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• **13/10 ACT Branch Council meeting.** NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room, 5:30pm. Contact: Branch Secretary: Sally-Anne Leigh, ph 02 6201 5522, sal@isd.canberra.edu.au

• **14/10 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Librarians' Libations* will be once again at the Hyatt Hotel, 5:30pm. Come and meet your colleagues and have fun. Contact: Julie Phillips, ph 02 6208 5112, j.phillips@nma.gov.au

• **16-17/10 Joint Branch Council meeting 1999,** in Wagga Wagga, NSW. Begins at 12:30pm, with a picnic lunch at the TAFE Library, Macleay Street. More details from Roxanne Missingham, ph 02 6262 1604, rmissingham@nla.gov.au

• **20/10 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Visit to St Mark's*, a very special, special library, recently refurbished, and an important Australian source. 15 Blackall Street, Barton, starts 4pm. RSVP: Julie Phillips, ph 02 6208 5112, j.phillips@nma.gov.au

22/10 National Resource Sharing Working Group Seminar. *Improving interlibrary loan and document delivery services* by Mary E Jackson, Association of Research Libraries. National Library Theatre, Lower Ground Floor. 12:15-2:00pm. Contact: Kirsten Ritchie, ph 02 6262 1522, kritchier@nla.gov.au by 15/10. More information <http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/nrswg/>

• **29/10 ACT Cataloguers section** is hosting *Tom Delsey*, an expert on AACR and cataloguing on the web. ALIA House, 9-11 Napier Close, Deakin, starting at 9:30am. Contact: Steven Cremer, ph 02 6281 5359 (hm) or 02 6268 6167 (wk), cremers@bigpond.com or s-cremer@adfa.edu.au

• **11/11 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Librarians' Libations (early warning!)*. Our November Libations will be at the Yacht Club, from 5:30pm. A great way to find out what is happening in the library community in Canberra. Contact: Julie Phillips, ph 02 6208 5112, j.phillips@nma.gov.au

• **16/11 ALIA ACT Branch and FLIN.** *Joint seminar on digital libraries.* NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room. Also, demonstrations by vendors. Contact: Roxanne Missingham, ph 02 6262 1604, rmissingham@nla.gov.au (Note change of date)

• **16/11 APSIG lunchtime talk** *Travelers' tales: tales from those who have been overseas recently and visited libraries in Indonesia, China and the Pacific.* NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room, 12:30-1:30pm, all welcome, bring your lunch. Enquiries: Marie Sexton, msexton@nla.gov.au

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• **9/10 NSW Library Technicians section.** *Library and information industry job application and interview skills workshop.* OTEN — NSW TAFE, Building A, 51 Wentworth Street, Strathfield, 1-4pm. Cost: NSW LT section members free; other ALIA members \$10; students \$5; non-members

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Recent appointments in the library sector

Pro vice-chancellor appointed at Griffith University

Janice Rickards (pictured right) is doing a good job of debunking the myth that today's librarians love books and spend most of their time reading. Janice has recently been appointed pro vice-chancellor (information services) and is looking to technology to take Griffith University — and its strategies for accessing and using information — into the next century.

She has been a librarian for more than twenty years and recalls the introduction of the first computers: 'I can remember the great potential we could see for computers once they became more widespread', she said.

In her seventh year with Griffith, Janice was delighted to be appointed to the pro vice-chancellor position. The Division of Information Services (INS) is made up of three main branches — the University's libraries, Information Technology Services and Griffith Flexible Learning Services.

New position at City of Wanneroo

Ian Stone has been appointed to the new position of manager, library services at the 'new' City of Wanneroo in Perth's rapidly growing northern suburbs.

In 1998 the 'old' City of Wanneroo was split into two new local governments, the City of Joondalup and the new City of Wanneroo. Ian will be responsible for the branches at Girawheen, Wanneroo, the Wanneroo Mobile, Yanchep and the new branch being established at Clarkson.

Ian was previously in charge of the distribution of stock to Western Australia's 235 public libraries in LISWA's Public Library Services area and prior to that was a senior reference librarian in the State Reference Library.

Indigenous Australia Council appointments

Torres Strait Cultural Festival co-ordinator **Leo Akee**, Canberra heritage collection manager **Alana Garwood**, and Launceston visual artist **Yvonne Kopper** have been appointed to the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

Alana Garwood is the arts and history collection manager at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. She has been co-ordinator, treasurer and president of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library and Information Resource Network, and was the ALIA national co-ordinator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment and career development strategy. In 1994 she won the Australian Heritage Commission Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award for photography.



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National Library Council appointment

The appointment of **Professor Susan Bambrick** will bring extensive academic experience to the Council of the National Library of Australia. Professor Bambrick is currently the deputy vice-chancellor (academic) at the University of Southern Queensland. Professor Bambrick has also served as the director of the University of New England, Coffs Harbour Centre and pro vice-chancellor at La Trobe University. She was editor of *The Cambridge encyclopedia of Australia* and has written extensively on education, minerals and resources policy, and industry economics. She is currently a member of the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet Multicultural Affairs working party on community relations.

Library liaison officer position announced

Catchword has created the post of library liaison officer. **Kirsty Meddlings**, will gather and monitor user feedback from libraries, work with libraries and publishers to create a uniform usage licence, partner with subscription agents to streamline electronic ordering, and assist libraries in promoting the CatchWord service to their campus users. Kirsty can be contacted via e-mail kmeddlings@catchword.com.

New CEO and president

Ovid Technologies announced that **Deborah Hull** has been named chief executive officer and president. Hull succeeds Mark Nelson, who founded the company. Mark Nelson will continue at Ovid as special advisor, focussing on helping the company to develop strategic plans and key technologies.

Prior to joining Ovid Technologies in 1990, Deborah was general manager of ERM Computer Services. She has also served as vice-president of sales and marketing at the Institute for Scientific Information, responsible for worldwide sales and marketing. ■