

Making news...

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

ACT

1/11 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. Great Hall, University House, Balmain Crescent, ANU, 6:00pm for 6:30pm dinner Hosted by ACT Universities. Contact: Kate Janssens, ANU, ph 02 6125 3539, kate.janssens@anu.edu.au

NSW

13-14/9 Managing and maintaining your decentralised intranet. Ensuring intranet consistency and usability over multiple sites and pages with multiple content authors. Cost [GST incl]: \$1995 ALIA members, \$2095 non-members. Contact: Helen Hassan, ph 02 9436 4255, helen.hassan@keyforums.com.au, <http://www.keyforums.com.au/>

• **27/9 Mentoring NSW.** *Library Folk In the Pub – at The Madison.* Meet fellow library workers at Library Folk in the Pub (LFIP) at 6:00pm on last Wednesday of the month. This month is at the Madison Hotel, opposite Central station, corner of Devonshire and Chalmers Streets. Contact: Julian Sortland, ph 0429 470 672, julian@sortland.co.uk.

• **25/10 Mentoring NSW.** *Library Folk In the Pub.* Catch up with old friends or meet new ones at Library Folk in the Pub (LFIP). October's meeting is at the Glasshouse Bar in the UTS Union, Broadway, Level 3 of the tower, the basement level, 6:00pm. Contact: Julian Sortland, ph 0429 470 672, julian@sortland.co.uk

8/11 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. Training Room, Level 6, Building 10, Jones Street, Broadway, 6:00pm. Hosted by University of Technology, Sydney. Contact: Kate Wilson, ph 02 9514 1081, kate.wilson@uts.edu.au

• **29/11 Mentoring NSW.** *Library Folk In the Pub – pre Christmas event.* Join us at Thali restaurant and bar, 116-118 Wigram Street, Harris Park from 6:30pm for drinks and an informal meal. They serve south Indian food, and a local and Indian beers and soft-drinks, and wine. About \$20. Train, bus, T-Way, or on-site parking. Contact: Julian Sortland, ph 0429 470 672, julian@sortland.co.uk

22/9 Empowering Communities: A focus on South Africa's District Six Museum. Keynote speaker: Valmont Layne, Director, District Six Museum, South Africa. This seminar will examine how international and Australian museums, galleries and libraries have successfully developed community based programs. Contact: Aletha Mays, ph 02 9339 9910, aletham@mgns.org.au, http://www.mgns.org.au/calendar_detail.php?id=53

2-3/11 Metropolitan Public Libraries Conference See *National events* for additional details.

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Family fun at library during Book Week

Canberra Times, 22 August

Schools across Queanbeyan are in the midst of celebrating Book Week this week and Queanbeyan City Library is presenting a comprehensive program of stories and games for local classes. About 2500 children from kindergarten to Year 2 are expected to attend Book Week presentation. Parents of preschool children need not feel their children will miss out. This year Queanbeyan Library will, for the first time, take part in National Simultaneous Storytime. Contact Emma Ciechan on 02 6298 0164.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Northern Territory News, 22 August

Casuarina, City, Karama and Nightcliff Libraries are presenting National Simultaneous Storytime on 1 September and everyone is welcome. This year the picture book *Good Night, Me* by Andrew Daddo and Emma Quay will be read simultaneously throughout Australia as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Libraries get booked out

Frankston Standard, 14 August, Teresa Murphy

Hastings and Somerville libraries have over 800 new items being added to the collection over the next few weeks. Children, in particular, should appreciate the new collection of books, some of which will be read during Bedtime Storytime sessions as part of Children's Book Week. On Friday, 1 September, both libraries will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime, when libraries around the nation will read *Good Night, Me* by Andrew Daddo and Emma Quay.

Library News

Herbert River Express, 10 August 2006

General news from Hinchinbrook Shire libraries: National Science Week, Children's Book Week and National Simultaneous Storytime. Local schools, preschools, playgroups and kindergartens are welcomed to NSS, and the libraries are hosting a pyjama party-dress code: PJs and slippers, a pillow to sit on and bring a teddy to cuddle.

