

Special guest visits the Riverina

Phil Teece, ALIA's manager, personnel and industrial services, was the special guest of the Riverina Regional Group for Australian Library Week 1997. Phil presented a half-day workshop in Albury on enterprise bargaining for library staff. In Wagga Wagga Phil spoke at a dinner, was interviewed by the *Daily Advertiser*, and spent the following day visiting the TAFE and Charles Sturt University libraries in Wagga. Members are very grateful to Phil for sharing his expertise and advice so freely with of us.

The Upper Murray Regional Library, with its headquarters in Albury New South Wales, and extending over the border into Victoria, has just completed the legal processes to convert itself into a company under federal companies law. Ian Glachan, local member of the New South Wales parliament, launched the company at a special function during library week. Tony Plowman, Victorian MP, launched public access to the internet as a library week project.

In Wagga, library week kicked off on the previous Friday, when four intrepid librarians took part in the sixty-minute challenge run by local radio station 2WG. This required the participants to answer a variety of questions on-air, and was the occasion for publicising the work of libraries, as well as Australian Library Week. The station donated \$60, which was passed on to the Friends of the Wagga City Library.

The highlight of library week at Wagga TAFE was the official launch of the Aboriginal Resources Collection and exhibition of Koori students' art works in the library. Media coverage was very good. Interviews on ABC Radio, and with both local newspapers resulted in lots of positive publicity. Other library week



Phil Teece speaking to the Riverina Regional Group

activities at TAFE were the tried and true demonstrations of electronic databases, internet, and displays of new and exciting resources. A library week display in the main administration was received with positive comment, and posters, balloons and bookmarks lent a festive atmosphere.

Temora Library is a branch of the Riverina Regional Library and services a community of 7000. They celebrated Australian Library Week with free Internet access all week, lots of new books on display, tea, coffee and biscuits served to our clients, storytelling with a guest storyteller, and a party for our Junior Bookworms Club members, hosted by Eileen England, librarian.

At the Wagga campus library of Charles Sturt University, staff and students were invited to 'explore the web of information in your library', and some took the opportunity to have demonstrations of databases and internet information sources. Australian Library Week finished with flourish on Friday night, with the Friends of the Wagga City Library's trivia night. As usual, this event was hotly contested by library staff and their friends, competing for prizes of wine, books, and outings. The Charles Sturt University Loans Desk team narrowly edged out last year's winners, the 'Terrific Temora-ites', winning dinner for eight. ■

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• **6/8-5/11 ALIA NSW Schools section committee meeting dates.** Leichhardt Primary School, Joint Council Rooms. 7pm. (6/8; 8/9; 14/10; 5/11). Contact: Andrew Barber, ph (02) 9519 1544, fx (02) 9519 1657.

• **13/8 NSW Health Libraries section meeting.** Speaker from ACHS on *EquiPing your Library service*. Liverpool Health Service Library, 5.30 for 6pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome. Contact: Kay Vincent for directions, ph (02) 9828 3509

• **15/8 NSW Public Libraries section.** *New Directions — coping with change workshop.* Consultant and panel of practitioners. SLNSW, Seminar Room 1, 9.30-4.30pm. \$60 members, \$70 non-members. Contact: Diana Oliver, ph/fx (02) 9660 0473 or Glenys Murray ph (02) 9952 8368, fx (02) 9952 8355. Notices sent to all PL's.

• **20/8 NSW Special Libraries section.** *A career management/knowledge management seminar.* Guest speaker: Anna Daniel, Andersen Consulting. SLNSW, McDonalds Room, 6pm. \$5 Specials members, \$10 non-members. Contact: Yasna Palaysa, ph (02) 9228 5107, fx (02) 9228 5847. RSVP by 18/8

22/8-31/10 Oral history, Friday mornings. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

2-15/9 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (2/9), Biomedical (15/9). Sydney contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.aus@uts.edu.au.

• **4/9 NSW Acquisitions section.** *Acquisitions basics at the State Library of NSW, Metcalfe Auditorium.* Cost: \$80 ALIA members, \$60 ALIA student members, \$110 non-members. Contacts: Dimitria Dess (02) 9715 8322 or Jerelynn Brown (02) 9273 1630. Registration by 15/8.

2/9 & 3/9 Dewey decimal classification edition 21. Taught by Giles Martin. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

24/9 CD-ROM technology: selection, searching and maintenance. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

27-28/9 Australian Society of Indexers conference. *The Future-proof Indexer.* Mountain Heritage Country House Retreat, Katoomba. For further details contact: Michael Wyatt, ph (02) 9931 7764, fx (02) 9331 7785, keyword@ozemail.com.au, home page at <http://www.zeta.org.au/~aussi>.

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