

<<http://www.bild.bundesarchiv.de>> with full online payment facilities. Initially, there will be around 60,000 photos, aerial views and posters accessible, with the eventual aim of 250,000 digitised documents online.

Antisocial networking?

I think the flurry about social networking will subside after a while, but I'm willing to bet that it won't go away entirely. There was another bump on the yellow brick road in September when the name Quechup gained the wrong sort of fame. This startup company was doing the same sort of thing as many others — offering to check your address book to see how many of your friends are already on their system — but they took the extra step to send invitations to their site, without really telling you that's what they were about to do. The community expressed their unhappiness all over the place. I haven't heard how they're going since then, but it wasn't a good start. Meanwhile, there are indications that some of the people getting into the business have interesting backgrounds, involving companies whose business is selling customer data to marketers. It's all the more reason to be just a little careful about what you give them.

To tag to not to tag

One of the never-ending myths about search engines and marketing is the use of the META Keywords tag. It's understandable if beginners are a little confused, but I often find that experts are not well informed either. One who knows what he's talking about is Danny Sullivan at Search Engine Land, and he's written a primer at <<http://searchengineland.com/070809-091501.php>>

com/070905-194221.php> that should be the last word (for the time being) on the subject. He sets out the history of the concept and how the good guys and the others used and exploited it over the years, and how the search engines responded. Most useful is his reporting of recent interviews with representatives from the various companies to try to get the lowdown on the subject. It's a very good article, but if you skip to the chase his advice is don't worry about Keywords tags — they won't hurt, but they're not worth the effort.

Getting around

Also from Search Engine Land is a piece from Shari Thurow on Site Maps. I've never been a big fan of them, although they can be useful under some circumstances. The problem is that, as Shari says, they're too often used as a way of providing a quick fix for a site's poor information architecture and interface. For an idea of how to use them more effectively, see <<http://searchengineland.com/070809-091501.php>>.

Hues who

This is a site I really like, and it's useful too — especially if you're trying to communicate. Chirag Mehta's 'Name That Color' page at <<http://chir.ag/phernalia/name-that-color/>> gives you the power to choose a colour by navigating around an image and have the generally accepted name of the colour displayed, along with its RGB and hex values. Even better, you can browse a drop-down list to scroll through an alphabetic list of colours, which means that many of us will never again be in doubt about teal, ecru or flax.

Vale Harold Weir — former Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian

Harold Weir, Parliamentary Librarian from 1978 to 1982 and distinguished staff member period to his appointment, passed away in late August. He made a very considerable contribution to the establishment of the library's research services, particularly the establishment of high-quality service, and was instrumental in much of the early

automation, including the implementation of word processing, connection to external databases and development of staff skills. His contribution lives on through the successful Bills Digest service, the research service itself and the use of new information technologies.

Roxanne Missingham

ACT

7-8/11 DISACT Disaster Recovery Workshop Presenter: Kim Morris, Director of Art and Archival P/L. A two-day session designed to assist those responsible for disaster planning for cultural collections. Venue: CIT Bruce Campus, (Building J). Cost: \$336.00 (incl gst). Contact: Cheryl Jackson, 02 6212 3422. cheryl.jackson@naa.gov.au

12/12 APSIG Christmas Lunch. Venue: Dumpling Inn, 1 Lawry Pl., Macquarie. BYO. Cost: \$16pp. Complimentary dessert and coffee at Asia Bookroom. Contact: George Miller, 02 6295 1439, gmillier@grapevine.com.au

NSW

19/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Sydney) Join leading Australian adolescent psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to explore youth cyber safety issues. Venue: Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

20/11 ALIA Children's & Youth Services (NSW) Meeting: Open to all ALIA members. West Ryde Library, 6:00pm. Contact: Alex Mills, 02 9716 1827, alexanderm@ashfield.nsw.gov.au.

28/11 Mentoring NSW Library Folk In the Pub. The Madison Hotel, Surry Hills, upstairs in the Hippo Bar, 6:00pm. Stay on for an end-of-year dinner. Contact: Julian Sortland, 0429 470 672, info@lfip.info

30/11 ALIA Children's & Youth Services (NSW) Pre-Christmas Extravaganza: Good food, good wine, good conversation and good books. What more could you want to stuff your stocking this Christmas? Contact: Alexander Mills, 02 9716 1827, alexanderm@ashfield.nsw.gov.au.

NT

21/11 ALIA Top End. Meeting. Venue: NT Library, 5:00 for 5:30pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

23/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Darwin) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: Holiday Inn Esplanade. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

28/11 ALIA Top End. Christmas Celebrations. Venue: TBC. Time: 7:00pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

QLD

22/11 & 27/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Townsville) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: Rydges Southbank and QUT. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au.nospam. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

24/11 Library Technicians QLD Christmas Party/Lunch. Location & Time: TBA. Contact: Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

30/11 ALIA Members QLD Pre-Christmas Dinner. Venue: West End Gardens Vietnamese Restaurant. Contact: Merindi Derrick, 07 3244 5318, merindi.derrick@deta.qld.gov.au

8/12 Library Technicians QLD Committee Planning for 2008. Location & Time: TBA. Contact: Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

SA

6/11 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting. All SA ALIA members welcome. Venue: New location to be advised. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

26/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Adelaide) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: National Wine Centre. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au.nospam. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

28/11 ALIA Information Science (infoscsa) 'Spics and Specs'-style Library Quiz! All welcome. Venue and time: to be advised. Contact Karen Ayles, 08 8302 4447, karen.ayles@unisa.edu.au

29/11 Australian Copyright Council seminars, Adelaide 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>

4/12 ALIA South Australia End of year event! All South Australian ALIA group members welcome. Venue & time: TBC. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

TAS

7/11 ALIA Tasmania Bright and Beautiful Exhibition Tour and BSANZ Conference Reception. Venue: Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, State Library of Tasmania. Time: 5:00pm. Cost: gold coin donation, free to conference registrants. Contact: Sally Murdoch, quiddlerspress@iprimus.com.au

30/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Hobart) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: University of Tasmania. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse,

New network for Commonwealth Universities

The UK's Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) has announced its new Libraries and Information Network — a professional network for librarians in Commonwealth universities in membership of the ACU. For more information contact <info@acu.ac.uk>.

