

Who's where

Recent appointments in the library field

Peter Clayton has recently been promoted to Associate Professor in Information Management at the University of Canberra. Peter is currently the director of the University's Centre for Communication Policy and Information Management Research. From 1991 to 1995 he was director of Library and Information Studies at the University. He is also an Honorary Fellow in the Centre for Information Studies at Charles Sturt University in Australia.

inCite readers will know Peter as the editor of *Australian Academic & Research Libraries* published by the

Australian Library and Information Association.

Peter has published extensively, with more than 100 publications including twenty-one monographs and research reports, eighteen chapters in monographs and forty articles in refereed journals. His most recent titles are *Implementation of organizational innovation: studies of academic and research libraries* (San Diego: Academic Press, 1997), *Qualitative research for the information professional: a practical handbook* (with G E Gorman; London: Library Association

Publishing, 1997) and *Academics online: a nation-wide quantitative study of Australian academic use of the internet* (with Ann Applebee, Harry Bruce, Celina Pascoe and Edna Sharpe; Adelaide: Auslib Press, 1998). He has also published more than 100 book reviews in various academic and professional journals.

With twenty years experience in academic and research libraries, he is now active in research and consultancy. He has held various offices in the Australian Library and Information Association, including president of the ACT Branch and of the University, College and Research Libraries Section.

Dr Clayton's current research interests include the impact that the Internet is having on patterns of academic communication and information use, and on library collection development.

After four years as the Information Technology and Telecommunications Practice Specialist for McKinsey and Company Asia/Pacific, **Cindy Tschernitz** has left to set up Tell Me Now (www.tellmenow.com.au) an independent research and information service specifically for information technology and telecommunications companies. As a sideline Tell Me Now also does online searching for libraries who, due to budgetary constraints have had their budgets cut and can longer afford monthly minimum charges.

CAVAL Ltd, is delighted to announce that **Steve O'Connor** has accepted appointment to the position of chief executive officer. The appointment is scheduled to take effect from 1 March 1999.

Steve brings a range of experiences and skills which correlate with the traditional range of services CAVAL offers. He comes to the position with a long history in university libraries. The position he will be vacating is that of university librarian at the University of Technology, Sydney — a position he has held for the past nine years. Steve noted that this experience ensures he has 'an acute awareness of the financial and operational pressures under which university libraries currently operate and first-hand experience in managing the transitions these organisations are currently facing.'

Online Australia Day

Public libraries throughout Australia gave free internet access to users to demonstrate some of the thousands of sites on Friday 27 November as part of Online Australia Day. Some also demonstrated the value of online databases at no charge.

The National Office for the Information Economy was responsible for organising the day to demonstrate Australia's online achievements and to educate the general and business community about the benefits of online information access and skills. ALIA used the day to launch our first three surveys of internet users to gather evidence about the value of libraries in promoting information skills, and about attitudes to filtering.

In informal discussions with the Australian Broadcasting Authority about the problems associated with reliance on filtering software, the Association have promoted the importance of using positive educational methods to arm parents and children against harmful internet use. Following our discussions, the ABA launched its *Australian families guide to the internet*, an excellent listing of useful and entertaining sites and a valuable resource for parents, teachers and librarians in educating young people in the safe use of the internet [you can find it at <http://www.onlineaustralia.net.au/aba/>].

Online Australia Day internet links will remain live for the next twelve months.

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