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• **12/12 Vic Health Libraries section.** *AGM and Christmas party.* Venue still to be confirmed, but put the date in your diary now! Contact: Helen Cotsell, ph 03 9344 2398.

• **Feb 98 Vic Library Technicians section.** *Electronic serials, presented by Julie Boyd, Ebsco and Tom Girke, Monash Uni.* Time and venue still to be announced.

• **6/2 Vic OPAL meeting.** *Cocktail party for Judith Siess.* 5:30 for 6pm. Venue: to be advised. Contact: Meg Paul, ph 03 9813 1925, fx 03 9882 4274, libflis@vicnet.net.au.

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• **11/12 National Special Libraries section committee meetings.** Alexander Library Building, Ground Floor, Room G2. Time: 5pm. Contact: Joyce Steveni, ph 08 9459 0602.

Conference

• **5-6/12 ALIA Distance Education Special Interest group National conference.** *Shifting Sands.* Wagga Campus Library, Charles Sturt Uni. Accommodation/costs will be kept to a minimum. Contact: Elizabeth Law, Secretary, Distance Education Special Interest Group, Charles Sturt Uni, Wagga Campus Library, ph 069 332 130, fx 069 222 900, elaw@csu.edu.au.

• **8-9/12 ALIA Information Literacy Taskforce National conference.** *Information Literacy — the professional 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, fx 08 8302 6699, irene.doskatsch@unisa.edu.au.

• **19-21/1/99 Information Online and On Disc 99 conference.** *The ninth Australasian Conference and Exhibition.* ALIA Information Science Section. Sydney Convention and Exhibition

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University library renamed

The Physical Sciences and Engineering Library at the University of Queensland has recently been refurbished and renamed as the Dorothy Hill Physical Sciences and Engineering Library.

Dorothy Hill, who died on 24 April this year aged 89, was a geologist and a world authority on Palaeozoic corals. She was the first woman professor at an Australian university, and the first woman president of the Australian Academy of Science. Earlier this year the Geology Library's collection was merged with that of the larger Physical Sciences and Engineering Library and the University Senate approved the renaming of the new combined library as the Dorothy Hill Physical Sciences and Engineering Library in recognition of her great contribution to scientific scholarship and her support of the library.

The refurbished library accommodates a state-of-the-art computer facility to give students and staff opportunities to explore elec-

(l-r) Professor John Hay, vice-chancellor, University of Queensland, Professor Ken Campbell, Australian National University; and Janine Schmidt, University of Queensland at the opening of the refurbished library, with the portrait of Dorothy Hill which will hang in the library

tronic information resources for their teaching, learning and research. The new-look library has an area specially devoted to the extensive map collection transferred from the former geology library and ample space has been provided to display the latest issues of the journals to which the library subscribes. The new layout was designed by architect Hamilton Wilson of Wilson Architects, also involved in the current refurbishment of the central and undergraduate libraries. New signage and imaginative use of colour enhance the functionality of the refurbished spaces. It is not quite a virtual library, but is helping students find their way to current and future resources.

Vice-chancellor of the University of Queensland, Professor John Hay, officially opened the library on 21 August 1997. ■

LibLink launches access to library catalogues

LibLink, a group of Victorian public libraries, has shared access to each member's catalogue using Telnet for the past ten years. A new agreement with Geac Computers provides public access via the Internet to these catalogues, and extends access to include the RMIT University Libraries' catalogue. Searchers, office workers and library borrowers can now access these library collections via each library's home page. The consortium consists of Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Eastern Regional Libraries, Hume Moonee Valley Regional Library Corporations, North Central Goldfields Library Corporation and RMIT University Libraries.

The LibLink consortium has signed an agreement to use the GeoWeb software on a SUN Ultra 2 server. GeoWeb is the latest in the Geos2 line of z36.50-based client-server applications that provides a gateway to access library catalogues via the Internet. 'This is an example of libraries co-operatively harnessing technological possibilities to provide a greater and more flexible service to users', said Alasdair Wardle, library services manager from Casey Cardinia Library Corporation. 'We can offer the public access to more than four million library holdings'.

Geac Computers says they are excited to be a part of such a client-focussed service. ■