

ACT

• **5/3 ACT Specials.** Librarians' libations. Meet the first pay day of every month. This month come and meet the new Specials Committee and colleagues at the Hyatt, 5.30pm, 5 March 1998. A great way to meet your colleagues. All welcome. Contact: Julie Philips ph 62085112, fx 62085149, j.philips@nma.gov.au

• **11/3 ACT/ACLIS ACT.** Joint meeting. Information sharing and gathering. 5.30pm. National Library of Australia, 4th Floor Conference Room. Contact: Libby Coates ph 6266 2346, libby.coates@alianet.alia.org.au

• **17/3 ACT Library Technicians.** Meeting 5.30–7.00pm, CIT Reid, D Block (notice on main door). All welcome. Contacts: Margaret Drury, president, mdrury@agso.gov.au; or Marion Boyd, vice-president ph 6270 6912, mboyd@hcbout.gov.au

• **2/4 ACT Specials.** Librarians' libations. Come and network with colleagues at the Hotel Kurrajong, 5.30pm. on 2 April 1998 (no, NOT the Hyatt this time). A great way to find out what is happening in the library community in Canberra. All welcome. Contact: Julie Philips ph 62085112, fx 62085149, j.philips@nma.gov.au

• **29/4 Canberra Online Users Group.** Midas Lunch. Venue: To be advised. Contact: Jo Hooper ph 02 6457 1230 or Margaret Hyland ph 02 6205 8217

NSW

• **9/2–1/12 NSW School Libraries section.** Committee meetings. Venue: Joint council rooms, Leichhardt Primary School, Cnr Norton and Marion Streets. Time: 6–8pm. Dates: 9/2, 4/3, 1/4, 4/5, 2/6, 5/8, 7/9, 13/10, 4/11, 1/12

• **4/3 NSW School Libraries section.** AGM. Contact: Martha Heeren ph 9569 8525

• **10/3 NSW Special Libraries section.** Networking lunch at CSIRO. Telecommunications and industrial physics library. Lindfield. 12pm–2pm. RSVP: Elizabeth Drynan ph 02 9880 9000, fx 02 9880 9001, olc@pnc.com.au

• **19/3 NSW Library Technicians section.** Network meeting. 6.00–6.45pm. Speakers: John Shipp, ALIA president and Helen Mandl, ALIA NSW branch president. Location: Cafe Otto, 79 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Followed by dinner. RSVP: Katherine Raper ph 02 9514 3349

• **21/3 NSW School Libraries section.** Making the connections — lit-
continued next page...



Alan Bundy accepting a pillion ride from rider Bob Hawke at the University of South Australia

RJ Hawke kick-starts library

The University of South Australia will become the home of Australia's first prime ministerial library for a living prime minister following an initiative by university librarian Dr Alan Bundy.

To be named the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library, it will be a major part of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre. The centre, to be developed at the University's City West Campus after a period of fund-raising, will also house the Hawke Institute, a research institute on major issues in the social and economic development of Australia.

Dr Bundy said, 'I had the idea for the centre in the late 1980s whilst driving through Bordertown in South Australia — which is Bob Hawke's birthplace. Since then we have had the lead set by the Curtin University of Technology with the John Curtin Centre and Prime Ministerial Library which was completed recently.'

Like all of the United States of America presidential libraries, and particularly the Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta on which the Bob Hawke Library is based, the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library will house an educational and visitor centre of prime ministerial memorabilia. One of the library's first acquisitions is a replica of a British 350cc Panther motorcycle, an accident on which (in 1947) was a turning point in Mr Hawke's life. A bibliographic record for the bike can be found on ABN, and Dr Bundy wonders if any other library anywhere has acquired and catalogued a motorcycle.

Key adviser to the Prime Ministerial Library is Blanche D'Alpuget, and the development librarian is Jenni Jeremy. Mr Hawke will return to the University of South Australia in May to give the first annual Hawke Lecture, which will be published on the Centre's website and in hardcopy by the Prime Ministerial Library. ■

Strait to the future

8th Asia-Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians' Conference

You may not think so, but 1999 is not that far away — just ask the planning committee for the 8th Asia-Pacific Special, Health and Law Librarians' conference to be held in Hobart from 22–26 August 1999. The committee formed early in 1997 and had a very busy year preparing for the official handover at *On the edge*, the 7th Asia-Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians' Conference held in October 1997 at Perth.

The success of *On the edge* has inspired us. We hope to emulate the Perth committee's success, and we are particularly grateful to them for their support. Stay tuned for more updates from the committee and make sure you head *Strait to the future!*