Downloads

Courier Mail, 10 August, Sarah Nicholson

For the first time in the United Kingdom you can work out on gym equipment beside the books. Fitness equipment, including squat machines and shoulder presses, have been set up at Liverpool's Central Library as part of a healthy living campaign. "This new project will hopefully encourage many more library users to think about getting fit bodies as well as fit minds," Liverpool City Council fitness manager Mark Jones said. "The gym equipment will be discreetly placed so as not to interfere with the day-to-day running of the library and special clothing will not be required." No comment reported from the librarians.

Literary detective solves mystery of colonial diary

Australian Associated Press, 9 August, Doug Conway

How did a 200-year-old French military manuscript end up in Australia, with a colonial settler's diary written in the back of it? The hand-written French manuscript, bought years ago by a university archivist from a deceased estate, details 300 pages of military fortifications and battlefield maps. But when turned upside down and opened at the other end, it is written in English and is the working diary of a settler in the second half of 1839. Pains-taking detective work by Emeritus Professor Ken Dutton finally identified the military lecture notes as belonging to General Francois Jarry, and the diary as that of Lieutenant Colonel Charles George Gray, a pioneer settler in the Port Macquarie district. His diary offers a vivid snapshot of convict life. An extract from the festive season reads: "*Christmas Day: Gave the men spirits and they abused the indulgence. Have therefore determined never to give them spirits again. The women behaved very ill. December 26: Dismissed Mary.*"

Multi-million dollar plan for new Deakin institute

Geelong Advertiser, 4 August, Rebecca Tucker

Deakin University will now develop the Alfred Deakin Institute at its Waterfront campus. The Federal Government yesterday kicked in \$4 million towards the project. The Alfred Deakin Institute, to be open to the public, will include an Alfred Deakin digital archive developed in partnership with the National Library of Australia and the Deakin family, an internet site, reference collection and reading room, and a display of Deakin's memorabilia.

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BRW, 27 July – 2 August, Kath Walters

This article discusses the lack of concerted action from either the public or the private sector to remedy declining interest in IT careers, particularly among young women. Girls



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at high school level perceive IT as a boring, irrelevant and unhealthy profession, and women find it inflexible and male-oriented. A number of role model women in Australian IT are listed, including ALIA member Anastasia Govan.

Our city in photos is now online

Daily Telegraph, 27 July

The State Library of NSW has put many of its historic images into an online gallery. From an 1845 portrait of Sydney doctor William Bland through to the modern colour of the post-Olympics parade in 2000, the astounding collection reveals rarely seen snapshots of how Sydney and NSW have grown over the years. 'Sydney Exposed' curator Alan Davies said that 300 000 of 1 million historic images held by the library were already online and the rest would follow. Thanks to internet technology, fragile pictures that required special storage could now be seen by everybody. The archive, part of the library's extensive Mitchell Collection, is online now via <http://www.atmitchell.com>.

Also reported in the *Telegraph* on 31 July, "Updating of our past", by Simon Ferguson.

Not far to move for change

Messenger – East Torrens, 26 July, Olivia Watson

After 10 years working as a library assistant at Campbelltown Library, Lauren Christensen was ready for a change. So she moved over the road to the Campbelltown Council offices, where she took up a position as the council's website and graphic designer. She began doing graphics work at the library and ended up managing the website. After graduating from high school in 1995, Lauren got a traineeship with the Campbelltown Library.

Oily manuals get the flick

The Australian, 25 July, Kelly Mills

Monster books of vehicle specs are a thing of the past for NRMA patrol officers, with access to a new database containing mechanical information on most vehicles sold in Australia over the past 40 years. Before the development of the Technical Knowledge Database, based on Brisbane company Absolute Data Group Accuro's software, the white knights had to rely on 11 technical manuals and their own expertise. Information systems containing mechanical data developed over the years

vary greatly, NRMA motoring and services national technical support manager Mark Williams says. The plan with the database was to create one system to bring together historical information, mainly from the legacy Automotive Information System, and remove duplicated information. It is a browser-based system that pulls together information from the NRMA's technical library and databases detailing road tests, vehicle inspections and repair tips.

