

# A busy year for cataloguers

The Queensland Cataloguers Section Committee organised three activities in 1996, all held in the second half of the year.

On the evening of Monday 15 July a roundtable on cataloguing interactive multimedia was held. Over twenty people attended from Brisbane-based public libraries, TAFE libraries, tertiary institutions and the State Library. Discussion was led by three experienced multi-media cataloguers (Mary Gough, Jon Peak and Brian Reis) and centred on standards and difficulties, as well as touching on issues such as copy-right.

On Thursday 10 October the Section held a seminar entitled 'Transforming Technical Services'. The speakers, Carolyn Young (Queensland University of Technology), Ann McLean (Brisbane City Council), and Jeanette Rosengren (Griffith University) outlined their recent experiences with technical services redesign and restructure. Eighty-three people at six sites throughout Queensland [Brisbane (two sites), Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, and Cairns] attended the seminar using the resources of the Queensland Open Learning Network. The format was similar to that of

a teleconference, with the addition of a Powerpoint display during the presentations. This was the first time the committee had tried presenting a seminar in this way, and the afternoon went smoothly.

Giles Martin from the University of Newcastle was the speaker at the final event of the year: *Dewey Decimal Classification: the new 21st edition*, on 18 November.

**Nathalie Schulz, secretary  
Cataloguers Section, Qld group**

## Super cataloguers in 1996

The NSW Cataloguers have had a busy and successful year. Our annual general meeting in March was addressed by ACOC representative Susanne Moir, who discussed the work of ACOC and the issues it is debating.

The New South Wales group has responsibility for the Mollie Thomson Lecture series which is held to celebrate the life and achievements of Mollie Thomson, a cataloguer of national standing. The 1996 Lec-

ture was delivered by Colin Steele whose lecture, *Knit one, PURL two: the organisation of knowledge on the Internet* can be found at [http://www.anu.edu.au/caul/knit\\_one.htm](http://www.anu.edu.au/caul/knit_one.htm). The lecture was a witty and stimulating excursion through the issues involved in retrieving and organising knowledge on the Internet. The lecture was extremely well attended and included among the gathering were some of Mollie's colleagues, contemporaries and family.

The publishing of the twenty-first edition of *Dewey Decimal Classification* provided an opportunity for cataloguers and classifiers to hear Giles Martin discuss the changes, improvements and future developments in Decimal Classification. The seminar was so well attended that Giles was asked to deliver a repeat performance.

Our year's activities concluded with a presentation by doctoral candidate Rahmat Fattahi of his 'Super catalogue', a solution for the retrieval and display of works appearing in different manifestations and formats. You can visit Rahmat's homepage at <http://www.silas.unsw.edu.au/students/rfattahi/default.htm>.

**Cheryl Grant, president  
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## New Opportunities for Cataloguers

### 12th National Cataloguing Conference 1997

The 12th National Cataloguing Conference will be held in Canberra, 11-12 September 1997. The conference will explore "new opportunities for cataloguers". It will also look at how to ensure that cataloguers can grasp the new opportunities.

The conference will have a workshop format, encouraging participation from all who attend. Tentative workshop themes are:

- Professional issues: roles, relationships, careers, training
- Cataloguing of electronic documents, including electronic serials and Internet documents
- Metadata — how do catalogue records measure up: quirks and anachronisms, MARC vs other metadata systems
- Cataloguing and classification skills for the Internet

Each workshop will focus on a selection of specific issues. Participants will work towards solutions or consensus.

Put the dates in your diary, and pencil in a few extra days to stay on and enjoy Canberra in Springtime.

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