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• **7/6 ACT Library Technicians section.** *Guest speaker: Anna-Maria Sviatko, Library Locums. CIT Reid Campus D Building (room n° on front door), 5:30pm.* Contact: Beth Clary, president, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au

• **8/6 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Librarians Libations.* Another new venue — come and see how it all goes. Piano Bar, Rydges, London Circuit, 5:30pm. Contact Susan White, ph 02 6205 0391, susan.white@act.gov.au

• **14/6 ACT Health Libraries section.** *Committee meeting. Jane Shelling will report back on the first ALIA National Policy Congress.* Canberra Hospital Library, 12:30pm. Contact: Sandra Henderson, ph 02 6262 1481, shenders@nla.gov.au

• **14/6 ACT UCRLS.** *Erica Ryan, ALG manager, will speak about the Australian Libraries Gateway and the Australian InterLibrary Resource Sharing Directory (ILRS) at the National Library.* 4th Floor, Conference Room, NLA, 12:30pm, all welcome, bring your lunch. Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **14/6 ACT Branch.** *Mid-winter dinner.* University of Canberra, Staff Club, further details: tba. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

• **14/6–13/12 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting.* 4th Floor, Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm, unless otherwise announced. (14/6, 12/7; 9/8; 13/9; 11/10; 15/11; 13/12). Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

• **22/6 APSIG.** *Amelia McKenzie (NLA) on the recent IFLA seminar Beirut and the situation of libraries in Lebanon.* Sally-Anne Leigh (ANU) on her recent trip to the USA and the Pacific Digital Library Alliance meeting. 4th Floor, Conference Room, NLA, 12:30–1:30pm. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6262 1519, m.sexton@nla.gov.au

• **30/6 ACT UCRLS members join ANU library staff at lunchtime to hear Jim Neal,** the librarian of Johns Hopkins and former Head of ARL, talking on major issues affecting American Research Libraries. Further details: tbc. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **13/7 APSIG.** *Oliver Mann, NLA's Regional Officer in Asia, will give us an up-to-date report on Indonesia.* 4th Floor, Conference Room, NLA, 12:30–1:30pm, all welcome, bring your lunch. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6262 1519, m.sexton@nla.gov.au

• **13/12 ACT Branch.** *Christmas drinks/celebration.* Details: tba. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, branch secretary, ph

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ASSIG committee meets in Melbourne

The Australian Serials Interest Group (ASSIG) met recently at the VALA conference in Melbourne. At the meeting the details of the two activities planned for 2000 were announced.

The first activity, 'Serials 2000 — Changes in the new millennium', will be held in Brisbane on 10 July at the State Library Theatre. The program

will review recent changes in the vendor environment, and the upcoming impact of the GST in relation to serials supply and pricing. Speakers have been invited from the major serial subscription agents in Australia, the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Customs Service. In addition, publisher and library manager viewpoints on the impact of the GST will be presented.

The second activity, 'Serials 2005 — Future directions' will be held in conjunction with the ALIA2000 biennial conference on



The inaugural meeting of the newly appointed ASSIG committee held during the VALA conference: From L-R Alfred Gans, Nathalie Schulz, Jenni Jeremy (Convenor), Carolyne Cohn and Philippa Read

Monday 23 October at the National Library of Australia. Serials in the future will be presented from four different perspectives: the information publisher; the information provider; the information distributor and the information user.

For details of these events and other activities please contact Jenni Jeremy, ASSIG convenor, phone 08 8302 0318 or e-mail jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au, or ASSIG secretary Nathalie Schultz, phone 07 3875 5242 or e-mail N.Schulz@mailbox.gu.edu.au ■

Award for a special librarian

WA Special Librarian of the Year 1999

Deanne Barrett was recently celebrated as the WA Special Librarian of the Year at the WA Branch Icebreaker. Shirley Cowcher, director of Information Enterprises the major sponsor, presented Deanne with her award. Thanks also to Raeco International.

Deanne is acting library manager at the WA Industrial Relations Commission and was the librarian at the Department of Productivity and Labour Relations. She has strongly promoted her library service and participates in projects outside the conventional library area, resulting in a high profile for the service. She has demonstrated a high level of management and professional skills. She has also made use of technology to organise and disseminate information.

Deanne is well known and respected in the profession. She has been an active ALIA member for many years at both a local and a national level. She has held positions in the local Special Libraries Section, been a former president and secretary of National Specials and was a WA General Councillor.

Deanne has participated actively in the ALIA mentoring and Continual Professional



Shirley Cowcher presents Deanne with the WA Special Librarian of the Year award

Development programs, and was a member of the ALIA Divisional Structure Working Party in 1999. She is also active in the Australian Law Librarians Group.

**Pauline Sawyer, president,
ALIA Special Libraries Section**