

DECStech 2001

Anne Hazell, The Orphanage Teachers Centre

State Budget night 1996 saw the announcement of \$15 million for information technology for South Australian schools, pre-schools and other Department for Education and Children's Services sites in 1996/97. The \$15 million is to fund the first phase of a five-year project known as DECStech 2001 which is responsible for the implementation of the DECS Information Technology Plan. \$4 million of the \$15 million is to be used for the provision of computers in schools. The remainder will be spent on the initial stages of network provision to support the longer term goals of the Plan.

The DECStech 2001 Project was established in February 1996 to ensure that, by the year 2001, South Australians will have a technologically-rich education and child care service. The Project includes integrated components such as:

- a developed infrastructure and network capability that will enable connections to be made between all schools and DECS

sites (as well as to the world beyond the school) for curriculum and administrative purposes;

- a training and professional development strategy to support all staff in the use of technology; and
- the embedding of information technology in all areas of the curriculum.

Teacher-librarians have long been at the forefront of technological change. In a number of schools teacher-librarians are already taking leadership roles in the current wave of advances in information and communications technologies, offering training sessions on Nexus and the Internet.

DECStech 2001 will give all teacher-librarians the opportunity to hone their information technology skills as students and teachers' expectations expand. Ensuring that all members of the school community have the information literacy skills necessary to maximise access to this vast sea of information will keep teacher-librarians very busy for the next five years. ■

Indigenous resources project

Maja Risler, Northern Territory Library

The Northern Territory Library is currently creating a database to identify where various holdings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resources and material are located across Australia, what resources are held and types of access to these collections. This database will be accessible via the Internet. Where possible and acceptable, the li-

brary hopes to create links to established databases and/or web sites which will provide more detailed information about the relevant resources and/or organisation. The end result will be an Australia-wide search facility encompassing a broad range of organisations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resources. The library is sending out a brief

questionnaire to supply enough information to provide an overview of the resources held across Australia. If you would like a copy of the questionnaire or more information about the resources project, please send e-mail to maja.risler@nt.gov.au or write to Australian Indigenous Resources, Northern Territory Library, PO Box 42, Darwin NT 0801. ■



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and cost: TBA. Enquiries: Darren Ryan, ph (052) 272 203 (bh), e-mail: darren@deakin.edu.au

• **25/10 Health Libraries Section.** Annual VicGratis/Country Librarians day seminar. WEHI, RMH, Parkville, 10-3pm. Registrations to Jan Riches, ph (03) 9895 3201.

• **29/10 Vic Cataloguers' Section meeting.** Spring into problem solving and networking solutions. Speakers to be announced. Seminar Room 1, RMIT Central Library, Building 8. 6pm for 6.30pm. Contact: Margaret Waller, ph (03) 9669 9049.

• **29-31/10 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** Introductory DIALOG (29/10), Business (30/10), Patents (31/10). Melbourne contact: (02) 9212 2867.

• **14/11 Geelong Regional Group.** Workshop on interviews/job applications. 5.30pm for 6pm. Woolstores Campus (Deakin Uni), Library room, 1 Geringhap Street, Geelong. Contact: Sue McKnight, ph (052) 271 352 (bh), fax (052) 272 000, e-mail: suemck@deakin.edu.au.

• **19/11 FLIS Training Pty Ltd.** Supervision skills for team leaders. Cost: \$170. 9.15-5pm. Monash Uni Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1925

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• **10/9 WA Library Technician Section.** A visit to the CSIRO Library in Floreat with Linley Thornber at 5.30pm, followed by a short meeting. Contact: Carey Benier, ph (09) 429 7536 for more information.

• **17/9 Internet subject sessions presented by the CPD Committee and RAISS.** Health sciences by Jane Long at Curtin Uni Library. 5.30pm. RSVP Carole Metcalf, ph (09) 341 1022 or e-mail wezman@inet.com.au.

• **18/9 WA Specials Section committee meeting.** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129.

• **26/9 ALIA National Special Libraries Section committee meeting.** 5.30pm, Alexander Library Building, Room G2. Contact: Deanne Barrett, ph (09) 222 7904.

• **27/9 WA Specials Section breakfast.** Venue: Boatshed, South Perth. Contact: Alice Horan-Anderson, ph (09) 222 7632 for details.

• **Oct Nominations are call for the 1996 ALIA Special Libraries Section (WA Branch) Special Librarian Award.** Nomination forms and more details can be obtained from Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129. Nominations close 11/10.

• **16/10 WA Specials Section committee meeting.** Time: 5-7pm. Contact Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 481 0129.

• **23/10 WA Library Technician Section.** Pencil in a visit to the new ECU Library, further details to follow. Contact: Carey Benier, ph (09) 429 7536.

• **24/10 ALIA National Special Libraries Section committee meeting.** 5.30pm, Room G2, Alexander Library Building. Contact: Deanne Barrett, ph (09) 222 7904.

• **1/11 WA Specials Section.** Visit continued next page...

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