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ACT

5/12 ALIA groupFEST (Canberra) Venue: ALIA House, 9–11 Napier Close, Deakin. Time: 5:30pm for 6:00pm start. Supper provided. Contact: Robyn Ellard, 02 6215 8250, robyn.ellard@alia.org.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, gmliller@grapevine.com.au. nospam.

NSW

No events listed for December 2007

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8–9/4/2008 ATSI LIRN Conference: Listen up! Speak up! Venue: Charles Darwin University. Contact: Alana Garwood-Houng, 02 6261 4246, alana.garwood-houng@aiatsis.gov.au

QLD

6/12 ALIA/Key Forums – Best Practice Library Knowledge Management (Brisbane) One-day Master Class. Presenter: Kate Andrews. Contact: Helen Lewis, enquiries@keyforums.com.au. Register online: http://www.keyforums.com.au/master_classes.aspx

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

1–2/2/2008 ALIA Quorum & Quill Beyond the Hype 2008: Web 2.0 Coming in February to a university near you! Cost: ALIA members \$215, non-members \$320, student/concession \$175 (GST included). Further information: Helen Partridge, 07 3138 9047, beyondthehype@alia.org.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/quill/beyond.hype.html>

21/2/2008 QOPAL Meeting. Location: MontroseAccess, 54 Consort St, Corinda QLD. Time: TBA. Contact: Carol Lee, 07 3717 1173, clee@montroseaccess.org.au

10 – 14/3/2008 The Somerset Celebration of Literature Somerset College, open to students and the public. Further information: Events Office, events@somerset.qld.edu.au, <http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/cofl/>

23/4/2008 QOPAL Meeting. Location: Sinclair knight Merz, 369 Ann Street, Brisbane. Time: TBA. Contact: Melissa Porritt, 07 3244 7228, mporritt@skm.com.au

30/4/2008 ALIA/Key Forums – Master Class (Brisbane) Implementing Library 2.0, led by Dr Alex Byrne, University Librarian: University of Technology, Sydney. Cost: \$895 plus GST. Contact: Key Forums,

QLD Library Takes Top Architecture Award

Last month's *inCite*, featuring library buildings, went to press just before the announcement that the State Library of Queensland had won the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' (RAIA's) Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Architecture. The library, designed by architectural firm Donovan Hill Peddle Thorp, was praised for its 'seductive qualities', and for creating 'new opportunities for accessing information in many forms [which] will certainly encourage a wider audience to engage with the culture of this institution'.

The evocative citation at the RAIAs annual awards stated that the building project is 'Part grand public library and part community hall (or many halls)' and that 'The rooms are defined by engaging thresholds that tell something of the process of their making — the Poinciana Desk, the Red Room, the Balcony, the Place for Indigenous Fire Setting. They then open like the chapters of a good book, which can be experienced in differing sequences depending on the journey taken'.

For more details of the project and the full award citation, see <<http://www.architecture.com.au/i-cms?page=9829>>.

ABS blog4libraries

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has recently published a blog titled 'Statistically Speaking' — a blog for librarians and other like-minded information professionals featuring the latest information, news, tips and stories relating to the ABS. The URL is <<http://abs4libraries.blogspot.com>>.

The blog seeks to link users with the vast amount of information available on the ABS website. It also identifies interesting uses of ABS data in the online community, from local government initiatives to media reports.

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The Library Nightclub

Bucking the trend for images of librarians as conservative, is news from the e-lists of The Library Nightclub in Northbridge, Perth! Check it out at <<http://www.librarynightclub.com.au>>.

Mackay Libraries — QLD Public Library of the Year

Mackay Libraries were voted Queensland's Public Library of the year for 2007 at the recent Queensland Public Libraries Association (QPLA) Conference. This is an exceptional achievement for a regional library service and staff are to be congratulated for the variety and quality of services that the libraries provide, which include:

- innovative information literacy programs: 'Cool Clicks and Data Dudes' and 'Knowledge Navigators', delivered to more than 1300 students and 200 adults (teachers/parents) in 2007.
- 'Truckin' Tutorials' program providing internet, email and MS Word training to residents of outlying communities via the mobile library.
- Savvy Senior program providing eBay mobile phone and digital photography classes to our senior community.
- a 'Finding Out Forum', to highlight the range of information resources and services available to Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian South Sea Islander people in their search for community and family history information
- 'Stori blong yu mi', a documentary following the recruitment, blackbirding and settlement of South Sea Islanders to work in the sugar industry in Mackay, was produced in collaboration with a number of community partners
- five 'History Bits in Kits' for schools, teachers, local history groups and societies, covering early settlement, the sugar industry, places and events and the 1918 cyclone
- Multicultural Storytime in collaboration with the Local Area Multicultural Partnership
- annual 'Food for Fines' amnesty.

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