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## OUTSTANDING LIBRARIANS



'Outstanding librarians' were prominent in the audience as well as in the speakers' notes, when the SA Institute of Technology Graduates Association held its first library management meeting recently. About 60 Adelaide librarians gathered to hear James Bennett's Managing Director, Andy Dakers, give his views on this topic. In a colourful slide presentation citing some of SA's more prominent librarians (including Alan Bundy, Euan Miller, Barbara Biggins, Chris Henderson and Tony Foksett) Andy demonstrated that successful time management was a key trait for success in librarianship.

Andy's talk was followed by an enthusiastic presentation from Dr Chris Henderson, the Manager of SA Public Libraries. Chris explained the concept of the proposed Public Library Automated Information Network and then, citing examples of her own experiences, suggested ways in which librarians can work within their respective communities to promote library use and awareness.

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## MATT FLINDERS AHOY!

*Matthew Flinders Navigator & Chartmaker* and *Matthew Flinders Private Journal 1803 - 1814* were launched recently at the NSW State Library.

It is said that while Mathew Flinders lay on his death-bed, at the age of just 40, he suddenly awoke from a coma, sat up and cried out in alarm 'My papers!'

Flinders was certainly diligent in recording his achievements and it is remarkable and most fortunate that so many of his papers survived the hazards of small-ship navigation in dangerous waters, shipwreck and a long imprisonment on the Ile de France (Mauritius).

Flinders' first circumnavigation of Australia, shipwreck in HMS *Porpoise* and 6 years imprisonment by the French Governor, General Decaen, on the Ile de France resulted in the *Private Journal, 1803-1814*, now in the Mitchell Library.

Russell Doust, NSW State Librarian says 'the way the State Library came by the Flinders collection, is a story in itself'.

In 1817 the then Principal Librarian of the Public Library of NSW, W. H. Ifould, wrote to Flinders' grandson, Professor William Matthew Flinders Petrie, to ask whether there would be any possibility of this valuable collection coming to the Mitchell Library. After investigation Professor Petrie considered the Mitchell Library and replied to Ifould that he would offer the collection to any Australian State which would erect a monument to his grandfather, preferably in the form of a statue, costing not less than £2,000.

'This is how the State Library of NSW became the only library in Australia to own a statue', said Mr Doust. The statue was cast in bronze, transported to Sydney and erected on a site next to the Mitchell Library facing Macquarie Street. In return Professor Petrie transferred the valuable Flinders collection to the Mitchell Library.

'It was Flinders who gave us the name 'Australia' Mr Doust explained so it is fitting that it is his statue that stands beside the Mitchell Library, the world's largest and finest collection of Australian history.' The limited edition two volume set published by Genesis of England and distributed by David Henley costs \$890. Each volume is hand bound and printed on acid free paper. Orders can be placed with Hedley Australia, PO Box 1058 Ivanhoe, Victoria 3079.

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