

## TAS

• **2/2 Tas Branch.** 1998 Dewey 21 Update. Complete overview using examples from DDC 21. Hobart Institute of TAFE, Campbell Street, Hobart. 5-8pm. \$5 ALIA members, \$7 non-members (includes supper). Contact: Leonie Atkins, 03 6233 7416 or Meredith Newman, 03 6232 5258. Numbers limited.

## VIC

• **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.

**18-20/2 Australian Society of Indexers.** Back of the book indexing course. ACER Conference Room, 19 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell. 9-4.30pm, \$225 ASI members, \$250 non-members (includes lunch). Contact: Max McMaster, ph/fx 03 9571 6341, mindexer@interconnect.com.au.

• **25/2 Vic Library Technicians section.** *Electronic serials.* Presented by Julie Boyd, Ebsco and Tom Girke, Monash University. 6 for 6.30pm. Venue: Melbourne University, Baillieu Library, Ground floor meeting room. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, 03 9669 9037, kerriek@slv.vic.gov.au.

• **18/4 Vic Library Technicians section.** Committee meeting. Venue: State Library of Victoria, Seminar Room. Please meet Kerrie in the Swanston Street foyer at 6pm. RSVP: Kerrie Kelly 03 9669 9037, kerrick@slv.vic.gov.au.

## WA

• **11/2 WA Specials section 1998 Ice Breaker.** Western Mining Corporation, 191 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont. Time: 5.30pm. Cost: \$8 Specials, \$10 ALIA members, \$14 non-ALIA members, \$5 students. RSVP: by 6/2 Becky Lowe 08 222 2617, rebecc@fcs.wa.gov.au.

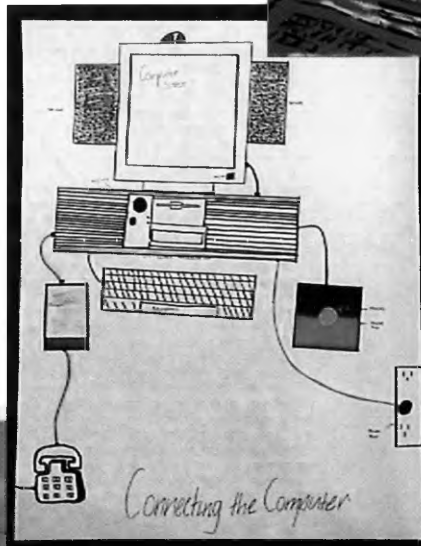
• **23/2-16/11 WA Special Libraries section committee meetings.** 5.30-6.30pm on 23/2, 30/3, 27/4, 25/5, 29/6, 27/7, 31/8, 28/9, 26/10, 16/11. Venue: To be advised. Contact: Ling Heang 0418 941 861, HEANGSL@bigfoot.com.

• **26/2-22/10 National Special Libraries section committee meetings.** Location: Room G2, Alexander Library Building, Perth, WA at 5pm on 26/2, 26/3, 23/4, 28/5, 25/6, 23/7, 27/8, 24/9, 22/10. New committee members and/or observers/visitors to Perth, welcome. Contact: Joyce Steveni ph 08 9366 4746, fx 08 9366 4779, stevenij@eec.com.au.

# ALIA/OPAI project takes off!

ALIA has long advocated the participation of indigenous peoples at all levels of the library and information sector. Our most recent project, Indigenous Communities Online, is funded through the Online Public Access Initiative (OPAI), a Commonwealth initiative administered through the Department of Communication and the Arts. Indigenous Communities Online aims to provide online access for people in five participating communities, provide training and skills development in accessing online services, enhance the range of information available and the opportunities for enterprise, education and cultural development in these communities and develop and implement models for providing online access to other remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The project was piloted from 20 December 1997. Six participants spent four days receiving online training at the Manunda Library in Cairns. The participants, selected by their community, received comprehensive professional training in the use of a variety of online resources, thus providing the community members with access to online information and the possibility of developing an online presence.



(top to bottom) Instructor Cameron Goold provided participants with complete introductory online training; Keiran Michael's and Ebony Villaflor's training posters aim, through the use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander motifs (such as the Aboriginal flag on the mouse mat) to encourage more members of their communities to 'get online'; Ebony Villaflor and Keiran Michael prepare their training poster as part of the project's initiative



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