

# Mentoring project launched

Denis Smith

The ALIA (Queensland branch) mentoring project was launched in Brisbane on Tuesday 23 July 1996. Prospective mentors and mentees met with members from the co-ordinating committee and branch council, along with Deborah Johnstone, the consultant to the group. The evening combined social elements with facilitated training, and included the opportunity for partnerships to be negotiated and formalised.

The aim of the project is to provide a facilitated mentoring program to meet the development needs of library professionals at various levels. The co-ordinating committee has provided general guidelines as an introduction to the formal program and will monitor the progress of the scheme for the trial period of twelve months.

An interesting aspect of the project is the establishment of arrangements with non-metropolitan candidates, taking into account



(L-R) Denis Smith, (mentoring co-ordinating committee), Janice Rickards (Branch President), Deborah Johnstone (consultant) and Jess Burke (Chair of the co-ordinating committee)

the challenges of communication over distance and the special needs of professionals in remote areas.

For further information about the project, contact Veronica Lampkin, project committee secretary, telephone (07) 3875 5695, or e-mail v.lampkin@ins.gu.edu.au. ■

## History forum

History forms a living and active part of professional life, if the content of the *Seventh library history forum* is any indication. Speakers will analyse the significance of our professional association from many topical angles — the impacts of change in the workplace, changes in prevailing styles of management, the adequacy of education for the profes-

sion, science and archives projects, the reasons for professional enthusiasm (and lack of it), and research needs for the future. Speakers will base their presentations on research findings, personal experience, and reflection on current professional life. The forum falls on Saturday 12 October and will be held in Storey Hall, at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Tech-

nology. For \$80 participants will receive a volume of proceedings. Full details on the conference can be obtained from Dr Graeme Johanson, Department of Information Management and Library Studies, RMIT, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne 3001, telephone (03) 9660 5814 or (03) 9660 5818, facsimile (03) 9660 5837, or e-mail graemej@bf.rmit.edu.au. ■



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### NSW

• **3/9-3/12 NSW School Libraries Section committee meetings.** Joint council meeting rooms, Leichhardt Public School, 7-9pm. (3/9, 16/10, 4/11, 3/12 — Christmas function). Contact: Denise Hoeflake, ph (02) 9632 8759.

• **4&15/9 Introduction to INMAGIC DB/TextWorks and INMAGIC DB/TextWorks Bridging Courses.** Full day courses 9-5pm. Venue: Trimagic Software. For information and bookings contact: Trimagic Software, Authorised Training Centre, ph (02) 9413 1799, fax (02) 9413 1710.

• **7/9 NSW School Libraries Section.** *Challenges for the information professional* — topical issues such as copyright, interlibrary loans, union catalogues, networks and a literature focus. Contact: Mary Gibbs, ph (02) 9923 2277, Margaret Spinak, ph (02) 289 1929 or Kathleen Gilbert, ph (02) 9699 466.

• **9/9 NSW Cataloguers Section.** *Dewey decimal classification edition 21 update seminar* — repeat session. Speaker: Giles Martin (Quality control section, Uni of Newcastle libraries). Metcalfe Auditorium, State Library of NSW. 1-4pm. Contact: Sue Thomas, ph (02) 9230 1639, e-mail sthomas@ilinet.slnsw.gov.au or Cheryl Grant, ph (02) 9230 1564, e-mail cgrant@ilinet.slnsw.gov.au by 4/9.

• **9/9 Library Building and Equipment SIG Inaugural meeting.** 5.30pm at Metcalfe Auditorium, Macquarie Street Wing, State Library of NSW. Contact: Rishpal Singh Sidhu, ph (02) 9230 1573, fax (02) 9233 2033, e-mail rsidhu@ilinet.slnsw.gov.au. Please inform your friends and colleagues. RSVP by 30/8.

• **11/9-6/12 NSW Acquisitions Section committee meeting dates.** Meetings to be held at the Staff Room, Level 5, Fisher Library, Sydney Uni at 4.30pm. Those who wish to dine after meetings can normally be accommodated at a local restaurant. (11/9, 23/10). Staff development day — invitation only (6/12).

• **13/9-8/11 Friday Mornings: Oral history.** University of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

• **17/9 One Person Australian Libraries (OPAL) SIG gathering.** Electronic Library and Resource Centre, Central Qld Uni, Sydney International Campus, Level 6, Castlereagh Street, Sydney. 6pm for 6.30pm, cost \$2.00 to cover refreshments. RSVP: Toni Silson, ph (02) 9488 0180, e-mail nldh@ozemail.com.au.

• **17/9 Becoming an Internet Server: designing home pages.** University of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, e-mail M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

• **19/9 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** Introductory DIALOG. Sydney contact: (02) 9212

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