

# Contribution recognised

## Maxine Rochester receives an ALIA Fellowship

**search skills.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

**29/10 LIMS Copyright Seminars** presented by Copyright Council lawyers. 3 sessions, \$50 each, including Internet. Lecture and workshop format. Australian Museum. Contact: ACC, ph 02 9318 1788, fx 02 9698 3536, info@copyright.org.au, www.copyright.org.au

• **2/11 NSW Special Libraries section.** *Melbourne Cup lunch.* Wentworth Hotel, 61-101 Phillip Street, 12:30-3:30pm, \$55pp, includes buffet lunch/selected beer/wine/softdrinks. Cheques made payable to: ALIA NSW Branch, Special Libraries section. Forward to: Robin Shelley-Jones, 37 Kooloona Crescent, West Pymble NSW 2073, ph 02 9498 5048, robinsj@ihug.com.au *RSVP by 22/10.*

**4/11 Internet research skills for medical and health information.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

• **10/11 NSW Library Technicians section.** *1999 AGM, including tour.* Australian Society of Genealogists, Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, Sydney, 5:30pm, refreshments provided. Dinner at the Lord Nelson, 19 Kent Street, the Rocks area, Sydney, 7:30pm. *RSVP by 5/11 for restaurant booking by contacting Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com*

**11-12/11 Copyright Law & Practice Symposium** at Taronga Centre. An international conference: focus is on the digital revolution & competition law. Cost: \$750. Contact: ACC, ph 02 9318 1788, fx 02 9698 3536, info@copyright.org.au, www.copyright.org.au

• **15/11 NSW Library Technicians section.** *Mid North Coast Library Technicians Group meeting/end of year celebrations.* Coffs Harbour Fishing Club, Coffs Harbour Jetty, 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Jill Baker, ph 02 6659 3232, jlbaker2@chec.scu.edu.au

• **20/11 NSW Library Technicians/CYSS sections.** *Children's storytime & activities workshop.* Speakers: Heather Fisher (Story reading/telling & organisation) and Sarah Steed (Craft activities). Bathurst City Library, 70-78 Keppel Street, 1-4pm. For more information, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

• **20/11 NSW Library Technicians section.** *End of year celebrations.* Bathurst Leagues Club, Bathurst, 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Anne Hughes, ph 02 6332 3488 (after hours), phuges@lisp.com.au

• **1/12 NSW School Libraries section**

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As reported in the July issue of *inCite*, Maxine Rochester has been awarded a Fellowship of the Association. Roxanne Missingham spoke of Maxine's involvement with education for librarianship, her involvement with IFLA, and her many contributions to the profession. The citation was presented by ALIA executive director, Jennefer Nicholson.

Pictured right are ALIA ACT Branch president, Roxanne Missingham (top); ALIA Fellowship recipient Maxine Rochester; and ALIA executive director Jennefer Nicholson during the presentation ceremony.

Congratulations Maxine, on achieving this high honour. ■



## Lorraine Vass calls it a day

### Prominent Northern Territory librarian retires

After thirty-seven years in the workforce, the last ten spent with the Northern Territory Library Service, Lorraine Vass is calling it a day.

Lorraine's first job was as a library assistant with the Moorabbin Free Library in Melbourne. She joined the Library Association of Australia (LAA) in order to gain her professional qualifications. Two mornings a week she was released from work to attend lectures, first at the State Library of Victoria and later at RMIT.

Although attending LAA meetings was an excellent means of networking, there were a lot of distractions. It was not until the 1970s that Lorraine became a particularly active member of the Association. By that time she had relocated to Coffs Harbour on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales.

In late 1977 she started attending meetings of the newly-formed Mid North Coast Regional Group. Lorraine was secretary of the group from 1978 to 1981 and was president from 1982 until 1984. Through this time she was also active in the New South Wales Public Libraries Section, an involvement which continued when she moved to Sydney. Lorraine was a member of the section's annual deputations to the New South Wales premier in 1985 and 1986. From 1986 to 1989 she represented public libraries on the New South Wales State Committee of ACLIS.

Lorraine was recruited to the Northern Territory Library Service in 1989. After settling into her job, Lorraine started attending Branch council meetings in Darwin, becoming a member representing TAFE libraries in 1991. She co-ordinated the Northern Territory committee of the ALIA/ACLIS TAFE Libraries National Lobbying Campaign in 1992-93 and from 1995 to 1997 completed the presidential cycle. In 1998 she held the position of treasurer.

From 1995 until early 1999 Lorraine represented ALIA on CREATE (NT), the Northern Territory Cultural and Recreational Industries Training Advisory Board, serving as the board's chairperson and vice-chairperson in 1997-98. Over this time she was also a member of the course steering committee for the Certificate II in Skills for Library Workers in Remote Areas, developed by the Northern Territory University.

From 1992 until 1996 Lorraine was a member of the Northern Territory Divisional Committee of ACLIS, serving as its chairperson during 1995/96. She won, by national election, a place on the national committee from 1994 until 1996.

In May Lorraine was awarded ALIA's 1999 Northern Territory Library and Information Service Community Award. Currently, Lorraine is a member of the Northern Territory Literacy Awards committee and a director of the Darwin Entertainment Centre. ■