The Public Libraries Section (national group) at their meeting at ALIA House in September

Online projects aim for Olympics and Federation

Promotion of the online services offered by public libraries to the community and the development of Olympic and Federation web sites by public libraries were some of the projects discussed at the September meeting of the Public Libraries Section (national group).

Representatives of the group met at ALIA House in Canberra on Friday 19 September 1997. Present were the chair, Val Moon (NSW), Craig Anderson (Vic), David Clarke (ACT), Duncan Furphy (WA), Kathie McNicol (Tas), Janice Nitschke (SA), Brenda Simpson (Qld), Kathy Stapleton (NT), Phyllis Paps, consultant, and ALIA executive director Virginia Walsh.

The Victorian branch will prepare a paper on their suggestions for web sites for the Olympic Games and the centenary of Australia's Federation, and Janice Nitschke will investigate individual library policies for online public access and report on the mechanisms and practicalities of this service.

Other issues included responses to the *2020 Vision* statement, a strategic visions paper to be prepared by Val Moon and the need to encourage increased membership of the Public Libraries Section.

Phyllis Papps, asked by the group to undertake a review of *Towards a quality service*, recommended the document be rewritten to reflect the wide variety of needs and organisational structures represented in state and territory public libraries.

The group has decided to investigate the development of 'Module 1', the compilation of a comprehensive annotated bibliography of relevant standards and legislation affecting library services in each State and Territory.

Virginia Walsh, executive director of ALIA, reported on the progress of discussions between ALIA and ACLIS, on the IFLA conference in Copenhagen, where she presented a *Lobby for libraries* seminar and on recent Government initiatives, including the *Online Public Access Initiative* and *Networking the Nation*.

The group will hold its next meeting at the PubRAISS conference held Brisbane in November. ∎

Miller Street, North Sydney 2096. 9–3pm, $60/$85. Contact: Di Simpson, ph 02 9959 7128, fx 02 9956 5925, dsimpson @tpgi.com.au.

• **5/11 NSW School Libraries section committee meeting dates**. Leichhardt Primary School, Joint Council Rooms. 7pm. Contact: Andrew Barber, ph 02 9519 1544, fx 02 9519 1657.

• **6/11 NSW Special Libraries section**. *Networking Dinner*. Titina Italian Restaurant (BYO), 38 Short Street, Leichhardt. 2 courses $15. For menu choice contact: Marienne Shepherd, 85 Moore Street, Leichhardt 2040, ph 0411 372 929, fx 02 9568 3271, sydney@cox.com.au (put Marienne's name in subject). *RSVP with menu choice and payment made out to: ALIA NSW Special Libraries section by 30/10.*

6–27/11 ILANET Courses — Introductory course (6/11), Searching International Databases I (26/11), Searching International Databases II (27/11). Course outlines and bookings, ph 1800 801 659 or 02 9273 1424, ilanet@ ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

• **13/11 NSW Information Science section**. *Seminar on intranets and knowledge management*. Macquarie Uni, Graduate School of Management, Sydney. 9:30–5pm. $110 ISS members, $130 non-members. Bookings: ACMS, ph 02 9332 4622, fx 02 9332 4066, whfoda@ acms.com.au. Enquiries: Katie Wilson, ph 02 9850 7509, kwilson@library.mq.edu.au.

14/11 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. DIALOG seminar. Sydney contact: 02 9212 2867, krinfo.aus@uts. edu.au.

• **19/11–16/12 NSW Branch Council meeting**. State Library of NSW, Mitchell Wing, Mitchell Seminar room, 6pm. (19/11; 16/12 — Jean Garling room). Observers always welcome. Contact: Jo-anne Fuller, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au.

• **20/11 ALIA Preservation of Library Materials SIG**. *AGM, party and meeting, Reformatting, preservation and a treat*. State Library of NSW, Jean Garling Room. 4:15pm (AGM),