Net sum of collective wisdom

The Australian, 22 July, Ben MacIntyre, additional reporting by Nick Leys

Online encyclopedia Wikipedia is best used with a healthy dose of scepticism. This article summarises the strengths and weaknesses of Wikipedia, and concludes that we are all joining it. Best sentence: "Most people approach Wikipedia with an understanding of its limitations; students who cut-and-paste Wikipedia errors into their work do not deserve to be in higher education."

Our love affair with library sets a new record

Weekend Advocate, 15 July

Bathurst Library made the top and centre of the front page of the *Weekend Advocate* with this short piece detailing record-breaking level of loans the library has made over the past year. Over 300 000 items were loaned, making 2005/06 the busiest year since the library opened in 1965. The Bathurst library manager, John Cumberford, attributed the boom year to the fruition of long-term strategies to boost use.

Chairman praises work on library

PNG Post-Courier, 8 July

The chairman of the PNG National Library and Archives Board, Oseah Philemon, praised the refurbishment of the National Library on Friday. The K7 million renovation project funded by the Australian government would provide PNG with a first-rate National Library. The National Library was a gift from Australia at the time of PNG's independence in 1975. The refurbishment funding was announced by Australian Prime Minister, John Howard last September. Australia's High Commissioner to PNG, Michael Potts, said that the National Library is an important institution for Papua New Guinea, and Australia, as a close friend and partner, is proud to play a role in helping to preserve it. *



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NT

• **27/9 Top End Group.** *Presentation and meeting.* Australian Broadcasting Corporation Archives and Library. Tour of library, 5:00pm; meeting, 6:00pm; social evening, 7:00pm. Contact: Linda Marchesani, ph 08 8999 3929, linda.marchesani@nt.gov.au

• **13-14/10 4th ALIA Top End Symposium 2006.** See *Conference events for additional details.*

• **25/10 Top End Group.** *Presentation and meeting.* Donation of artwork to Palmerston City Council Library in memory of Lyn McIntosh. Presentation: 5:00-6:00pm; Group meeting: 6:00-7:00pm. Contact: Linda Marchesani, ph 08 8999 3929, linda.marchesani@nt.gov.au

QLD

• **11/10 QLD OPALS.** *General meeting at Brisbane Catholic Education Centre, 243 Gladstone Road, Dutton Park, 4:30-5:30pm.* Host: Denise Cadman. Contact: Denise Cadman, ph 07 3840 0446, dcadman@bne.catholic.edu.au

7/11 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. Owen J Wordsworth Rooms, Level 12, S Block, QUT Gardens Point, 6:00pm. Hosted by Queensland University of Technology. Contact: Kym Mayers, ph 07 3864 4174, k.mayers@qut.edu.au

18/10 Australian Copyright Council. *Seminars in Brisbane:* experienced ACC lawyers present sessions for librarians, copyright and compliance officers, digital rights managers and collecting institution staff. Find out how the law works and what's in the pipeline – keep up to date! Contact: Copyright Council, ph 02 9699 3247, info@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au/>

SA

• **4/9-6/11 ALIA SA.** *General meeting.* All SA ALIA members welcome! We meet on the 1st Monday each month. Amore cafe, 162-170 Pultney Street, 6:00pm for 6:15pm. 4/9, 2/10, 6/11. Contact: Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

18/10 2006 Clare Burton Memorial Lecture. *Jobs, care and justice: A fair work regime for Australia.* Professor Barbara Pocock. Venue: tbc, Adelaide, 5:30pm. Hosted by University of South Australia. Contact: Lyn Browning, ph 08 8302 1729, lynette.browning@unisa.edu.au

• **6/12 Information Science (SA).** *End of year event.* Contact: Fiona Mariner, ph 08 8303 5248, fiona.mariner@adelaide.edu.au

VIC

• **28/10 Vic Schools.** *Literature.* More details: tba. Contact: Kris Johnstone, ph 03 9805 9234, kjohnsto@sac.vic.edu.au

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