

**Work starts on Cardwell library
 Herbert River Express, 7 June 2007**

Construction of the new Cardwell library and museum complex began in early June. The new library complex will include state-of-the-art information technology to serve the access needs of the public, and facilities for a community meeting room for use during and after library hours, some gallery space and an activities room. The Cardwell Shire Council awarded the tender to Mission Beach company Tropical Coast Builders. Architects for the project are Jon Kuskopf and Associates of Townsville.

**Shelter for the day
 Waikato Times (New Zealand), 2 June 2007, Kate Monahan**

You're down on your luck, living rough, and with the long daylight hours to fill in. Where do you go? For many the answer is the library. However Hamilton City councillor Gordon Chesterman said he had been approached by residents worried about homeless men loitering at the central library. He said the homeless men intimidated legitimate library users, and that he had seen the problem first-hand himself, including a man sleeping near the children's area on the first floor. It was 'unacceptable', said Chesterman, who could not be contacted by reporters. Despite the brouhaha over homeless people loitering around the library, most of the librarians feel a mix of affection and protectiveness for these so-called vagrants in their midst. Hamilton City Council's director of libraries Faye Clark says most staff are supportive of homeless people in the library.

**Libraries get funding boost
 Geelong Advertiser, 2 June 2007**

The Victorian government will spend almost \$1.5 million on Geelong libraries over the next year. The funding, announced by Minister for Local Government Richard Wynne, will be distributed to Geelong Regional Library Corporation's 13 branches and three mobile libraries for operational purposes. The amount, \$1 410 423, will secure a continued service to more than 90 000 library members. The corporation has five branches in Geelong, as well as at Ocean Grove, Queenscliff, Torquay Barwon Heads and Drysdale.

**High-tech project opens access to first newspapers
 Canberra Times 28 May 2007**

Old newspapers have always been a marvellous resource for researchers of all persuasions, but getting access was a laborious and frustrating process. The \$8 million service will provide millions of

pages of free, online access, from the first Australian newspaper, published in 1803, through to 1954, improving access to one of the most valuable research resources on Australian history and culture.

**Senate pornography viewing ends in anti-climax
 Australian Financial Review, 25 May 2007, Sophie Morris**

The Family First Senator, Steve Fielding, has been critical of internet access to pornography in a Senate estimates hearing. On 24 May 2007, this led to an argument with Australian Communications Minister, Helen Coonan, due to Fielding's assertion that the Australian Government peddles 'sex, smut and sleaze' since it does not require porn filters in Parliament House and public libraries. Coonan reiterated that the National Library of Australia has porn filters, and that any politician or staff member who would like filters, can easily obtain them from presiding officers.

**Libraries link people, ideas
 Darwin Palmerston Sun, 16 May 2007**

Library and Information Week is all about letting the community know how much is on offer at their local library. The focus is on how libraries link people with ideas – through books and, this year especially, technology. Making information accessible is a vital part of librarians' commitment to promoting the free flow of information and sharing their expertise to help clients achieve their goals.

Fast facts: There are 10.1 million registered borrowers in public libraries, using 1 700 public libraries across Australia. Each year Australia's public libraries lend over 174 million items. There are almost 5 000 internet computers in public libraries in Australia. There are more than 26 million loans every year in Australian university libraries. More than 77 000 people use the internet in public libraries every week. There are 27 000 people working in libraries and information services in Australia.

**Thugs break into National Library again
 PNG Post-Courier, 10 May 2007**

Acting deputy National Librarian, Karina Sereva, has urged the PNG public not to buy goods believed to be stolen. This comes after the National library in Port Moresby was broken into again yesterday. This had become a common occurrence with the national library. The library was broken into in March and thieves got away with computers worth about K40 000. The National library is currently using only three computers and a printer that is being shared by the staff.

•20/8 ALIA New Graduates Group *New Graduates celebrate ALIA's 70th Birthday.* Contact: Rob Tucker, 02 8288 8751, rtucker@aipm.com.au

6/9 Australian Copyright Council *Seminars, Perth Presented by ACC copyright law experts.* A day of seminars on copyright topics for librarians, including the new provision for maintaining or operating a library or archive. Contact Reception: ph 02 8815 9777, info@copyright.org.au, http://www.copyright.org.au

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 25/7, 22/8, 19/9, 17/10 & 17/11 **Geraldine Barkworth Coaching & Training** *How to be a relaxed overachiever.* Five monthly interactive teleclasses with librarians around Australia, beginning Wednesday 25th July, 8:00am - 9:00am EST (Sydney time). Cost: ALIA members \$295, Non-members \$345. Contact: Geraldine Barkworth, ph 02 6685 1917, http://www.geraldinebarkworth.com

•6/9 **National Simultaneous Storytime 2007** This event will take place during the Thursday of National Literacy and Numeracy Week at 11:00am AEST. Contact ALIA National Office, 02 6215 8222, http://alia.org.au/advocacy/storytime/

Conferences
 17-20/7 **Country Public Libraries Association of New South Wales** *Conference Public Libraries: A Cultural Pearl, Merimbula NSW.* Contact: Tim Moorhead, ph 02 6499 2287, tmoorhead@begavalley.nsw.gov.au, http://www.cpla.asn.au

5-7/8 **Public Libraries Australia 2007 Conference:** Public Libraries Building Balance Adelaide Convention Centre. Contact: Robert Knight, 02 6926 9777, knight.rob@wagga.nsw.gov.au, http://www.pla.org.au/conferences.htm

23-25/8 **Australian Society of Archivists** *Conference Initiatives, Ideas and Interaction: sharing our story.* Contact: Pat Jackson, pat.jackson@nt.gov.au, http://www.archivists.org.au

2/10 **National Advisory Congress** ALIA Top End. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, jayshree.mamtara.cdu.edu.

5-6/10 **5th ALIA Top End Symposium 2007** *Evolving Education.* Contact: Sarah White, ph 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

•9-12/10 **ALIA National Library and Information Technicians** *Conference, Inform, Innovate, Initiate and Inspire.* Grand Hyatt, Melbourne. Contact: Gail Schmidt, convenor, 03 8664 7335, gschmidt@slv.vic.gov.au, http://www.alia07.com/

10-12/10 **Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library National Conference** *Simply the Best 2: Reflections of women through records.* Adelaide, Australia. Contact: Convenor Jenni Jeremy, ph 08 8302 0318, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au. Further information: http://www.unisa.edu.au/hawkecentre/library/conferences/conference07.asp