

• **3/12 ALIA Health Librarian's (Vic) AGM**, Christmas Party and Farewell to Enid Meldrum. 6.30pm, The Angliss Room, William Angliss College, 555 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne. \$25.00 for pre-dinner drinks and 3-course meal. Guest speaker Morag Fraser. RSVP 26/11 to Kerry Johannes, ph 03 9684 44403, fx 03 9682 7353, library@vifp.monash.edu.au

• **6/12 Home Library Services SIG meeting**. Venue: Williamstown Library, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown. Time: 10am. Contact: Marie Boyd, ph 03 9932 4171.

• **13/12 Vic Special Libraries section committee meeting**. Venue: To be decided. Time: 5:30pm. Contact: June Hooper, ph 03 9329 8511, fx 03 9321 1574, June.Hooper@heartfoundation.com.au

• **6-8/3/2000 Australian Society of Indexers** Back of the Book Indexing Course. ACER Conference Room, 19 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell. Cost \$300 (\$250 for ASI members) Contact: Max McMaster, ph/fax (03) 9571 6341 email: mindexer@interconnect.com.au

• **10/3/2000 Australian Society of Indexers**. Abstracting and Indexing for Databases / Pictorial Indexing Course. ACER Conference Room, 19 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell. Cost \$120 (\$100 for ASI members) Contact: Max McMaster, ph/fax (03) 9571 6341 email: mindexer@interconnect.com.au

## WA

• **2/12 WA Local Studies section**. Annual General Meeting. John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library, Curtin Campus, commencing with tour of exhibition at 4.30pm. Demonstration of the Virtual Library at 5.00, AGM commencing at 5.30pm. Contact: Julie Zuvela, ph 08 9386 6230, fx 08 9389 8742, jzuvela@nedlands.wa.gov.au

## National

• **3-5/12 ALIA Information Literacy SIG and University of SA Library joint conference**. Concept, challenge, conundrum: from library skills to information literacy. Keynote speaker: Professor Ken Haycock. Uni South Australia, City West Campus. For further information contact: Irene Doskatsch, ph 08 8302 4447, fx 08 8302 4754, irene.doskatsch@unisa.edu.au Stop press: The conference has been extended by half a day.

• **31/1/2000 Nominations close for the CYSS Marjorie Cotton Award**, commemorating an Australian pioneer in children's librarianship and recognising an outstanding

# Having fun in Western Australia

Judi Willmott, secretary, Public Libraries Section (Western Australian Group)

Planning and organisation for the National Public Libraries conference (which will be over by the time you read this) has dominated our time and energy during 1999. Doubtless the first issue of *inCite* for 2000 will include a report of the conference's success!

However, we have still managed some other events in 1999. *Mulled wine and memories* brought together colleagues young and slightly-less-young to reflect on public librarianship past and present in Western Australia, and our annual quiz night set new attendance records and proved happily profitable. Breakfast meetings with guest speakers for Australian Library Week, and our annual general meeting were well attended, despite torrential rain throughout the annual general meeting that meant the scenic riverside setting was rather lost in the fog!

A revision of our biennial union list of periodical titles held in Western Australian

public libraries is almost complete, and we have continued to publish *Just keeping in touch* a newsletter for ALIA Public Libraries Section members in the West.

We have also been actively involved, together with the Western Australia Municipal Association, in a lobbying campaign to oppose the passage of new State legislation which will replace the current *Library Board Act*. The Act defines the relationship between state and local government for the provision of public library service in Western Australia, and the new *Culture, Libraries and the Arts Bill* does not represent a good model for the co-operative partnership we need.

Several new committee members have volunteered for 2000, and nearly all the existing members decided that we are having too much fun to leave, so it's looking good for ALIA Public Libraries Section in Western Australia. ■

## A mix of social and professional events

Pauline Sawyer, president, ALIA Special Libraries Section, Western Australian Group

Western Australian Special Libraries Section has had an eventful year, aiming for a mixture of social and professional events. Breakfasts have been organised every second month, some with speakers and some as purely social and networking opportunities.

The year started off with a bang with an ice-breaker at the CPA Library

combined with a demonstration of Proquest Direct.

Joint functions have been a feature this year. We combined with Branch Council in the launch of Australian Library Week at the Chamber of Minerals and Energy in May. This was also the launch of InfoWest, a database of contact details of information professionals in Western Australia, which we hope will become national

next year. Another joint function was held with UCRLS on electronic journals. This was so popular that we had a follow-up session focussed especially on the concerns of special librarians.

As well as organising events, the committee has been involved in national and Branch activities, ensuring that Specials have a say in the broader workings of the Association. ■

## Cataloguers in Western Australia

Del Shiers, ALIA Cataloguers Section, Western Australia

During 1999 the ALIA (Western Australian) Cataloguers Section organised a number of events. One major event was an overview of the services provided by the Curriculum Materials Information Service of the Education Department of Western Australia. This included a demonstration of the Voyager system and SCISWeb, and the CMIS website followed by an opportunity for people to talk to cataloguers and see the Voyager system in action.

In October following the 13th National Cataloguing Conference in Brisbane, we were fortunate enough to have the conference keynote speaker, Tom Delsey in Western Australia (Tom is the director general of the National Library of Canada) speaking on 'Viewing the information universe through the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules'.

The group will hold a combined cataloguing conference report session, where the two Western Australian speakers at the conference will reprise their papers, with the annual general meeting early in December. ■

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