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• **17/11 TALIATecs.** General meeting and end of year party. Rosevears Winery, Launceston. Contact: Liz Bulman.

## VIC

**2/8 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series.** RMIT University, Storey Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne, 5:30pm. Contact: Diane McKellin, ph 03 9925 4249, diane.mckellin@rmit.edu.au

**3/8 CAVAL training activities.** Kinetica document delivery: a full-day hands-on course covering the inter-library loans system within Kinetica. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 9:30–5pm. Cost: CAVAL members \$165, non-members \$214.50. Register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

• **18/8 Schools Vic.** General meeting. Santa Maria College Resource Centre, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are welcome.

**24/8 CAVAL training activities.** Effective 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 members \$88, non-members \$110. Register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

**24/8 CAVAL training activities.** 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: CAVAL/ALIA members \$88, non-members \$110. Register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

• **30/8 Australian Serials Special Interest Group.** Ejournal, ecommerce and consortia: the flow of knowledge. Melbourne (venue TBA), 9–4pm. Cost: ALIA members \$77, non-members \$88, students \$55. Contact: Heather Crosbie, ph 0414 370 557, heather@rowecom.com.au

• **20/10 Schools Vic.** General meeting. Venue: tba, 9:30am. All members are welcome.

• **17/11 Schools Vic.** AGM, all members are welcome. Santa Maria College Resource Centre, 50 Separation Street, Northcote, 9:30am.

## WA

• **14/8 WA Library Technicians.** General meeting. Venue: tba, 5:45pm start. RSVP contact: Sandra Wilson, s.m.wilson@curtin.edu.au

• **16/8 Local Studies WA.** Advance notice: Museums assistance program, guest speaker: Ros Brown. Venue: tba. Contact: Julie Zuvella, ph 08 9330 5537, jzuvella@ozemail.com.au

• **12/9 WA Library Technicians.** General meeting. Venue: tba, 5:45pm start. RSVP contact: Sandra Wilson, s.m.wilson@curtin.edu.au

**21/9 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series.** Curtin University of Technology, Perth, 12–2pm. Hyatt Regency, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth. Contact: Janice Burmaz, ph 08 9266 3980, Burmazj@vc.curtin.edu.au

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# Making news around Australia

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

**Global e-university gets ready to roll**  
*The Australian*, 23 May, by Dorothy Illing

The Universitas 21 consortium expects to close a deal with publisher Thomson Learning for a global e-university. The consortium will need to raise \$US25 million in order for the deal to go ahead. The three Australian member universities — Melbourne, New South Wales and Queensland — have earmarked up to \$US8 million for the venture.

**State's libraries to share \$275 m**  
*The Times* (Victor Harbour), 24 May

A Memorandum of Agreement, signed by the state government and the Local Government Association, will benefit local libraries to the tune of \$275 million over five years. Other provisions in the agreement include a shared commitment to free public access to collections and on-going free public internet access.

The story also appeared in the *Coober Pedy Times*, 7 June.

**Library patrons on the shelf**  
*Daily Liberal* (Dubbo), 30 May 2001, by Kathy Stone

Figures released by the State Library of New South Wales revealed that per capita funding of the Macquarie Regional Library was much lower than most libraries in the state, only \$25.16 per resident compared to the state average of \$27.75. Despite the comparatively low level of funding, library patrons reported that they were satisfied with the library service.

**Library welcomes cash but it's not enough**  
*Border Mail* (Albury-Wodonga), 1 June, by Michael Lowe

The Wodonga library recently received \$12 500 to buy books, but Upper Murray Regional Library chief executive, Mrs Lynne Makin said that while the money was welcome, it was not enough. The grant is part of the 'Changing communities — changing libraries' program established to fund new educational and cultural resources.

**Professional development and education in the library sector**  
*Australian Bookseller and Publisher*, 1 June, by Tracy Crisp

Tracy looks at the many facets of continuing professional development. The ALIA career development kit is described, as is the new CPD sub-category of membership now available to ALIA members. She outlines the place of formal courses and training, mentoring, conference attendance, professional reading, and membership of professional bodies in continuing professional development.

