

# ALW in New South Wales

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The national launch of *Australian Library Week* was the inaugural Australian Library Week oration, delivered by Sir Anthony Mason, former chief justice of the High Court, and currently chair of the National Library of Australia Council. The Dixon Room at the State Library of New South Wales provided an elegant backdrop for what was a fairly controversial assault on the copy-right law review process and its possible outcomes. The Oration was recorded by ABC Radio National for later broadcast and received great print media coverage including articles in *The Australian*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and most other state dailies. It was especially pleasing to see so many old friends and students attend.

A company directors' briefing, a joint activity with the NSW division of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, by Laurence Prusak and James Matarazzo, well-known researchers, writers and speakers in information and business from the United States of America was held at the Regent of Sydney.

The briefing attracted an audience of over eighty people, most of whom were directors from small- to medium-sized companies. The success of the event was such that we are now being encouraged to plan future joint activities with the Institute.

A seminar, presented by Prusak and Matarazzo on the subject of *Knowledge management and new ways of managing information* was presented to an audience of 180 in the Eugene Gossens Hall at the ABC Ultimo Centre. Participants represented the information industry in its broadest sense, with librarians

being joined by other library staff, scientists, records managers and information sector educators. The seminar concluded with a vigorous and thought provoking discussion period lead by panellists Joyce Kirk, Neil McLean and Jane Klobas.

The branch intends to prepare a publication based on the seminar and discussions to ensure the dialogue started at this event continues to flourish.

Major sponsor for the event was EBSCO Information Services — the third year that they have been the major sponsor for *Australian Library Week* events in NSW. The seminar was also sponsored by DA Information Services, Trimagic Software, and James Bennett.



Sir Anthony Mason delivering the inaugural ALW oration

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• **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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• **5/8 Geelong regional group.** *Telecommunications for dummies.* Guest speaker: John Freeman, senior consultant, Optimisation Software Engineering. 5.30pm for 6pm. Woolstores Campus (Deakin), Library Room, 1 Geringhap Street, Geelong. Enquiries and RSVP: Sue McKnight, ph (052) 271 352 (bh), fax (052) 272 000, e-mail suemck@deakin.edu.au.

• **6–7/8 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars.** *Introductory DIALOG (6/8), Beyond the basics (7/8).* Melbourne contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **15/8–20/9 MONINFO hands-on Internet training.** Day 1 — *Introduction* \$110 (15/8, 19/9). Day 2 — *Advanced* \$130 (16/8, 20/9). Both days: \$220. Monash Uni, Clayton, 9–1pm. Contact: MONINFO (03) 9905 5153.

• **12/8 ALIA home library services special interest group meeting.** St Kilda Branch Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda. 10–12pm. Contact: Kinta Walker, ph (03) 9209 66529 or Paul Hiddle, ph (03) 9810 4640.

• **21/8 Disabilities interest group.** *General tour of the State Library with a disabilities facilities focus — Patricia Convery, Disabilities Librarian.* 9–10am, State Library of Victoria. 10am DIG regular meeting. RSVP Jillian Morley (03) 9521 3400 by 16/8.

• **23/8 Geelong regional group.** *Pub night.* 5.30pm onwards for a drink and/or dinner at Lamby's, National Wool Centre, cnr Brougham and Moorabool Sts. Bring your colleagues, friends, partners. Members and non-members welcome.

• **27/8–12/9 LASER La Trobe Uni library's business information services is running introductory Internet training sessions.** Courses are run at La Trobe Uni, Bundoora Campus (27/8, 10/9, 12/9). Time: 9–1pm, cost: \$95. Contact: ph (03) 9479 1192 fax (03) 9479 3516.

• **28/8 Vic health libraries section.** *Lobbying for libraries.* Presented by Lisa Belkin and Jo Marshall. CSIRO, 343 Royal Parade, Parkville. 5.30 for 6pm, ALIA members \$5, others \$10. Contact: Jan Riches (03) 9895 3201.

• **3–27/9 Insearch/Knight-Ridder information seminars.** *Chemical searching for non-chemists (3/9), Introductory DIALOG (4/9), Introductory DIALOG (26/9), DataStar/ProBase Workshop (27/9).* Melbourne contact: (02) 212 2867.

• **11/9 Disabilities interest group.** *Independent Living Centre.* General tour and talk, 3.15pm. RSVP: Jillian Morley (03) 9521 3400 by 6/9.

• **17/9 Geelong regional group.** *Developing CDROM in an Internet environment — does it still have a role?* Speaker: Ed Bennett from SilverPlatter. 5.30pm for 6.00pm. Woolstores Campus (Deakin), Library Room, 1 Geringhap Street, Geelong. Contact: Darren Ryan, ph (052) 272 203 (bh), e-mail darrenr@deakin.edu.au.

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