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• **6/2 ALIA ACT Branch.** Launch of the mentoring program. Regatta Point Visitors Centre. Cost: \$40, including drinks and three-course meal. For bookings contact: Diane Costello, ACT Branch Treasurer, ph (06) 249 2990, e-mail diane.costello@anu.edu.au.

• **6/2-12/6 ACT Special Libraries Section.** Librarian's Libations with Specials at the Hyatt, at 5.30pm. Every first payday of the month (6/2; 6/3; 3/4; 1/5; 12/6). Contact: Libby Coates, ph (06) 266 2346.

• **10/2 Asia-Pacific Special Interest Group.** ALIA draft policy on international relations. 4.30pm. NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph (06) 262 1519, e-mail msexton@nla.gov.au.

• **11/2 ACT Library Technician Section.** Planning meeting for the group's activities in the lead up to the conference. 5.30pm, Reid TAFE, room number shown at entrance to Block D. Contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph (06) 268 8120, e-mail e-hackworthy@adfa.oz.au.

• **11/2 ACT UCRLS Section Lunch-time talk.** Michael Evans, Associate University Librarian, ANU, will speak on libraries and IT: CAUSE, CNI and the American scene. 12.30pm, NLA 4th Floor Conference Room. Contact: Margaret Henty, ph (06) 262 1157, e-mail m.henty@nla.gov.au.

• **12/2 ALIA ACT Branch meeting.** For further information contact: Diane Costello, ACT Branch treasurer, ph (06) 249 2990, e-mail diane.costello@anu.edu.au.

• **10/3 Asia-Pacific Special Interest Group.** The Internet and its expansion into our region. 12.30-1.30pm. NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph (06) 262 1519, e-mail msexton@nla.gov.au.

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• **5/2 NSW Special Section.** Chinese New Year networking dinner. BBQ King Restaurant, 18-20 Goulburn Street, Sydney. \$17 ALIA and Specials members, \$18 non-members, 6pm for 6.30pm. RSVP: Christine Benneian, C-AMP Society, ph (02) 9257 7118, fax (02) 9257 7756. Payment in advance by 3/2.

• **6-27/2 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** Introductory Dialog (6/2), DataStar/ProBase Workshop (7/2). Sydney contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail kninfo.ans@uts.edu.au.

• **25/2 The electronic public library: fact or fiction? seminar.** Come see, hear, get your hand on and discuss the

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Australian wins international award

Congratulations to Peter Smith, TAFE NSW Industry Specialist, Information Management and Library Services, who is the 1996 recipient of the Emmett Leahy Award. Peter is the first person outside North America to win the award, conferred for his outstanding services in the field of records and information management. Hailed as one of the pioneers of modern records management, Peter's career spans over forty years as an educator, author, leader and role-model in the industry.

Peter's ground-breaking

work on the Standards Australia IT/21 Records Management Committee helped to produce the first Australian Standard for records and information management — which have since been sent to the International Organisation for Standardisation and look set to be adopted as the industry's international standards.

Peter played a key role in the development of the National Records Management courses, as well as the National Records Management Competencies in Australia. He designed the TAFE NSW Certificate in Information Services to create a

common thread between the related disciplines of records management and library services.

In a statement to the media the Information Records Management Council said Peter's contribution had 'changed the face of pre-service and in-service records management, records management education', and that Peter had been 'a driving force for co-operation with related professions in Australia and the world.'

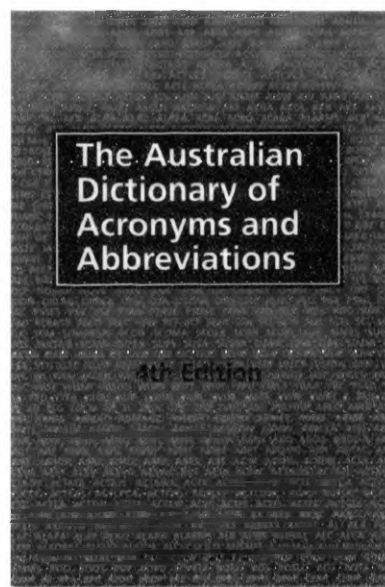
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Why YOU need *The Australian Dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations*

A colleague in the library and information sector is chatting with you one day. 'This RPL thing I keep on hearing about. What is it?'

RPL? Well, you have read about it in *inCite* and know that it ties in with the recently developed National Library Curriculum Framework, but what on earth do the initials RPL mean? Remembering Polemics Learnt? Realising Potential Learning? It certainly has something to do with learning but the acronym has just slipped your memory.

This situation is one where David Jones' *The Australian Dictionary of Acronyms and Abbreviations* is an invaluable reference. Listing 47 000 acronyms and abbreviations used in Australia, it is a unique tool, in an easy to use dictionary format. A book this size enables a wide range of acronyms and abbreviations, from those in everyday use — such as ALIA — right through to the very obscure, to be listed.



And just what does RPL mean? Well, if you had not already chased up that particular acronym in the December 1996 edition of *inCite*, you would find from *The Australian dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations* that it stands for Recognition of Prior Learning.

Further details on obtaining *The Australian Dictionary of Acronyms and Abbreviations* (4th edition 1995 ISBN 0 86804 521 7) can be obtained by contacting Alison at ALIA National Office by phone (06) 285 1877, fax (06) 282 2249 or by e-mail alison.batterham@alia.org.au. The dictionary is available to ALIA members at \$50.95, or recommended retail of \$55.95. ■