

# LIS in Canberra — 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2000

Will the Y2K be remembered for more than a bug? If you studied librarianship or information management at the Canberra College of Advanced Education (CCAЕ) or University of Canberra the year 2000 will be important because it will be thirty years since the commencement of tertiary library study in Canberra.

Former students should put the ALIA 2000 Conference, 23–26 October 2000 *Capitalising on knowledge: the information professional in the twenty-first century* in their diary as an essential date.

A reunion breakfast will be held on Wednesday 25 October. You will be able to exchange memories of your student days, catch up with old friends and make new friends who have studied (or should I say slaved?) in library studies. It does not matter if you are not working in a library-related area (many of us are not) as it would be interesting to catch up with everyone and learn where a degree in library studies or information management can lead to.

The Alumni Chapter will support the library school: provide input into courses, course accreditation committees and the like, maintain social and professional contacts, and organise social events and reunions. The Alumni would also like to sponsor activities, publications or a website. The organising committee need your ideas and participation.

There are many memories from the three decades of library studies. Students and staff may remember Peter Biskup seated next to Glenda Tow (then Kealy) in the exam hall before the exam, eating lollies. He was approached by the exam attendant and asked to leave? He loudly protested 'But I'm the lecturer...'. What about those collection development take-away exercises that led you to the same reference books in the library? — the books always fell open to the pages which had the answer.

Where was the library school located when you were a student? Initially it was in the library where office walls were attached by clips to the ceilings and staff had to vacate their offices if John Balnaves was giving one of his riveting but booming lectures next



Part of the Dip Lib class of 1971: Brij Singh, Lorraine Weinman, and Diana Killen, at the graduation ceremony in 1972

door. Eventually, the library school moved into the Northern Side of Building 1 and then, gradually, began to creep further south to where it now resides. And where was the laboratory you worked in: in the library, in 2A13, or did you work in the laboratory that has since been bulldozed to make a new entrance for the university?

Many of the library school staff members were also students of the school. Margaret Hyland and Leoni Warne were library school students who later came back as lecturers. Peter Clayton, Susan MacDougall and Trish Milne were higher-degree students of the library school at the same time they were teaching there. Other staff over the years came and went (but Belle stayed). There were lots of Peters — Valley, Biskup, Clayton and Judge. How many of you remember waiting in trepidation outside of Peter Biskup's office to discuss an assignment? There was Nancy Lane, Doreen Goodman, Brenda Gerrie, Morwena Vincent, Maxine Rochester, Joan Jenson, Brenda Gerrie, Dagmar Parer and others.

Former students and staff are invited to send their contact details, including name; home address; e-mail address; phone numbers (work and home); year of graduation; degree awarded; years teaching (if staff); current position/occupation; and place of employment to: lreunion@comserver.canberra.edu.au.

The organising committee will establish a mailing list to keep everyone informed about the plans for the ALIA conference and any local re-unions, events or functions that may be organised. The organising committee is Leoni Warne, Nancy Lane, Glenda Tow and Roxanne Missingham. Feel free to contact any member of the committee for more information. ■



## NT

• 5/8–4/11 NT Branch. 1999 Meeting Schedule. 5/8; 2/9; 7/10 — NARU Library. 4/11 AGM (meeting and dinner: venue tba). 4.30–6pm. Contact: Lisa Darby, ph 08 8922 0031, lisa.darby@anu.edu.au

## QLD

• 5/8 Qld Library Technicians section. Workplace Health and Safety Workshop. For further information, please contact Yvonne Brock, ph 07 3896 2229, fx 07 3389 1576, yvonne.brock@acqs.qld.edu.au

• 10/8–14/12 Qld Library Technicians section. 1999 general meeting dates. State Library of Queensland, Metway Theatre, 5 for 5:30pm all welcome. 10/8; 12/10; 14/12. Contacts: Yvonne Brock, 1999 president, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acqs.qld.edu.au or Mary Harlow, correspondence secretary, ph 07 3237 1702, mary.harlow@publicworks.qld.gov.au.

7/9 Copyright for LIMS, presented by Australian Copyright Council lawyers; 3 seminars (\$50 each) 1. Introduction, 2. Print Resources, 3. Internet. Lecture and workshop components. Museum Centre, Brisbane. Contact: ACC ph 02 9318 1788, fx 02 9698 3536, www.copyright.org.au

27/10 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *The beauty therapist, the mechanic, the geoscientist and the librarian: addressing undervaluation of women's work.* Queensland University of Technology, 5pm. Contact National Office ATN WEXDEV, PO Box 123, Broadway 2007, ph 02 9514 2909, fx 02 9514 2930, jane.clifford@uts.edu.au, URL <http://www.uts.edu.au/oth/wexdev>

• 5/11 Qld TAFE Section proudly supports the launch of the Librarians for the New Millennium Calendar. See library staff like you've never seen them before. Open Learning Institute, Brisbane. Enquiries and copies available from Robyn Austin, fx 07 3259 4349, robyn.austin@detir.qld.gov.au (\$7ea posted anywhere in Australia)

• Early Dec Qld RAISS section proudly presents RAISS-A-MATTAZZ, the library quiz night and dinner of the year. Venue: tba. Get on your thinking caps now!

## SA

• 3/8 SA Branch Council meeting. Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, 5pm. Special topic: Information science (6–7pm). Contact: Janine Tan, ph 08 8303 5225, fx 08 8303 4369, jtan@clucas.library.adelaide.edu.au

• 11/8 Joint SA Cataloguers and SA UCRIS sections. Mary-Ellen Bartholomew on telecommuting. To be confirmed

• 16/8 SA Library Technician section [SALT] 10th ALIA National Library Technicians Conference pre-conference meeting. Meet other South Australian delegates going to the conference, start your networking early. Fleet Street Cafe, Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide. 6pm to share a meal or 6.30pm for the meeting.

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