

sics (19/6), TRADSTAT Workshop (20/6 am). Hobart contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **27/7 TAS library technician section general meeting.** Hobart (venue to be announced). Contact: Kerrie Dick, Ph: (004) 286 062.

• **24/8 TAS Library technician section general meeting.** Devonport (venue to be announced). Contact: Kerrie Dick, Ph: (004) 286 062.

• **21/9 TAS library technician section annual general meeting and mini-conference.** Time: 10.30-4.30pm. Venue: Man O'Ross Hotel Function Room, Ross. Contact: Kerrie Dick, Ph: (004) 286 062.

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12-13/6 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars Introductory DIALOG (12/6), Biomedical (13/6). Melbourne contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **14/6 Geelong regional group.** Pub night at the Onion Bar, Little Malop St. 5.30pm onwards, all welcome. Contact: Darren Ryan, Ph: (052) 272 203, e-mail: darrenr@deakin.edu.au.

• **18/6 ALIA victoria branch and ACLIS (Vic) Demystifying Telecommunications.** 2-5pm, Lecture Room, L7, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Royal Parade, Parkville. Contact: Derek Whitehead (03) 9669 9989 or Sue McKnight (052) 271 352. RSVP with cheque made payable to SLV, c/- Janette Gribble, Swanston St, Melbourne 3000.

• **26/6 RAISS Victoria** Designing WWW pages Seminar will focus on design and content issues in WWW page design. 9-12pm Baillieu Library Seminar Room, Uni of Melbourne. Cost: No charge to RAISS members, \$20 others. Contact: Tony Arthur, Ph: (03) 9344 4414, e-mail: arthur@lib.unimelb.edu.au

• **27/6 UCRLS Victorian group AGM.** Speaker: Prof Margaret Cameron, university librarian, Deakin Uni. 6pm for 6.30pm. Seminar Room, Baillieu Library, Uni of Melbourne. Contact: Susan Bray, Ph: (03) 9344 8322.

3/7 FLIS Training Pty Ltd Exploiting the Internet. Cost: \$170. 9.15-5pm. Monash Uni Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, Ph: (03) 9813 1925.

9-11/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. High Technology Applications (9/7 pm), Introductory DIALOG (10/7), Pharmaceutical (11/7). Melbourne contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **16/7 Geelong regional group.** How to develop your own WWW home page workshop. Deakin Uni, H Block Computer Room. Limited Places. 6.00pm for 6.30 start. Bookings: Darren Ryan, Ph: (052) 272 203, e-mail: darrenr@deakin.edu.au.

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Community access

Bill Humes, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies

The community access program at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies was established as a result of the long held awareness that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders should have proper access to the Institute's collections and other resources on offer.

A part of the community access program are workshops where representatives from communities are able to learn more about the Institute and its collections. The first of these workshops was held in 1987, and in 1988, thanks to the assistance of the Department of Employment, Education and Training, representatives from remote areas such

as Kalumbanu in North Western Australia, and Santa Teresa in the Northern Territory were able to visit the Institute. Unfortunately, due to a change in DEETs policy in the early 1990s the funding could not continue, resulting in fewer workshops.

In March 1995 a decision was made to reintroduce history research workshops. The workshops focus on a range of important matters from the responsibility of grantees, the enhancement of research skills and techniques for interviews, the editing and storage to tapes, to library skills, archiving of materials, and preparation of the finished research project and its publication.

These workshops include visits to the National Library of Australia and the Church of Latter Day Saints for an introduction to the international Genealogical index. The National Library and Australian War Memorial provide the participants with an introduction to records and manuscript collections. The workshop programs are coordinated within the Institute by the community access program, the research sections history research fellow and the library staff, all of whom contribute their professionalism to a high quality and informative workshop. The participants are a vital component in the formula, whose experiences and aspirations provide enthusiastic discussion for interesting interaction, particularly from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community viewpoint.

With the expansion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies in educational courses the need has been for the development of local histories and other appropriate resources. Local and regional communities have been meeting this new challenge with pride because of their increased knowledge of their own cultures. The community access program has played an important role and will continue its contribution in this area. ■

National reconciliation week

As this issue goes to print the nation is celebrating the first national reconciliation week (27 May-3 June). The week will be commemorated annually until 2001 — the centenary of Federation.

The aim of the week is to focus public attention on the process of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other citizens. How do we, as a nation, bring together the diverse cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those who have settled here in the last 208 years?

For information about national reconciliation week contact The Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, Locked Bag 14, Queen Victoria Terrace ACT 2600, phone 1800 807 071, or fax (06) 271 5168. ■

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