

Northern Territory celebrations

The Northern Territory Branch recently held a well-attended dinner at Pee Wee's at the Point in Darwin to celebrate two major achievements in the Northern Territory library and information services. Branch members and partners, and distinguished guests, Mrs Nan Giese, chancellor of the Northern Territory University and Professor Ron McKay, Northern Territory University vice-chancellor and his wife Gail, gathered to witness ALIA president, Craig Anderson confer a Fellowship of the Association on Alex Byrne and to celebrate Colleen Pyne's Order of Australia Medal for her services to education, research and to the establishment of the North Australia Research Unit.

Alex Byrne, chief librarian of the Northern Territory University from 1989 to 1996, director of information services from 1996 to 1997 and currently pro vice-chancellor (information resources) was elected to a Fellowship of the Association for his long and distinguished service and contribution to the Australian library profession. The citation outlined Alex's major role in university affairs, his participation on the ALIA Aborigi-



Alex Byrne, Craig Anderson and Colleen Pyne at the Northern Territory Branch function

nal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy Steering Committee in 1996 and 1997, his foundation membership of the university's Board of Management for the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies from 1990 to 1997 and his outstanding contribution to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

While the Order of Australia Medal was presented to Colleen Pyne earlier in the year, the dinner provided an opportunity for branch members to view the medal and personally congratulate Colleen on her wonderful achievement. ■

Jubilee honours for librarians

Jubilee Medallions from the University of New South Wales were recently awarded to three librarians. The Jubilee Medallions were awarded on the 50th anniversary of the University of New South Wales to '...recognise the outstanding achievements which twenty-four members of the University community have made to the life of the University of New South Wales...'

From the 'Conferring of awards' handbook:

Rob Brian, BA ANU, DipLib UNSW, AALIA. Appointed as foundation law Librarian, Rob Brian had responsibility for establishing the library collection for the new Law School. He did so with extraordinary distinction, and the evidence of his energy, vision, astuteness, dedication and prescience endures in the collec-

tion which is widely regarded as one of the best law collections in this country. It has shaped the setting of library standards for all Australian Law Schools. Rob was also instrumental in the conception and creation of a close partnership between the Law Library and the Law School. He is at present New South Wales parliamentary librarian.

Bev Crane, BA, DipIM-Lib, UNSW. As serials librarian in the Collection Services Unit, Bev Crane has over twenty years of service at the University of New South Wales and is regarded as an expert on serials publications in Australia, bringing prestige to the library and the University. Her outstanding contribution to the university has been her involvement with the Public Service Association and Community and Public Sec-

tor Union. An individual of unquestionable integrity, Bev Crane's most important work has been as a key negotiator for the general staff in enterprise bargaining. She continues to contribute to University life through her recent election to University Council.

Pamela Taylor, BA Syd, Dip Lib UNSW. Pamela Taylor has made a substantial contribution to the University as a librarian. Her career with the University began in 1967 at the library where she undertook several senior management roles. In 1975, following the establishment of the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM), she was appointed as the School's foundation librarian. Within a short period Pamela established the AGSM's library as the foremost management education library in Australia. ■



Christmas function, all members are welcome at this function. Venue: tba, 6pm. Contact the president, Ian McLean, Ian.McLean@det.nsw.edu.au or the secretary Mary Gibbs, mgibbs@shore.nsw.edu.au for more details

• **4/12 NSW Library Technicians section.** *General meeting/end of year celebrations.* State Library of NSW, Coles Room, Level 11, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 11am. Please bring a plate of goodies, drinks provided. For more information, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

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• **5/10 Central Australian Regional group meeting.** Territory Health Services Library, Alice Springs Hospital, Gap Road, 5pm. For further information contact: Carmel Leonard, ph 08 8951 5685, Carmel.Leonard@dme.nt.gov.au

• **7/10 NT Branch meeting.** NARU Library, 4:30-6pm. Contact: Lisa Darby, ph 08 8922 0031, lisa.darby@anu.edu.au

• **Nov Central Australian Regional group AGM** — all members should endeavour to attend. For further information contact: Carmel Leonard, ph 08 8951 5685, Carmel.Leonard@dme.nt.gov.au

• **4/11 NT Branch.** *AGM meeting and dinner.* venue tba, 4:30-6pm. Contact: Lisa Darby, ph 08 8922 0031, lisa.darby@anu.edu.au

• **Dec Central Australian Regional group meeting.** *Annual Christmas dinner.* Venue: tba. For further information contact: Carmel Leonard, ph 08 8951 5685, Carmel.Leonard@dme.nt.gov.au

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• **October Qld Public Libraries section in conjunction with Qld RAISS section.** *The great debate: Should libraries outsource reference work?* Hot speakers and a hot debate, with just a touch of comedy! Details: tba. Contact: Chris Gissing, ph 07 3403 0559, cde@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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

• **26/11 Qld Public Libraries section.** *AGM dinner and guest speaker.* tba. Venue will be a restaurant in Brisbane. Contact: Chris Gissing, president, ph 07 3403 0559, cde@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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

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