**90 000 books to be given away**  
*The Daily Telegraph*, 6 June

The Daily Telegraph launched its Free books

for Schools offer. *The Daily Telegraph*, in partnership with Telstra Big Pond will give away more than 90 000 new books to school libraries across New South Wales and the ACT.

**Books for babies**  
*North West News* (Chemsida), 6 June

Arana Hills Library has won a Library Board of Queensland innovations grant for a 'Books for babies' project. The project involves presenting mothers of babies born at North-West Private Hospital with a library bag containing a board book and information about the importance of reading to infants.

**Aussie expert on access for disabled pans Britain's sites**  
*The Canberra Times*, 11 June, by Wendy Levy

Tom Worthington has warned Britain that its new internet gateway may discriminate against disabled users. The gateway has been set up as a central registration service for online government services. He said that the site was poorly designed and could breach Britain's own laws against offering the disabled lower-quality service.

**Local government: state budget boost for welfare and arts**  
*Sydney Morning Herald*, 12 June, by Harvey Grennan

The State Government budget was disappointing for council libraries, with virtually no extra funding made available for libraries. The big winners were home and community care, the arts in western Sydney, and stormwater control.

**Race to introduce electronic paper**  
*The Age*, 12 June

The race is on for the first commercially available electronic paper. Xerox Palo Alto Research Centre and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are competing to be the first to release the invention. Electronic paper, is thin, flexible and utilises electronic ink to display text. Xerox anticipates the first practical application of their electronic paper will occur in 2001.

**UK group buys out Aussie icon**  
*The Courier Mail*, 16 June, by Sean Smith

Angus & Robertson, Australia's largest bookshop chain, has been sold to British giant WH Smith. The sale includes New Zealand retailer Whitcoulls and Bennetts. Angus & Robertson has a chain of 159 stores, including 64 operated under franchise. Whitcoulls and Bennetts own almost ninety stores in New Zealand.

**Libraries cater for languages**  
*Frankston Standard*, 25 June

The State Library of Victoria has established

minority language collections in several public libraries in Melbourne. The collections include fourteen languages from Cambodian and Indonesian to Portuguese and Persian. The following libraries hold the collections: City of Greater Dandenong Libraries — Cambodian; Moreland City Libraries — Hindi, Indonesian, Tagalog, Sinhalese; City of Booroondara Library Service — Indonesian and Korean; Hume Moonee Valley Regional Library Corporation — Kurdish; Brimbank Library and Information Service — Punjabi, Tamil; Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation — Persian; Hobsons Bay Libraries — Portuguese; Stonnington Library and Information Service — Thai; Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service — Urdu.

The story also appeared in the *Frankston Standard*, *The Progress Press Camberwell*, *Bayside Leader*, *Stonnington Leader*, *Coburg Leader*, *Melbourne-Yarra Leader*, *Caulfield Glen Eira-Port Phillip Leader*, *Mordialloc Chelsea Leader*, and *Maroondah Leader*.

**Report highlights IT credentials: PM**  
*Border Mail* (Albury Wodonga) 26 June

The federal government highlighted a new report showing a surge in internet use by Australians. Prime Minister John Howard said that the report was proof Australia was leading the world in adapting to information technology.

In summarising the data collected, the report '...indicates that Australia's performance and growth in terms of uptake of internet technology and internet infrastructure is strong and poised to continue...'

**Library pay unresolved**  
*Knox Leader*, 26 June, by Ben Hopkinson

A pay dispute between Knox library staff and the Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation continues. Staff at Knox, Maroondah and the Yarra Ranges libraries have refused to collect fines, reserve books or order interlibrary loans until the pay dispute is settled. The Australian Services Union argues that library workers have been underpaid for six years.

**Database to save Bacon**  
*The Australian*, 4 July

University libraries, led by Oxford and the University of Michigan and ProQuest Information and Learning are creating digital education of 25 000 early English texts including those of James Bacon, to form a new database. About 150 libraries have been recruited to finance the project by paying \$US10 000 a year for five years.

