

## Merit in Victoria

Recipients of Victorian Branch merit awards, presented at the joint ALIA/ACLIS Christmas party were: Aranka Folino for her contributions to the Victorian Library Technician section; Faye Pattinson for her long involvement with the Victorian Branch as a representative of the library technicians and cataloguers sections; John Yocklunn for his work co-ordinating the Gippsland Regional group; and to Jane King for her energetic contribution as the Victorian general councillor.

ALIA Victorian Branch looks forward to receiving further nominations for Merit awards and acknowledging the work of members for the Association. Contact the Victorian Branch for nomination information and advice. ■



Merit award winners: Aranka Folino; Faye Pattinson; and Sir John Yocklunn

## New publishing enterprise

Librarianship is one of the 'useful' professions, dedicated to linking clients to relevant valuable information. In dedicating our work to supporting others, we need a strong education and literature base, both of which have slowly developed in Australia. A new publisher has emerged to fill the gap in library education and training documentation – Docmatrix.

Mary Mortimer has created this new publishing house in her dedication to improve the education of library technicians and librarians. Mary's latest innovation, Docmatrix, provides providing quality information resources for the new library technician education program and will be very valuable to all library staff.

Docmatrix was launched in Canberra in February with publication of five titles plus distribution of another work: *Mortimer M Libraryspeak: a handbook of terms in librarianship and information management*. Canberra: Docmatrix, 1997; *Mortimer M Learn descriptive cataloguing*. Canberra: Docmatrix, 1997; *Mortimer M Learn Dewey Decimal classification*, edn 21. Canberra: Docmatrix, 1997; Ganendran J. 1959 — *Learn subject access*. Canberra: Docmatrix, 1997; Gosling M, Hopgood E *Learn about information*. Canberra: Docmatrix, 1998; Pymm B *Learn library management*. Canberra: Docmatrix, 1998; and Lane ND *Techniques for student research: a practical guide*, edn 2. Melbourne: Longman Australia, 1996. (distributed by Docmatrix). The authors are known for their contribution to the teaching of library technicians. Overseas release opportunities are on the horizon, demonstrating the active professional nature of Australian librarianship.

Brenda McConchie, executive director of AIMA Training and Consultancy Services, launched Docmatrix at the Canberra Institute of Technology Library. She referred to Mary's outstanding contribution to library technician education and her commitment to developing skills to enable libraries to be relevant and successful in the twenty-first century.

Mary is to be congratulated on the launch of Docmatrix – I encourage all library technicians and librarians to read the new books to improve library services around Australia!  
Roxanne Missingham



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Contact: Helen Pickers, ph 07 3810 6326. RSVP before 20/4.

• **16/6 Qld Library Technician section** Library technician's dinner. Venue: Skyline Restaurant, Cotech. Contact: Peter Shine, ph 07 3244 5980, fx 07 3244 5986, pmshine@uq.net.au

## Tas

• **4/4 Tas Library Technicians section** PowerPoint training. Sacred Heart College Library, Cross Street, New Town. 2pm, free to members, \$4 non-members. Contact: Helen Duggan, ph 03 6228 4090.

• **23/4 Tas Branch** HTML for library workers. Venue: TAFE Computer Lab, Bathurst Street, Hobart. Cost: \$5 ALIA/ACLIS/ALLG members, \$7 non-members. Contact: Meredith Newman, ph 03 6232 5258, fx 03 6232 5103, newmanm@h130.aone.net.au. Numbers strictly limited to 14 participants.

• **May Tas Branch** Marion Jameson, recipient of the 1997 Sir John Morris travelling scholarship will talk about her trip overseas. Venue: TBA. Contact: Meredith Newman, ph 03 6232 5258, fx 03 6232 5103, newmanm@h130.aone.net.au

## Vic

• **22/4 Geelong Regional group** Professional development in times of constant change. Speaker: Donna Runner. Followed by dinner at The Max, Deakin University Woolstores Campus, Lvl 3, Library meeting room. 5:30pm. Contact: Fern Russell, ph 03 5227 8229, fern@deakin.edu.au

**27/4 Australian Society of Indexers**. Abstracting and indexing for databases — workshop. ACER conference room, 19 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell. 9-4:30pm. Cost: \$100 (\$90 for ASI members). Contact: Max McMaster, ph/fx 03 9571 6341, mindexer@interconnect.com.au

• **13/6 Vic Children's and Youth Services section**. Electronic information access — What skills do children's librarians need? Venue: TBA. Contact: Terry May, ph 03 9743 1168.

## WA

• **23/4-22/10 National Special Libraries section** committee

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