

ACT

• **4/9 ACT Special Libraries section.** A very special Librarian's libations with On-line Users and Specials to farewell Jean Geue on her retirement. Special venue: Duntroon House, Royal Military College at 5.15pm. RSVP by 29/8 to David Bradley, ph 02 6266 4134.

• **17/9-17/12 ACT Branch meeting.** 5.30pm, NLA, 4th floor Conference Room. (17/9; 15/10; 12/11; 17/12). Contact: Lisa Spillers, ph 02 6249 3388, Lisa.Spillers@anu.edu.au.

• **18/9 ACT Special Libraries section.** Time management for librarians'. Training course presented by Tony Ralli. At the NLA. 9-4.30pm. \$50 ALIA members, \$60 non-members. Information and bookings: Libby Coates, ph 02 6266 2346.

• **23/9 ACT UCRLS section.** Arts libraries in the cyber-age. Joye Volker and Robyn Holmes, ANU, on international conferences (including ADAM, ECSTASY and music networking!). 12.30pm, Canberra School of Art Lecture Theatre (entry by front door and up the stairs). Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au.

• **2/10-11/12 ACT Special Libraries section.** Librarian's libations join the Specials on the first payday of every month, come along to the Hyatt, at 5.30pm. (2/10; 13/11; 11/12). Contact: Libby Coates, ph 02 6266 2346.

• **9/10 ACT Branch.** Meeting with John Shipp, ALIA vice-president. 5.30pm. Note this important date! John will steer the new 'peak body' in its formative year. Contact: Kerry Webb, ph 02 6216 7005, kerry.webb@cmis.csiro.au.

• **20/10 ACT Special Libraries section.** Public Service and Merit Protection Commission Library have invited us to visit. PSMPC Library, Edmund Barton Building, Kings Avenue, Barton. 5pm. Contact: Libby Coates, ph 02 6266 2346.

• **25/10 Joint Branches meeting at Albury.** The Riverina Regional group (RRG) is planning a joint meeting with ACT, NSW and Vic Branch Councils. We arrange our own travel and accommodation. Contact: Kerry Webb, ph 02 6216 7005, kerry.webb@cmis.csiro.au. RRG need to know numbers for catering by 15/10.

• **29/10 ACT Branch.** Post conference meeting. For further information contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph 02 6268 8120, e-hackworthy@adfa.oz.au.

• **28/11 ACT Branch.** Christmas function and AGM. For further information contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph 02 6268 8120, e-hackworthy@adfa.oz.au.

• **28/11 ACT Special Libraries section.** AGM and breakfast. Venue: to be announced.

• **28/11 ACT UCRLS section.** AGM and lunch. Speaker: Lynn Hard, Librarian, ADFA on *Memoirs of an Amnesiac*. ANU University House, Scarth Room, 12pm for 12.15pm. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au.

NSW

2-15/9 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (2/9), Biomedical (15/9). Sydney contact:

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on the edge

Special interest groups on the edge

7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' conference Perth

Your special, health and law colleagues are organising a swag of extra activities to inform, involve and entertain you during your visit to Perth. Wednesday afternoon has been set aside for special interest group activities, and some of the more formal events are:

- The Australian Geoscience Information Association will be joined by petroleum, engineering and mining librarians in a visit to Perth Mint, Australia's premier resources display. The grapevine has it that afternoon tea at the Mint is quite an experience, and all are welcome.
- Environmental librarians are planning to 'inspect a small part of the Western Australian environment' — an informal event, a walk in King's Park or something similar.
- The Agricultural Information Association of Australia is holding a workshop session 'Challenges facing agricultural libraries' followed by a tour to Agriculture Western Australia and the Kondinin Group's Farmlife Information Service. There will also be a dinner to follow. Everyone interested in food and agriculture is welcome.

Other groups planning to get together are: the Alcohol and Other Drugs Librarians and Information Scientists; the Australian

Parliamentary Librarians Association; the contract and freelance Librarians; CSIRO librarians; land and water resources librarians; librarians in financial enterprises; telecommunications librarians; the Training Libraries Network; transport librarians; and welfare libraries

Health and law librarians have organised more formal sessions on the Wednesday afternoon, which are part of the official program. Health are having a seminar in Fremantle to be followed by dinner at a local restaurant, while law librarians have organised a suite of meetings for firm, academic and court groups.

If any other groups want to meet for formal or social gatherings please contact Tracy Gerritsen, who is ensuring that all groups' activities are recorded and publicised in *Ebsco Express* which will be published during the Conference, phone: (08) 9366 4737; fax: (08) 9366 4779; gerritsent@eec.com.au

So Specials, this is an ideal opportunity to extend your network and get together in Perth. For information about registration contact: Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6001, phone: (08) 9322 2666, fax: (08) 9322 1417, or check the conference home page at: <http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au:80/edge>

Victorian cataloguers are winners!

Lyle French, ALIA Cataloguers' Section, Victorian group

Three lucky Victorian cataloguers have won sponsorship prizes of \$400.00 each to help them attend the *New opportunities for cataloguers* 12th National Cataloguing conference to be held in Canberra on 11-12 September 1997.

There was one winner in each of three categories: Tom Girke (student), Asra Bechaz (rural), and C N Chew (metropolitan). Victorian membership of ALIA was necessary for metropolitan and rural entrants, while entry by students of librarianship in Victoria was open to all students. Flier entry forms were sent to ALIA cataloguers' section members and educa-

tional institutions providing library and information studies in Victoria.

Winners are required to write a report on attending the conference. By awarding the travel prizes, the committee of the Cataloguers' section, Victorian group, is implementing at a local level the broad goals suggested by the *ALIA strategic plan 1997-2001*. Our sponsorship is an investment in cataloguing services which enable library users to access information. The prizes promote professional development and create opportunities to share professional knowledge, as well as emphasising the benefits of ALIA membership.