

Mooring Cafe, Barrack Street Jetty.
Time: 7.30am. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• **24/3 WA Special Libraries Section Committee meeting.** 5pm
Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737.

• **26/3 WA UCRLS Icebreaker and AGM for 1997.** Speaker: V Nadanasabapathy, Murdoch University Librarian. Venue: Murdoch Uni Library, Meeting Room. Time: 5.00 for 5.30pm. Contact: Will Hamilton, ph (09) 380 3494, fax (09) 380 1139.

• **26/3-18/11 WA Library Technician Section meeting dates.** LISWA, Room G3. (26/3; 22/4; 28/5; 24/6; 22/7; 27/8; 9/9; 22/10; 18/11). Contact: Jodie Stevens, ph (09) 222 9265, fax (09) 222 9290, jstevens@mpc.wa.gov.au

National

13-16/3 The 1997 Somerset celebration of literature Confirmed authors to date include *Colleen McCullough*. Contact: Graeme Gardiner at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mugeeraba 4213.

• **14/3 ALIA TAFE National conference: Call for papers and chairpersons deadline.** Call for papers forms from Marion Bannister, program subcommittee convenor, c/- Wagga Wagga TAFE Library, PO Box 2335, South Wagga Wagga 2650. Ph (069) 381 402, fax: (069)381489, marion.bannister@tafensw.edu.au. Call for papers closes on 14/3.

• **8/4 National School Libraries section AGM, held by teleconference,** 8pm EST. Contact state presidents for details. Notices of motion to the secretary, Niki Kallenberger, ph (02) 9273 1632, fax (02) 9223 8709, nkallenb@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au by 31/3.

• **4/5-10/5 Australian Library Week.** Theme: *Libraries: a web of information.* Further information and material available from ALIA National office, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604, ph (06) 285 1877, fax (06) 282 2249, enquiry@alia.org.au.

8-10/5/97 2nd Biennial childrens literature festival. Featuring: *Victor Kelleher, Christobel Mattingley, Peter Gouldthorpe, Margaret Clark, Ann James, Jeanette Rowe and many others.* La Trobe Uni Bendigo, Victoria. Cost: \$175. Contact: David Beagley, PO Box 199, Bendigo 3552, ph (03) 5444 7423, fax (03) 5444 7245, d.beagley@bendigo.latrobe.edu.au

• **23/8-7/9 IFLA Study Tour.** Draft itinerary available from ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604, ph (06) 285 1877, fax (06) 282 2249, enquiry@alia.org.au.

Winning librarian

Dr Janice Lyall wins the Public Service Medal

Dr Janice Lyall, director of the National Preservation office of the National Library of Australia, has been honoured with one of Australia's most prestigious awards, the Public Service Medal, for her work in helping to preserve Australia's and the world's documentary heritage. Dr Lyall was one of nine Commonwealth public servants to receive the medal.

The Public Service Medal, which is presented by the Governor-General, His Excellency the Honourable Sir William Deane, and awarded only twice a year, is a formal thank you for tireless work undertaken in Australia's public service.

Dr Lyall has played a key role in leading the Australian library community on

preservation issues. She was the co-author of a major report on Preserving Australia's documentary heritage, which continues to influence work being done by archive, museum and heritage working parties around the country. She has also made a contribution internationally, enhancing Austral-

ia's profile, through her involvement in work on the International Federation of Library Associations, and particularly through her work with the UNESCO *Memory of the world program*, which was launched in 1992 to protect and promote the world's documentary heritage. ■



Dr Janice Lyall

Congratulations Colin

Colin Potter wins prestigious scholarship

The James Cook bicentenary scholarship with a value of \$20 000, funded by Blackwells (Oxford) and Blackwells North America, is awarded every two years to an Australian or New Zealand librarian in middle management.

The Selection Panel [Professor Meg Cameron (Deakin University), Peter Durey (University of Auckland), Colette McCool (Health and Community Services, Cairns), Vicki Williamson (Curtin University)] decided to award the scholarship for 1996-1997 to Colin Potter, senior librarian, document supply, State Library of New South Wales. Colin is to study document delivery services and has internships in three different institutions in the United States. He has spent time at the Library of Congress where he was given an overview of the loans section, congressional research service and National Digital Library. In January he moved to Uncover Corporation in Denver Colorado and then in February went on to Carnegie Mellon University where he was involved with the work of the Information Technology Group

within the library and has studied the E-JADS, electronic journal article delivery system. As a result of his internships both he and the selectors hope that he will be able to make a useful contribution to the current discussions on electronic document delivery systems.

Peter Durey, University of Auckland

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