

# A variety of visits and speakers

Shirley Gilmore, secretary, Geelong Regional Group

The Geelong Regional Group have been active throughout 1999 with visits to libraries and institutions, and speakers covering a variety of subjects. The group visited the Marine and Freshwater Resources Institute in

Queenscliffe and the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum in March; the three libraries on the Corio Campus of the Geelong Grammar School in May; and the newly opened Ford Discovery Centre in September. Speakers included Donna Run-

ner recounting her experiences while managing a library in Turkey; and Mike Currie talking about EdNA and its online educational resources, and the development of Dublin Core Metadata for indexing online resources.

## Education in the new millennium

The Education for Library and Information Services Section (ELISS) ran a successful staff development and recruitment activity called 'Education in the new millennium: innovations in delivery and training: a forum' on Wednesday, 17 November from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the State Library of Victoria Theatre.

A number of experienced and distinguished educators from the university and TAFE sectors spoke about recent course delivery, design and innovations that will help shape the future of education for our profession.

It included student reflections on online delivery and education and recent developments for the implementa-


tion of the Training Package for TAFE. Speakers included Barry McIntyre from RMIT; Trish Milne from the University of Canberra; Grahame Johanson from Monash University; Ross Harvey from Charles Sturt University; and TAFE staff, including Ian Rogers, Trish Dally and Julia Blunden.

The forum was for library staff at both the professional and para-professional levels, graduate students and members of the profession who benefited from hearing speakers talk about the latest ways in which education and training can take place — beyond the traditional classroom, within it, in the work place, and at home.


Ian Rogers, president

Christine Oughtred, who is one of the judges of the Children's Book Awards, gave a very timely talk on the awards before this year's winners were announced. We were joined at this talk by members of Geelong SLAV. In October, Heather Cox spoke on the history and development of the Deakin University Special Collection including the new project to create an 'Alfred Deakin Collection'.

In midwinter the Group held a most successful trivia night conducted by our president, Tony Cavanagh. A team from the Ballarat Regional Group attended and a great time was held by all. Our final activity was the annual general meeting and Christmas get-together on 19 November at the Deakin Woolstores Campus Library. After the annual general meeting, Helen Livingston spoke on 'Where we've been and where we are going'.



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