**Main parties boxing clever**  
*The Australian*, 4 July, by Gavin Moodie

It seems that Australia's two main political parties are now taking higher education policy seriously. Moodie compares the ap-

proaches taken by the two main parties in outlining their policies. The Coalition's innovation statement, Backing Australia's Ability and the Labor parties Knowledge Nation statement both support research and application in targeted sectors. However there are two differences in approach: the Coalition's intervention is limited to a specific area of policy to meet a specific goal. Labor's is a broad vision supported by a comprehensive program covering many sectors.

**A clever country does not tax books**  
*The Age*, 4 July, by Kathleen Mapperson

Mapperson argues that the GST on books hits low income earners the hardest and that this group would be the ones to benefit most from the removal of the tax from books. She argues that lower prices for books would encourage households to purchase more books, with the effect of helping to develop literacy skills and foster a love of reading and books.

**World recognition for Mabo, Cook**  
*The Age*, 5 July,  
by Duncan Bone and Darren Gray

Captain Cook's Endeavour Journal and the Mabo Case Manuscripts have been recognised as international historic treasures. The National Library of Australia recently announced that the documents had been placed on UNESCO's International Memory of the World register. The list is the paper equivalent of the World Heritage List, a list of places and monuments of major international significance. Jan Lyall, chairwoman of the Australian Memory of the World committee, said that the list raised awareness of crucial historical documents, and therefore helped to protect them.

**Touched by words for a new life spin**  
*Community News* (Moreland Edition),  
10 July

Winners of the Moreland Reading Project — Books that changed my life — were announced recently. Almost 140 people entered the competition to write about the book that had changed their lives. The winning entry, by Lorraine Halleday, said Isabel Allende's *Paula* changed her life because it had helped her accept her own sorrow after losing a child. Joint runners-up were Helen McInnis and Shane Mercer, who wrote about JD Salinger's *Catcher in the rye*. The winning entry for the 16 years and under category was Yasam Avci, aged 11, for JK Rowling's *Harry Potter and the philosopher's stone*.

Note: Tim Bruwer, manager of cultural development at Moreland City Council is more than happy to be contacted by anyone interested in organising competitions such as this one. Tim can be contacted via e-mail at [tbruwer@moreland.vic.gov.au](mailto:tbruwer@moreland.vic.gov.au).

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- 13/11 WA Library Technicians. *Meeting and end of year dinner*. LISWA, 5:45pm start. *RSVP contact*: Sandra Wilson, [s.m.wilson@curtin.edu.au](mailto:s.m.wilson@curtin.edu.au)

**Conference**

- 21-24/8 11th National Library Technicians conference. *An information odyssey*. The Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart Tas. Conference organiser: Convention Wise, ph 03 6234 1424, fx 03 6231 5388, [mail@conventionwise.com.au](mailto:mail@conventionwise.com.au), <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/libt/conferences/2001/>

- 26-29/8/2001 9th Special, Health & Law Libraries conference. *Rivers of knowledge*. Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne Vic. Conference secretariat: The Meeting Planners, ph 03 9417 0888, fx 03 9417 0899, [adocherty@meetingplanners.com.au](mailto:adocherty@meetingplanners.com.au), <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2001/>

- 12-14/10 2001 RAISS conference. *Revealing in reference 2001 — reference and information service section symposium*. Symposium themes: share the best; learn the new; make the difference. Venue: VUT Conference Centre, Melbourne. For more information please visit the Revealing in Reference web site <http://raiss2001.monash.org/>

- 21-23/10 2001 National TAFE libraries conference. *Passion power people — TAFE Libraries Leading the Way*. Sheraton Hotel, Brisbane Qld. Conference organiser: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton, Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, [vanessa@orgaus.com.au](mailto:vanessa@orgaus.com.au), <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/tafe/conferences/>

- 7-9/11 14th National ALIA Cataloguing conference. *Seachange: cataloguing in a dot com world*. Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus. Conference chair: Ebe Kartus, ph 03 5227 8228, [kartus@deakin.edu.au](mailto:kartus@deakin.edu.au)

- 12-16/11 Public Libraries national conference. *2001 The conference: Endless possibilities!* Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre Vic. Conference secretariat: Conference Consultants Australia, ph 03 9690 3933, fx 03 9690 3944, [alia@conferenceconsultants.com.au](mailto:alia@conferenceconsultants.com.au), <http://www.conferenceconsultants.com.au/alia/>

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