 3413, fx 08 8302 3382, carol.dungey@unisa.edu.au

• **24/11 SA Branch.** *AGM.* Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@library.adelaide.edu.au

• **25/11 SA Information Sciences section.** *AGM.* Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8333 8443, fx 08 8331 9211, sarah@ncver.edu.au

• **2/12 SA Information Sciences section.** *AGM.* Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8333 8443, fx 08 8331 9211, sarah@ncver.edu.au

• **2/12 SA Library Technician section.** *Meeting: new committee.* Details: TBA. Contact: Marion Fielke, ph 08 8374 6258.

• **2/12 SA Special Libraries section.** *AGM.* Contact: Clare Aitken, ph 08 8303 8859, clarea@cobweb.com.au

• **3/12 SA Cataloguers section.** *AGM.* Details to be advised.

Tas

• **14/7 Tas Branch.** *ALIA/ACLIS winter evening get together.* Guest speaker: Tricia Vierra, State Library. 1995 ALA Library fellow. Tricia will speak about her experiences in USA, Australian and Indonesian libraries. Theatre Royal Bistro Function room, 5:30pm meals available afterwards. RSVP: Meredith Newman, ph 03 6232 5258, fx 03 6232 5103, newmanm@h130.aone.net.au

• **19/8 Tas Branch.** *ALIA/ACLIS wine and cheese evening.* Guest speaker: Vic Elli-

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ALIA has a historical role in the encouragement of innovation in library education. Setting educational standards and designing courses for the profession was one reason for the formation of the original association in 1937. The now well-established communication links between educators and the Association have enabled our profession to respond effectively to the demands of successive federal governments and employers for service benchmarks and competencies. Importantly, the Association's stimulus of educational innovation gives library educators and graduates from their institutions a career advantage in the developing information economy, as other professions, employers and governments recognise the importance of information literacy and management.

The annual course recognition returns from educational institutions to ALIA provide examples of innovative educational practice. Some of these are:

- development of an interactive multimedia learning package called 'What is information?' for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney. The package, based on an information literacy framework, includes profession practice applications, an electronic symposium, explanatory materials and an electronic notebook for students to record their learning;
- a program of continuing professional education known as the Summer Institute, including workshops and lectures from local and overseas scholars and practitioners on information literacy, the internet, information design and children's literature (University of Technology, Sydney);
- a three-week non-credit course for all undergraduates providing an introduction to the information systems and services of the University (Queensland University of Technology);
- development of an internet-based integrated learning environment with delivery of course units through the Internet (QUT);
- flexible delivery of courses at Newcastle, Gosford, Ultimo (Sydney) and Wollongong, combining distance learning and practice with monthly, full-day and face-to-face lectures and some on-site delivery (TAFE New South Wales);
- planning for distance education delivery in the Northern Territory (Northern Territory University);
- outreach programs where lecturers from a central institution go to smaller regional centres (North West Institute of TAFE, Burnie, Tasmania); and
- video-taped student presentations to aid assessment and help students to review their presentation and interview skills critically (Box Hill Institute of TAFE, Victoria). ■

New era for access to Australian information

Informit Online launched

Co-operation between the National Library of Australia and RMIT Publishing is set to usher in a new era of service and convenience for people accessing Australian bibliographic databases.

In July, RMIT Publishing launched its new internet-based service — Informit Online — which will absorb the National Library's Ozline service and provide online access to the databases currently published by RMIT on CD-ROM.

Marketing research and customer feed-back has convinced RMIT Publishing and the National Library of Australia that a streamlined single service will best meet the needs of Australian users.

The new Informit Online service will offer users improved features including: web browser access; sophisticated search facilities; access to a wide range of Australian bibliographic and research databases; and flexible subscription options.

The Australian Public Affairs Index Service and the Australasian Medical Index are jointly-published by the Library and RMIT Publishing and will be available in the new RMIT service. The Interlibrary Resource Sharing Directory will continue to be available free-of-charge from the National Library of Australia's web server at <http://www.nla.gov.au/ilrs>.

For more information on Informit Online visit the RMIT Publishing website at: <http://www.erin.com.au>. ■