

# The bureaucrat, the consultant and the computer nerd...

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Australian Library Week in the ACT was a very busy and successful time. The ACTLIS (ACT Library and Information Service) had a full program aimed at school leavers and job seekers. Each branch had an individual theme showcasing a particular group of jobs. These were tied together by the launch of a new webpage aimed at assisting unemployed people searching for work. The aim was to demonstrate the many ways in which libraries could assist in the search for work from information, newspapers, to assistance with wordprocessing and photocopying. This imaginative approach attracted a good deal of press coverage. The library service and its hard working committee should be congratulated.

The theme that libraries play a part in all our lives even if we seldom use them personally was used by the ALIA-ACT Branch to mount two large displays in the main bus interchange. It was obvious these attracted a large 'non-traditional user' audience.

On Tuesday the University of Canberra Library hosted a very interesting breakfast talk presented by the literary editor of *The Canberra Times*, Bob Hefner. The University Library had aimed their Australian Library Week activities at employees on campus.

Later that day a group of retired librarians gathered over coffee to consider setting up an informal interest group. This was a very successful venture with more than fifty per cent of those on the mailing list attending, and a good deal of light hearted banter and catching up with news of old friends ensued. It was pleasing that so many are still keen to keep in touch with the profession.

The grand finale was a reception and debate run jointly by the ACT Branch and ACTLIS. It was held in the Canberra Museum and Gallery and attracted a good crowd. During the evening Maxine Rochester was presented with an ALIA Fellowship for her long involvement with education for librarianship, as well as her involvement in IFLA. Roxanne Missingham spoke of Maxine's many contributions and achievements and Jennefer Nicholson presented the citation. Maxine responded by recalling the days in which the ACT Branch was involved in trying to persuade ALIA National Office to relocate to the ACT. She also urged us all to promote ourselves and thus encourage others to join the profession. She also encouraged more Australians to become involved in IFLA.

We then progressed into the theatrette where 'the bureaucrat, the consultant and the computer nerd' (Bev Forner, Ian McCallum and Warwick Cathro) convinced us that 'Books were not Y2K OK', even though the printer, the lobbyist and the lab rat (Frank Thompson, Roxanne Missingham and Mike Holland) assured us that they were. This rousing event was chaired by the ACT minister for urban services, Brendan Smyth who was by no means a passive bystander. We are hoping that there will be more such joint efforts for library week in the coming years. ■



## ALIA Annual General Meeting

The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held on Tuesday 17 August 1999 at 6:00pm at the ABC Theatrette, 700 Harris Street Ultimo, Sydney, NSW

### AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the 1998 AGM
- 4 Presentation of the 1998 Annual report and balance sheet, and income and expenditure account
- 5 Presentation of supplementary balance sheet and supplementary income and expenditure account to 31 July 1999
- 6 Appointment of auditors
- 7 Reports
- 8 General business

#### Motion:

**Winding up** — that the Association be wound up voluntarily only after approval from the Australian Taxation Office has been sought and granted to the proposed distribution of surplus assets from the winding up to the new organisation.

**Liquidator:** That PriceWaterhouseCoopers be appointed liquidator for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing the assets of the Association.

**Remuneration of liquidator:** The remuneration of the Liquidator to be based on the time the liquidator and his staff spend in performing services in the winding up calculated in the manner in which and at the rates at which the charge is by PriceWaterhouseCoopers for like services are usually calculated plus disbursements and without further approval by the members and that the liquidator be authorised to draw such remuneration on the agreement of the General Council.

**Destruction of books:** That subject to the consent of ASIC the liquidator be at liberty to destroy any of the books and papers of the Association and of the liquidators any time after the voluntary cancellation of the incorporation has been achieved.

**Cancellation of incorporation:** That after commencing the liquidation the liquidator apply to the governor-general to have the incorporation of the Association cancelled and its Royal Charter withdrawn.

**Power of the liquidator:** That the liquidator be at liberty to exercise all or any part of the powers referred to paragraphs 477 (2A) to (2B) of the *Corporations Law*.

**Surplus property:** That the surplus property of the Association be distributed to the new organisation.

### RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing, in duplicate, to the executive director, ALIA, PO Box E441, Kingston, ACT 2604 by 1 June 1999. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the July issue of *inCite*.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting the chairperson has the power to accept it without notice, or rule that due notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 4 above, and amendments, shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
6. When addressing the chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving their name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to 3 minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in Regulation B17 and be in the hands of the executive director, at the ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston, ACT 2604, e-mail address: enquiry@alia.org.au by 5pm on 10 August 1999. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas.
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 8th ed, 1994. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.