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• **3/11 ACT Library Technicians AGM** 5:30pm, CIT Reid, D Block. All positions declared vacant. Returning officer: Ursula Macdermott, ursula.macdermott@dpmc.gov.au Contact: Margaret Drury (president), mdrury@agso.gov.au

• **4/11 ACT Special Libraries section. Library visit:** AGSO library — second visit, by popular request, and lunch. Library visit starts at 10:30am and lunch at 12:30pm. Ground Floor, AGSO Building, Symonston. Enter from Jerrabomberra Avenue. Contact: Jeanette Regan, ph 02 6249 0226, jeanette.regan@anu.edu.au RSVP by 30 October.

11-13/11 Train the internet trainer. Nationally recognised short course from the Internet Training Institute. Canberra contact: Else Paeglis, ph 1800 039 098, info@iti.com.au URL <http://www.iti.com.au/TTI/>

• **11/11-9/12 ACT Branch/ACLIS meeting dates:** 5:30pm, NLA, 4th floor conference room. 11/11, 9/12. Contact: Libby Coates, ph 02 6246 1177, libby@elc.aiatis.gov.au

• **12/11 ACT Special Libraries section. Librarian's Libations** will again be held at the Hyatt Hotel, with all your favourite cocktails and colleagues, 5:30pm. Contact: Julie Philips, ph 02 6208 5112, fx 02 6208 5149, j.philips@nma.gov.au

• **12/11 ACT UCRLS.** Andrew Wells, director, Kinetica Implementation, NLA, on 'Kinetica, the strategic context' — the background and issues faced in this implementation, and the role research libraries will play. 12:30-1:30, NLA 4th Floor conference room. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, fx 02 6209 1114, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **19/11 ACT Special Libraries section. Christmas drinks at Dunroon House,** Royal Military College of Australia. Contact: Karyn Hall, ph 02 6265 9694, fx 02 6265 9052. RSVP by 16/11.

• **20/11 APSIG. Lunchtime talk.** Colin Steele, ANU librarian and Mechthild Guha, manager Asia/Pacific Cluster, ANU Library on their recent trip to China for the centenary of the establishment of Peking University Library. NLA, 4th floor, Conference Room, 12:30-1:30pm, bring your lunch, all welcome. Inquiries: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6273 4327, msexton@nla.gov.au

• **20/11 ACT Cataloguers.** Outsourcing — guest speaker Elizabeth Estbergs (ACT Public Library Service). 12.30 pm Training Room A/B 4TH flr. NLA. Contact: John Maguire ph 6262 1528 (w) or Steven Cremer ph 6268 6167 (w).

• **26/11 ACT UCRLS.** Neil McLean, university librarian, Macquarie University, will speak on *National and International Trends in Document Access* including LIDAS, JEDDS, REDS and whoever else is under the bed. 12:30pm, McDonald Room, Menzies Library, ANU. Inquiries:

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Computers for librarians

Computers for librarians, a new book by Charles Sturt University staff members Stuart Ferguson (left) and Rodney Hebels (right), was officially launched by ALIA president, John Shipp (centre), during a function at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club on 11 September 1998. The book is published by the Centre for Information Studies, Charles Sturt University, and is a more international edition of *Computers for Australian librarians* last published in 1993. John Shipp was in Wagga Wagga as the guest of ALIA's Riverina Regional Group. In the course of a well-attended and lively dinner, John gave the regional group a thorough run-down on progress towards a peak body.



Daily Advertiser, Wagga Wagga

State Library acquires historical manuscripts

The State Library of Victoria is delighted to announce that it has acquired a number of important historical documents written by John Pascoe Fawcner (1792-1869) about the settlement of Melbourne in its earliest years.

The Library's purchase will ensure that the documents will remain together as a group, the property of the people of Victoria, and available for study by historians and researchers.

The most significant documents acquired by the Library are:

- Fawcner's detailed sailing directions for navigating Port Phillip Bay;
- a detailed outline of the proposed settlement, incorporating 'land regulations' and the town planning principles to be applied. The 'land regulations' spell out the basis on which people would be able to acquire land, while the town planning proposals outline Fawcner's vision for sweeping boulevards and spacious squares in the future township;
- a detailed proposal for the constitution and form of government of the settlement — all males of twenty-one years of age and over being entitled to vote;
- Proposals for the provision of education and religion, including the compulsory education of children; and

- proposals for civil order in the settlement, particularly relating to the consumption of alcohol and the control of drunkenness in the settlement.

The papers demonstrate the degree of Fawcner's concern for the way in which the settlement was to develop. The extent to which Fawcner circulated these documents and made his opinions known in the infant settlement is not year clear. However, the documents are written on paper watermarked 1832, and it appears almost certain that they were drafted in the earliest stage of settlement. The documents therefore provide new possibilities for investigating the contribution made by Fawcner to the development of Melbourne.

This new material complements the Library's existing holdings, and will be placed with the John Pascoe Fawcner papers already held in the Manuscripts Collection.

The president of the Library Board of Victoria, Ian Renard, has thanked the Ivor Ronald Evans Foundation, through Equity Trustees, for its willingness to add a substantial donation to the funds made available by the Board and the Library Foundation in order to secure this fascinating collection of early Victoriana.

Selected items from the purchase will be on display in Queen's Hall at the State Library of Victoria from October to December. ■