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• **21/5 NSW TAFE section**. *Measuring performance through focus on learning seminar*. SIT, Ultimo Campus Library, Building D, Mary Ann Street, Ultimo 2007. 2–5pm, $30 ALIA members, $40 non-members. Contact: Vasantha Rengaswamy (02) 9930 0881 fax (02) 9930 0882, vasantha.rengaswam@tafe.nsw.edu.au or Magaret Chua (02) 9217 3674.

21/5 Blackwell's technology evening. *Overview and demonstrations of new WWW systems*: Electronic Journal Navigator, Serials CONNECT and Collection Manager for Monographs. Furama Hotel Central, 28 Albion Street, Surry Hills, 4pm. Contact: Margaret Shoebridge or Rhonda Lelliott, ph (02) 9948 7300, 1800 251 699, shoebridge@blackwell.com.au, lelliott@blackwell.com.au. *RSVP by 19/5*.

26–30/5 Introduction to the management of recordkeeping systems. Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

• **27/5 NSW RAISS**. *Convergence of libraries and computer services for reference services*. Speakers: Marian Bate, Neil McLean and Fides Lawton. Venue: State Library of NSW, Jean Garling Room. Time: 6pm for 6.30pm. RSVP: Lorraine Evison, ph (02) 9772 9287, l.evison@uws.edu.au.

• **30/5 NSW Local Studies section**. *Aboriginal local history and heritage seminar*. Venue: Penrith City Library. Time: 9–5pm. Cost: $40 ALIA members, $50 non-members. Contact: Megan Martin, ph (02) 9952 8350, fax (02) 9952 8555.

• **31/5 & 21/6 ALIA NSW Schools section**. *Advanced Internet*. Macquarie Uni, Time/Cost: TBA. Contact: Ailsa Holmes-Walker, ph (02) 9871 3541.

3–4/6 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information seminars. Introductory DIALOG (3/6), Market Intelligence (4/6 am). Sydney contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au.

• **20/6 NSW CYSS**. *Pre-book week extravaganza*. Venue: Burwood Council Chambers. Time: 5.30pm for 6pm. Cost: $3 ALIA members (please show card), $5 non-members. Contact: Susan Campbell, ph (02) 9911 9999. *RSVP by 16/6*.

Starting in August, Foundations of audiovisual management — *developed in conjunction with the National Film and Sound Archive, it will be conducted in distance mode*. Uni of NSW,

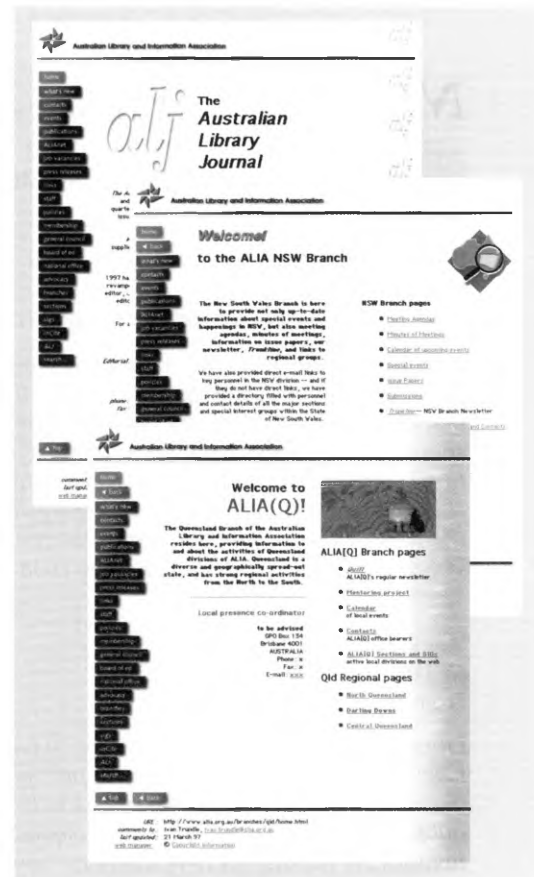# Tales from the web

Our website, ALIAnet, is a' weaving

There is a growing interest and understanding in the potential for web-publishing via ALIAnet, with ALIA's branches, sections and special interest groups making more information globally available to their members. The benefit for even the smallest of the Association's groups is access to members across Australia — in a short period of time, and at virtually no cost. From contact details, to a list of activities for the year, or publishing of the monthly newsletter, ALIAnet is a convenient and paperless way of transmitting information anywhere on the Internet.

March and April heralded the revamping of the Western Australian and Queensland Branch home pages, with the Queensland Branch's newsletter *Quill* also receiving a face-lift. Other areas of the ALIAnet site that were revamped and streamlined were the publications and 'what's new' pages.

Activity is not just occurring at the branch level but also via many of ALIA's sections and special interest groups as well. Special interest groups like the Rural and Isolated Libraries (RILSIG), Asia and Pacific (APSIG) and One-Person Australian Libraries (OPAL) are all very active in promoting their activities. On a section level, the Library Technicians have a national home page which links the pages for the Tasmania, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, and the Northern Territory groups. This is just one section which is tying together its branches across Australia to offer a unified voice to its members, as well as an awareness about itself to the wider library and information sector.

ALIAnet was also the launch-pad for the new-look *Australian Library Journal* which in April joined the world of dual paper-digital publications. The *ALJ* pages [http://www.alia.org.au/alj.html] provide the essence of the last four editions with full contents listings, introductions to each article, editorials and a list of book reviews. These pages provide a great introductory read to *ALJ* and give new readers the chance to gain an idea of the exciting breadth of library and information issues ALIA's premier journal tackles.

On a purely statistical plane, ALIAnet is a vibrant site for the announcement of library and information sector job vacancies and events. Since November, seventeen advertisements have appeared on ALIAnet's job vacancy page, ALIAppointments [at http://www.alia.org.au.aliappointments.html], taking advantage of larger workforce market than regional newspapers offer. The events [http://www.alia.org.au/events.html] page

also continues to be a popular browsing spot with all states and territories posting many events and activities. The benefit of the event's page is a national focus that allows the Association's divisions to co-ordinate and announce Australia-wide library and information activities on the one site.

ALIAnet users are now more confident in their use of electronic forms to either add or ask for information via ALIAnet. Some of the forms offered include a *Vital Link* update form, which allows members to quickly and painlessly update contact details for our *Vital Link* publication; a form requesting 1997 Australian Library Week publicity material; and a membership application request form. Use our search engine [http://www.alia.org.au/search.html] to find these, and more...

In March we upgraded the information and content of our Listserv pages (an area to which we will continue to add information). Listservs are electronic mailing lists that allow those who wish to discuss issues as part of a group to subscribe to a distributed mailing list. All subscribers can then read all messages sent to the list by any member of that group. Messages are delivered automatically by the Listserv software to all subscribers.

ALIAnet provides a list of ALIA mailing lists, links to other mailing lists, and information on how to join various lists. Take a look at [http://www.alia.org.au/alianet/listservs/] for more information.

All of the pages mentioned above can be found either through ALIAnet's search engine [http://www.alia.org.au/search.html], or through our regular 'what's new' page [http://www.alia.org.au/whats.new.html]. ∎