Automatic Obsolescence Notification Service

The Automated Obsolescence Notification System II (AONS II) has been launched. The project to develop the software is a collaboration between the NLA and the Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories. The AONS II software is designed to enable users — typically libraries and other information repositories — to be informed when file formats that exist in their repositories are obsolete or at risk of becoming obsolete.

The project aimed to produce an open source, platform-independent, configurable and downloadable tool that automatically provides information from authoritative international registries such as the Library of Congress Digital Formats Web Page and the Global Digital Formats Registry. For more information, see <<http://sourceforge.net/projects/aons>> and <<http://www.apsr.edu.au/aons2/>>.

Wikipedia reaches two million articles

Like it or loathe it, Wikipedia has now reached a content of two million articles. Criticism about the resource has centred on its lack of authority and subjectivity, with entries open to editing, enabling factual inaccuracies, errors and bias. However, a study by the journal *Nature* found that 'Wikipedia comes close to [Encyclopaedia] Britannica in terms of the accuracy of its science entries'.

CV —Victoria's NEW cultural experience

Search, learn and discover the world of Culture Victoria (CV), the new online resource that enables you to search across the websites of Victoria's key cultural organisations and to track down any one of the 720 museums, galleries, historical societies, libraries and performing arts centres located across Victoria.

AGS wins award for knowledge management

The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) has received the inaugural Lawtech Award for Best Practice in Knowledge Management. The award was for the AGS national library's application of the request management IT system Refracker.

AGS's national library is the first legal library in Australia to adopt Refracker to capture all of its business intelligence. All reference, training and induction services are now recorded nationally. These records are converted into national performance measures and illustrated in statistical graphs in the library's quarterly report to stakeholders. The library has also launched an online 'iRequest' form that lawyers can use to initiate a request for one of the library's services.

Noela L'Estrange

Australian Government Solicitor

Man Booker Prize announced

Anne Enright, an Irish author, has won this year's prestigious Man Booker Prize for her work *The Gathering*. More information at <<http://www.themanbookerprize.com>>.

Library Buildings News

New Sydney library buildings

Planning is underway for a \$45 million library and cultural centre in Burwood, Sydney. Construction is expected to commence in February 2008 on the combined library, gallery and community space adjoining heritage-listed council chambers.

Construction has commenced on 'one of Sydney's greenest buildings', the \$19 million Surry Hills Community Centre. The two-storey library to be housed in the four-level building with a child care centre, meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, cafe and arts and crafts space. The design includes internal glass bio-filtration atrium where plants filter the air; a 'green' roof; photovoltaic solar cells; rainwater tanks and recycled construction materials. The building is expected to be completed in 2008.

Australian Library News

Two Queensland libraries receive architecture awards

The new State Library of Queensland has won the FDG Stanley Award for Public Building Architecture at the 2007 Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) state awards. The building that houses the new library at Toowoomba's Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE was awarded the Harry Marks Award for Sustainable Architecture. Both buildings were also shortlisted for the RAIA's national awards announced on 25 October. See the RAIA's website at <<http://www.architecture.com.au>>.

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VIC

15/11 ALIA Special Libraries Victoria Tour the Library and Archives of the Melbourne Cricket Club at the MCG! Time: 5:30 for 6:00pm. Cost: Tour only – gold coin donation; Optional dinner in the Members Dining Room – approx \$65 for two courses and a glass of wine. RSVP essential by 8 November to Jill Stephens, jillcstephens@gmail.com

20/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Melbourne) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: Leonda by the Yarra. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au.nospam. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

30/11 Seminar of Research Applications in Information and Library Studies (RAILS4) Linking Research with Practice. Venue: Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library of Victoria. Time: 9:00am – 5:30pm. Cost: \$80. Contact: Bonna Jones, 03 9925 5791, bonna.jones@rmit.edu.au, <http://www.rmit.edu.au/bus/bit/rails4>

26–30/11 Symposium on the Care and Conservation of Middle Eastern Manuscripts. Venue: University of Melbourne. Further information and to register on-line: <http://www.culturalconservation.unimelb.edu.au/events/manuscript.html>. Contact: Associate Professor Robyn Sloggett, rislog@unimelb.edu.au

3–7/12 Indo-Persian Paintings Workshop with Artist Anita Chowdry A week-long intensive practical course follows on from the Symposium on the Care and Conservation of Middle Eastern Manuscripts. Contact: Julia Greene, jcgreene@unimelb.edu.au

WA

3/12 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Perth) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: Curtain University, Bentley. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au.nospam. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

National

1/12/07 – 13/2/08 Summer Reading Club Superheroes Summer – Read around OZ! For further information and to order SRC merchandise: <http://www.alia.org.au/src>; <http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au>

Conferences

2–5/9/2008 ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference Alice Springs, NT. Contact Kamara Schlegel, kamara.schlegel@alia.org.au

ALIA Membership

ALIA welcomes members who joined the Association in August 2007, congratulates our members who have upgraded their qualifications, and extends a warm welcome to our new Institutional Members.

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ALIA Conference Manual

The ALIA Board's Conferences Standing Committee has extended the consultation period for the draft ALIA Conference Manual. The new deadline is 20 November 2007.

The draft is available at http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/standing_conferences.html.