

# Listen Up! Speak Up!

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library, Information and Resource Network (ATSILIRN), will hold its next conference in Darwin, 8—9 April 2008.

Co-hosted by the Northern Territory Library, the conference is titled 'Listen Up! Speak Up!' and will encourage people to not only come and hear, and to have a say, on what is going on in the information sector that relates to Indigenous Australians, but also to speak up. This year for the first time ATSILIRN has introduced 'Lightning talks', a brief (five minute) talk on a single idea, project, library etc. Lightning talks are an excellent forum for first time speakers.

The conference is being held at the library of Charles Darwin University (CDU), Darwin. CDU is an Australian university with a difference. Located in the Northern Territory of Australia, a region spanning the wet tropics in the north to arid desert in the south, the university offers unique and exciting study opportunities in one of the world's most culturally and biologically diverse regions. CDU runs an impressive number of Indigenous studies courses, which can be undertaken at VET, undergraduate and postgraduate level. Indigenous studies are part of the School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

Northern Territory Library (NTL) provides for the information, educational and cultural needs of the people of the Northern Territory through a range of services. The NTL provides leadership in the delivery of library services throughout the Northern Territory and delivers public library services in partnership with

the Department of Employment, Education and Training, and Community and Local Government. The NTL is developing Libraries and Knowledge Centres with access to knowledge and information through core library services, including English literacy, information literacy programs and recreational activities. The Libraries and Knowledge Centres enable the acquisition and preservation of local knowledge in communities and provide training and support to community members engaged in acquiring and preserving knowledge.

There are many things happening in the Northern Territory, especially relating to Indigenous Australians. The Northern Territory is the place to be in 2008 so come along to the ATSILIRN conference and Listen Up and hopefully Speak Up.

For more information check out the conference web site at <http://www1.aiatsis.gov.au/exhibitions/conference/conferenceindex.htm>.

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