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• **16/7 NSW TAFE section.** A high-quality evening with John Carnegie, State Mail. Venue: TBA. Time: 6.30pm for 7pm dinner. Cost: TBA. Contact: Charmaine Caskey, Sydney Institute of Technology Library, ph (02) 9217 3205, fax (02) 9217 4020, charmaine.caskey@tafensw.edu.au

• **23/7 NSW Special Libraries section.** Maria Gemenis award dinner. Hyde Park Plaza Hotel, 38 College Street, Sydney. 6pm for 6.30pm, \$40 Specials, \$45 ALIA, \$50 non-members. Prepayment essential. Cheques payable to ALIA NSW Special Libraries section, PO Box R689, Royal Exchange 1225. RSVP by 11/7 to Sharron Stapleton, ph (02) 9746 4749.

• **30/7 NSW Information Science section.** Seminar on Metadata. State Library of NSW, Metcalfe Theatre. 9.30–5pm, \$110 ALIA members, \$130 non-members. Contact: Wael Foda, ACMS, ph (02) 9332 4622, fax (02) 9332 4066.

• **6/8 NSW Special Libraries section.** Savion Networking dinner n° 2. Savion is a popular restaurant in Bondi. Contact: Ilana Cohen, phone (02) 9385 4682 (Mon–Thurs, 9–12).

6/8–10/9 Wednesdays, Indexing workshop: book indexing, computer-aided indexing, indexing/abstracting of databases, thesaurus construction. 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

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, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

Starting in August, Preservation administration (library and archive) — to be conducted in distance mode. 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

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Griffith University and Blackwell Library Supply Group team up

Griffith University operates five separate campuses based in the Brisbane/Gold Coast region of Queensland. In total it currently teaches over 19 000 students. The library has a reputation for innovation and flexibility. It decided to call for registration of capacity to supply shelf-ready monographs and serials to improve productivity, after a lengthy process of examining its own strengths and weaknesses. During this analysis the library also looked 'outside' to see how some organisations managed to improve their productivity. Both the internal and external analysis convinced the library that a clearly defined partnership arrangement with a selected vendor could increase productivity by fifty per cent.

The vendor evaluation process focused on all technical service aspects relating to

(l-r) Janice Rickards, Griffith University; Carolyn Cohn and Chris Von Hinkeldey of James Bennet Pty Ltd; Fred Philipp, Blackwell's Global Books; Annette McNicol and Jeanette Rosengren of Griffith University

monographs and periodicals. After a long and thorough evaluation process of services provided by all major library supply vendors, the library chose the Blackwell Library Supply Group comprising Blackwell North America, B H Blackwell and James Bennett as its preferred supplier for serials and monographs.

The Vice Chancellor of Griffith University, Mr Roy Webb, and Julian Blackwell signed the final agreement in early December last year. Annette McNicol has been appointed 'Manager of partnerships' at the University.

Winner announced

Ausdoc Information Management Scholarship

Kirsty Buchan's interest in archaeology will have to take a back seat after she won the Ausdoc Information Management Scholarship for her studies in information and records management at the University of South Australia.

The scholarship, covering all fees, means that Kirsty will be able to undertake her Graduate Diploma in Information Studies (Corporate Information and Records Management) externally on a full-time basis without having to look for part-time work to support

her studies. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of previous academic merit.

While an honours degree in classics and a graduate diploma in archaeology from Adelaide University might seem to bear little relation to her current course, Kirsty's interest in records management developed from an introduction to cataloguing in her archaeology studies and while working as a volunteer in the cataloguing section of the South Australian Museum.

Thomas Podeau, the manager of Ausdoc Informa-



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tion Management in South and Western Australia, said that Ausdoc offered the scholarship to promote the importance of information management in Australia and to increase the knowledge and standard of records managers.