

Who's where

RMIT's new university librarian **Ainslie Drew** took up her post in early April 1997. Ainslie comes to RMIT from Lincoln University, New Zealand where she held the position of Director of Academic Associated Services incorporating the University Library, and Computer Centre, and the Education Centre. Ainslie was also chair of the New Zealand Vice Chancellors' Standing Committee on Libraries; Chair of the Committee of New Zealand University Librarians, and is a past-president of the New Zealand Library and Information Association.



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Academic libraries are in the business of information in whatever form, and what really matters, says Ainslie, are our skills in managing that information. Moreover the people who survive in the information age are the people who know how to find their information and libraries of course have a vital role to play in ensuring that they teach these skills. As the digitised library evolves, librarians need more than ever to promote their expertise in the organisation of knowledge and guide their clients to the information they require. In practice, this means that the teaching role of libraries has assumed an even greater importance without diminishing the information management role.

After four and a half years at the University Co-Op Bookshop promoting and managing the Library and Professional Branch, **Mary Baker** has joined Blackwell Pacific in Sydney as a serials specialist. She comes to Blackwell's with experience in both serial and monograph acquisition and looks forward to promoting several new serial products that Blackwell's have recently intro-

duced to the Australian Market. The territory she will be covering will be New South Wales, Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory, and New Zealand. She can be contacted by e-mail on baker@blackwell.com.au



Chris Williams

Consultative Committee of the Library Council.

Chris Williams has been appointed Director, Library and Information Services at the State Library of New South Wales. Chris has twenty years experience in public libraries, beginning in 1968 at the Newcastle Reference Library. Since then he has worked for and influenced three notable public libraries in New South Wales — Lake Macquarie, Sutherland and Newcastle Regional Library.

Chris has been involved in a number of interesting projects and activities which include directing the restoration of library assets and services after the 1989 Newcastle earthquake; the development of Hunter Photo Bank, a digital image library and scanning service and the largest electronic image collection in regional Australia; Information Works, a fee based information service to business and industry in the Hunter; the planning and commissioning of a library based city wide electronic community information network; the development of an Internet presence and home page for the City of Newcastle; and successful implementation of a team based management structure for delivery of library services. ■

Dr Veronica Lunn, manager of cultural services at Lake Macquarie City Council has recently been appointed to the Library Council of New South Wales. Veronica will be chairing the Public Libraries



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• **12-16/10 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarian's conference and exhibition — Perth.** *On the Edge.* Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Contact: Motive Conventions, GPO Box 25327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6831, ph (08) 9322 2666, fax (08) 9322 1417, edge97@portia.murdoch.edu.au

• **9-12/11 Public Libraries Section and Reference and Information Service section conference.** *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...* Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: Kelly Flynn, Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, ph (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512, pubr97@sunray.im.com.au

• **13-14/11 WA Public Libraries Section.** *WA Public Librarian's study tour — following the PUB-RAISS conference.* Proposal — various public libraries in and around Brisbane. Time/cost: TBA. Contact: Patricia Walker, ph (08) 9399 0125, fax (08) 9497 7014, armlib@inet.net.au or Duncan Furphy, ph (08) 9411 3494, fax (08) 9434 2577.

• **8-9/12 ALIA Information Literacy Taskforce National conference.** *Information Literacy — the profession issue.* Canberra Institute of Technology. Conference will explore Information Literacy as the foundation of accreditation processes, initial training and continuing education programs. Contact: Irene Doskatsch, ph (08) 8302 6219, fax (08) 8302 6699, irene.doskatsch@unisa.edu.au

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