

ALIA Fellows gather at University of Sydney



ALIA Fellows from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory gathered together at the University of Sydney on 1 November at a luncheon hosted by ALIA past-president John Shipp. Pictured are: (back, l-r) Ed Parr, John Brudenall, Faye Lawrence, Neil Radford, Enid Roberts, Diana Oliver and Joyce Kirk; (middle, l-r) Ted Flowers, Jeanette Knox, Maxine Rochester, and Margaret Trask; and (front, l-r) Harrison Bryan, Mairéad Browne, Wilma Radford and John Shipp.

Acquisitions in the new millennium

Robert Elson, Acquisitions SA president

The first item on the 1999 program was the Legal Workout Seminar held at the Supreme Court on 28 April. It was attended by about twenty library professionals from law related libraries and provided an insight into the type of material acquired by court libraries and how it used for legal research. The session also included a presentation from the Adelaide CCH representative, Anthony Robjohns.

On 22 June the section presented an evening seminar in the Board Room of the State Library of South Australia entitled 'Acquisition of archival materials: Acquiring the past for the future' given by Cheryl Dalling, State Library local history and community liaison officer. It was an extremely interesting presentation which included an opportunity to examine items of great significance to South Australia's history which are normally kept locked away. The items included jewellery, photographs, maps and diaries. Cheryl's enthusiasm for the subject was evident from the wealth of detail she was able to provide for all the items presented.

The biggest event for the year has been the full-day seminar *Beyond the basics: Acquisitions in the new millennium* held on Friday 5 November 1999 at the Regency Park Institute of TAFE. It was attended by over fifty people and covered very topical issues including the GST, Y2K, and licensing agreements for electronic information. Dierdre McNally from Blackwells spoke about the changing role for agents at the beginning of the new century.

Our last event for the year was our annual general meeting which was held jointly with the RAISS (South Australian section) in the Bob Hawke Ministerial Library at the City West Campus, University of South Australia at 5.30pm on 7 December 1999. Jenni Jeremy, the Bob Hawke Ministerial Collection librarian and secretary of Acquisitions South Australia gave a presentation on the presidential collections she visited on a recent trip to the United States of America.

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