

agement seminar. Covering filtering/censorship on the internet. Contact: Ellen Hrebeniuk, ph 02 9335 2681, fx 02 9335 2340, ellen.hrebeniuk@tafensw.edu.au.

• **9/10 NSW Acquisitions and Library Technician sections.** *Take your partners — libraries and suppliers in partnership.* UTS Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building, Harris Street, Ultimo. 8:30–4pm. Contact: Katherine Raper, ph 02 9514 3688, Katherine.Raper@uts.edu.au, or Linda Bishop, ph 02 9273 1636, rbishop@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

21/10 Updating your internet research skills. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

30/10 Thesaurus construction. UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

• **7/11 NSW School Libraries section.** *Conserving the past for the future — archives in school libraries.* Contact: Ailsa Holmes-Walker, ph 02 9781 3541, ailmuirf@ozemail.com.au.

NT

• **24/9–26/11 NT Branch Council meetings.** 4:30pm, Chan Building. 24/9 (Chan Building); 15/10, 12/11 (Central Library, Health); 26/11 — AGM dinner, 7pm (details TBA). Contact: Rennison Taaffe, ph 08 8946 7026.

• **Late September NT Branch.** *20th Anniversary of ALIA NT celebrations.* Visit by John Shipp, ALIA president. Details: TBA. Contact: Rennison Taaffe, ph 08 8946 7026.

• **3/11 Central Australian Regional group.** AGM. Centralian College Library. Contact: Carmel Leonard, ph 08 8951 5685, carmel.leonard@dme.nt.gov.au.

• **1/12 Central Australian Regional group.** *Christmas function.* Venue: TBA. Contact: Carmel Leonard, ph 08 8951 5685, carmel.leonard@dme.nt.gov.au.

Qld

• **17/9 Qld Library Technician section.** *Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Library visit.* Metway Theatre, State Library of Qld, 5 for 5:30pm. Contact: Peta Shine, ph 07 3244 5980, fx 07 3244 5986, pmshine@uq.net.au.

• **Oct Qld Library Technician section.** *Social Function.* Details: TBA. Contact: Peta Shine, ph 07 3244 5980, fx 07 3244 5986, pmshine@uq.net.au.

1/10 Internet destinations for business. *Hands-on Training.* Sylvia Edwards. Great sites for business. Tips to make search engine results more relevant. 8:45–

Dinner with Margaret Haines

Louise Somerville, vice-president, Far North Coast Regional Group



Enjoying dinner at the Classic Thai restaurant were members of the ALIA Far North Coast group in honour of Margaret Haines, principal advisor to the United Kingdom Library and Information Commission

ALIA members of the Far North Coast Regional Group and their guests enjoyed a night out with Margaret Haines, principal advisor to the United Kingdom Library and Information Commission at the Classic Thai Restaurant in Lismore on 30 June. Together with distinguished guests Margaret Butterworth and Kay Poustie, Ms Haines presented the dinner party with an overview of her role in providing the United Kingdom government with a national focus of expertise in the library and information sector. The dinner was held on the eve of the 10th Annual Country Public Libraries conference.

Richmond-Tweed Regional Library hosted this year's conference under the theme *Public libraries: excellent value in anyone's books*. Outspoken advocate for public libraries, and former ALIA president, Jenny Cram addressed delegates with her views of municipal libraries in the new millennium. Reverend Tim Costello presented a paper concerning the future role of the public library, as well as presenting a paper on behalf of Emeritus Professor Eileen Byrne detailing proposed models of regional local government to better disperse vital funding to all regions of Australia. Reverend Costello detailed his own experience as former mayor of St Kilda and the funding discrepancies he noted during his time as mayor.

Other conference highlights were the conferring of a number of awards including the Inaugural CPLA Colin Mills Scholarship to John Young for his outstanding contribution to the library and information sector. The 1998 Bookmobile Operator of the Year

David Quinlivan Award was given to Robert Nelson, and two drivers received highly commended awards: Jeremy Brown and Toni Daymond. Rookie of the Year 1998 was Annette Ralston, with Peter Keogh being highly commended.

Local author Di Morrissey addressed delegates at one of the wonderful social functions and inspired many. The conference was a success with 302 delegates, and helped to heighten the great importance of public libraries to the people of Australia. ■

A double honour

Colin Steele, university librarian at the Australian National University has been awarded an ALIA fellowship. The fellowship was announced at the ALIA General Council meeting in July.

And more good news, Colin's contribution to librarianship internationally has been recognised with the British Library Association also awarding him a fellowship.

Congratulations Colin!

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