

Library workshop backs training network

In 1999 — with assistance from libraries and training organisations from across Australia — CREATE Australia published the library and information services industry training package.

The package built on a strong history of involvement by library and information services in vocational education and training.

Library and information services were one of the first areas outside the traditional trades to see the benefits of structured training. They were also one of the first sectors to offer nationally consistent vocational education and training with competency standards and national curriculum.

'The training package gives library workers the chance to achieve qualifications from Certificate II up to Advanced Diploma', says Cassandra Parkinson, chief executive officer of CREATE.

Training packages give individuals the opportunity to have their existing skills and knowledge formally recognised. They also encourage greater links between workplaces and training institutions by promoting differ-

ent learning pathways. Thus, library workers can receive recognition for their experience and have a framework for further skills development.

'We recognise that libraries are complex service agencies, which help people manage information. They need people trained at every level in a combination of technical and client skills. The training package seeks to respond to critical changes in the sector,' says Cassandra.

Training packages are a useful tool for education, training and professional development but they are only as good as what teachers do with them. The real answer lies in the quality of teaching and the opportunities that learners receive.

In 2000, registered training organisations (RTOs) across Australia are working steadily to put new programs in place. Many RTOs are adopting highly innovative approaches to delivering training and assessment.

Now what is needed is an opportunity for all those who are involved in implementing the training package to share their information and expertise. That is a major aim of a national workshop, which CREATE will hold in Canberra on 27 October. Targeted at registered training providers, libraries and resource developers, the workshop will immediately follow the national ALIA conference. It will give participants the chance to compare notes, hear about what is happening and plan for the future.

'We hope that the workshop will be the start of a national library training network and that CREATE can help facilitate ongoing communication. Networking will also help us to update and improve the training package and to learn from the experience of those who are on the ground actually implementing it,' says Cassandra.

Implementing the library industry training package

Friday 27 October 2000, Fitzroy Room,
National Convention Centre, Canberra

The cost: ALIA members \$65 and non-members \$75

For more information or to register, contact Suzanne Henderson at CREATE on phone 02 9211 5342, fax 02 9211 5346 or e-mail create@createaust.com.au

What's an industry training package? Industry training packages are practical tools for assessment and learning. They provide a framework for awarding learners with nationally recognised qualifications.

The library and information services training package sets out the national vocational education and training qualifications for this sector. All Commonwealth, State, and Territory governments have endorsed the package.

It was developed by CREATE Australia, the national cultural industries training advisory body, with the involvement of industry and training organisations across Australia.



Irene Graham: State Library of Vic, Village Rdshow Theatre, Entrance Door 3, LaTrobe St, Melbourne, 11-1:30pm. RSVP to: Helen Sweeney, ph 03 9816 4904, h.sweeney@co31.aone.net.au. See the flyer in this issue of *inCite*.

• **14/10 Vic Library Technicians section.** *Information session with the TAFE's.* The new library technicians course: how will it affect you? SLVIC, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne, 2-4pm, meet entry N° 3, LaTrobe St. RSVP to: Patricia Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@mit.edu.au

• **14/10 Vic School Libraries section.** *Committee meeting.* all welcome. Statewide Resource Centre, 217 Church St, Richmond, 9:30am. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, maree@bigpond.com

• **14/10 Vic School Libraries section.** *Electronic Technologies.* Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, maree@bigpond.com

• **21/10 Vic Library Technicians section.** *Visit to the University of Ballarat.* City-based techs meet with students and staff to discuss their library experiences and the work of ALIA. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 9669 9721, kkelly@slvic.gov.au.

10/11 CAVAL. *Innovative librarianship.* Presented by David Tan, this workshop combines innovation tools and models with practical advice. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$297, non-members \$330. Contact: Sue Henczel, sueh@caval.edu.au

• **18/11 Vic School Libraries section.** *AGM.* Statewide Resource Centre, 217 Church St, Richmond, 9:30am, all members welcome. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, maree@bigpond.com

• **21/11 Ballarat Regional Group.** *AGM, guest speaker: Steve O'Connor, CAVAL Barkly's Restaurant, Corner Barkly St and Main Rd, Ballarat, 6 for 6:30pm. 3 course meal, ALIA members \$25, non-members \$30. RSVP by 17/11 to: Kerry Matheson, ph 03 5327 9588, k.matheson@ballarat.edu.au*

24/11 CAVAL. *Information audit workshop — Melbourne.* This full-day workshop is a compressed version of the two-day workshop that provides the practical skills needed to conduct an information audit in an organisation. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$360, non-members \$400. Contact: Sue Henczel, sueh@caval.edu.au

• **4/12 Home Library Service SIG.** *General meeting.* Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Ferris Boulevard, South Morang, 10am. Contact: Marie McMahon, ph 03 9401 0725.

5/12 CAVAL. *Advanced internet searching.* A half-day hands-on workshop offering tips and tricks for more effective internet searching. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive Bundoora, 9:30-12:30pm. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$88, non-members \$110. Contact: Nicole Sinclair, nicoles@caval.edu.au

5/12 CAVAL. *Government information on the web.* A half-day hands-on workshop covering state, federal and international legislation, government publications and legal resources. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 1:30-4:30pm. Cost: \$88 CAVAL/ALIA CPD members, \$110 non-members. Contact: Nicole Sinclair, nicoles@caval.edu.au

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• **2/9 WA Local Studies section.** *Workshop at National Archives:* the workshop will include records relating to buildings, installations and people and the opportunity to search on the National Archives of Australia Database, Record Search. National Archives, 384 Berwick St, East Victoria Park,

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