

ACT

217 CAVAL training activities. *Hands-on metadata*, led by Bruce Mcleod of Spirit Consulting. 9:30–12pm. Training Room C, National Library of Australia, Canberra. Cost: \$198 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$220 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **417 ACT Specials.** *Librarians libations* — Piano Bar at the old Lakeside (now Rydes, from 5:30pm. Contact: Julie Philips, j.philips@nma.gov.au

• **917 URLs.** *Colin Steele and Lorena Kanellopoulos from the ANU will speak on 'E-Prints Australia: the future of scholarly information'* (developments in electronic storage). McDonald Room, Menzies Library, ANU, 12:30pm. All welcome, bring your lunch. Contact: Nancy Clarke, secretary URLs, ph 02 6209 1117, N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **1017 ACTIVE ALIA.** *Monthly meeting:* all welcome. 4th floor, Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm. Contact: Julie Ward, Group secretary, jward@nla.gov.au

• **3017 ACT Library Technicians.** *Cool Yule — Christmas in July.* CIT Restaurant, 7 for 7:15pm. Come and have some fun (and network) over a jolly fine feast for \$34. Bring your partner and contact: Beth Clary, ph 02 6162 6225, beth.clary@radford.act.edu.au *Limited bookings so early RSVP vital.*

NSW

817 CAVAL training activities. *Preparing a disaster plan.* Sydney, venue tba, 9–12pm. Cost: \$198.00 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$220.00 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

817 CAVAL training activities. *Disaster response issues for senior managers.* Sydney, venue tba, 1–5pm. Cost: \$198.00 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$220.00 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evc@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **25/7–20/11 Children & Youth Services (NSW).** *General meeting.* Venue tba, 6pm. 25/7; 17/9; 20/11. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

• **1/11 Children & Youth Services (NSW).** *Children's library management seminar.* Burwood Council Chambers, Conder Street, Burwood NSW (5 minutes walk from Burwood train station), 9–4:30pm. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

• **March 2003 Children & Youth Services (NSW).** *Switching them on to reading: books and young children.* a one day seminar featuring bestselling children's author Mem Fox giving the Nancy Booker Honour Lecture. Most public libraries offer story times and in recent years a couple have started up programs for babies and toddlers. The aim of the

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Old EPA Library launches new system in Library Week

The Queensland Environmental Protection Agency's Central Office Library marked Australian Library and Information Week by officially unveiling its new web-based library management system, Voyager.

EPA's executive director (corporate affairs), John Gilmour, launched Voyager at a morning tea attended by a large number of interested staff and invited guests, including the Agency's deputy director general, Dr Ian McPhail, and representatives from the State Library of Queensland.

EPA Library Services have maintained an online library catalogue since mid-1993, when the State Library of Queensland's ORACLE system was selected and implemented. Library services are continuing this partnership with the upgrade to Voyager.

In coming months, it is planned that Voyager will be progressively rolled out to the EPA's regional library in Cairns, and the Queensland Herbarium Library at Brisbane's

Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Richard Sayers, manager, Library Services, Queensland Environmental Protection Agency



L to R: Kay Beumer; John Gilmour, executive director, corporate affairs; and Patricia Kennedy cut the Voyager cake, surrounded by EPA Library staff

Students take charge for Library Technician Day

Students studying Library technician courses in North-Western Tasmania have been able to use their participation in preparations for National Library Technician Day to gain credits for their course.

The students needed to demonstrate their ability to organise and co-ordinate an activity as a team. The selected activity was a function at which technicians from public, TAFE school and special libraries could enjoy a relaxing evening, extend their networks and applaud the presentation of thirty-one certificates and five diplomas to recent graduates. An award for the most outstanding student of 2001 was presented by a representative of ALIA to Sandra Cattanach.

Student team leader, Donella Wigg, kept her team of eight diploma students interested and on

the ball by producing a weekly update sheet. In this way the group kept track of progress and the tasks remaining for catering and decorations, entertainment and guest speakers to come together on the night. Needed funds were raised by the running of three raffles, one for a solid black-wood table donated by Donella. The proceeds went towards paying for the entertainment and decorations.

The resulting presentation function at the Oz Rock Inn at Ulverstone was indeed a night to remember. The students, Robyn Noyman, Ruth Donaghy, Diane Anderson, Janet Lambert, Rosemary Goodman, James Cooper, and Nga Duong worked tirelessly to ensure that the guests enjoyed themselves. The entertainment featured belly dancers and a fire-wielding juggler. The guest speakers inspired us with stories of how 'Libraries changed lives'. And the new graduates proudly received their well-deserved qualifications.

The 'Libraries change lives' display set up by the students for the evening was transferred to the Devonport Campus Library for the remainder of Library and Information Week and aroused considerable interest.

Teacher of the class, Kerrie Blyth was pleased with the way in which the activity provided the students with the opportunity to display their initiative and skills in teamwork and co-ordination and by the way in which the students responded. We are looking forward to Library and Information Week 2003, when we hope to be able to undertake a similar project with new students. ■

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