

ACT

• **3/3 ACT Library Technicians meeting.** Speaker Steven Cremer, ADFA Library, President ACT Cataloguers section, on *Role versus reality: library technicians in cataloguing*. 5:30–7:00 pm, CIT Reid, D Block (room number on main door). Contact: Beth Clary ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au or Marion Boyd (President), ph 02 6270 6912, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au

• **4/3 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Afternoon Tea at the Hyatt Hotel*, 3:30pm. Then join us afterwards for Librarians Libations. A scrumptious menu and the cost just \$16.50 per person. Contact: Susan White, ph 02 6205 0391, fx 02 6205 0392, susan_white@dpa.act.gov.au *RSVP by 26/2.*

• **4/3 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Librarians Libations — the first payday of every month.* Come and meet the new committee and colleagues at the Hyatt at 5:30pm. Phone Julie Phillips, ph 02 6208 5112, fx 02 6208 5149, j.phillips@nma.gov.au

• **12/3 ACT Branch.** Craig Boaden, SOCOG, will speak on the progress to Sydney 2000, particularly the information service, which is using new technology for a wide range of information services. 12:30–2pm, McDonald Room, Menzies Library, ANU. Bring your lunch. Contact: Roxanne Missingham, ph 02 6242 1659, R.Missingham@dwe.csiro.au

• **17/3 ACT Branch AGM and Council meeting.** Any motions for the AGM should reach Sally-Anne in writing by 10/3. 4th Floor Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm. Contact: ACT Branch Secretary, Sally-Anne Leigh, fx 02 6201 5301, sal@isd.canberra.edu.au

• **23/3 ACT UCRLS section.** Dr Warwick Cathro on *Digital libraries: a national library perspective*. Dr Cathro will present additional material omitted from his Sydney talk because of lack of time. NLA Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, 12:30pm. Bring your lunch. Contact Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, fx 02 6209 1114, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **23/3 ACT Special Libraries section.** Dale Chatwin demonstrating the ABS implementation of Lotus Notes. 4:40pm, ABS Library, meet at Reception Desk, Unit 5, Ground Floor, Cameron Offices, Belconnen. Free two hour parking on Chandler Street after 4pm. *RSVP:* Dale, ph 02 6252 6610, Dale.Chatwin@ABS.gov.au

• **1/4 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Early warning: next month Librarians Libations will be at the Yacht Club.* Come and network with your colleagues, starting at 5:30pm, and find out what is really happening in Canberra's library community. Contact Julie Phillips, ph 02 6208 5112, fx 02 6208 5149, j.phillips@nma.gov.au

• **15/5 ACT Library Technician section.** *Celebrating 20 years, 1979–1999.* Celebration dinner during ALW for all who have participated in the course. Venue: The Hellenic Club of Canberra, cost \$26.00. Further information from Ursula Macdermott, ph 02 6271 5668, ursula.macdermott@dpmc.gov.au

NSW

• **6/3 ALIA NSW Branch Council meeting.** NSW College of Nursing, 55 Hereford Street, Glebe, 10–4pm. *Observers welcome.* *RSVP* to Jo-anne Fuller or Heather Black, ph 02 9906 6000, jojo1@ozemail.com.au

• **10/3 NSW Library Technician section.** *General meeting.* Guest Speaker: Margaret Farrington, Co-ordinator Collection Services: on the role of Library Technicians at Liverpool Library, Liverpool City Library, 170 George Street, Liverpool. 5:30pm (refreshments provided). Contact: Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9514 3036, Stephen.Coppins@uts.edu.au

• **29/3 NSW CYSS section.** *AGM and Picture Books...through children's eyes seminar.*

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Help shape the new Association

Are you eligible you vote in the up-coming plebiscite?

ALIA members enjoy a wide-range of benefits, including a subscription to *inCite* magazine, discounts on the purchase price of ALIA publications, access to industrial services, copyright advice, and the right to vote in ALIA elections.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, now is the time. As per the *Charter of renewal*, the Association will be seeking the views of its members through a plebiscite to determine whether members support a new name for the Association [see ballot paper included with this issue].

The two sides of the debate were included in the July 1998 issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet. The arguments in support of retaining the name ALIA included: that the name is well-established and has a high pro-

file both within and beyond the sector; that change, progress and innovation are the key elements of a new peak organisation and can be achieved without a new name; and that there would be significant financial costs in changing the name.

Those in favour of a new name countered with: a new name would be symbolic of new content and new direction; the current name is cumbersome and conventional; and a name change could be cost-effective, given the benefits.

To be eligible to vote in this plebiscite, you must return your renewal forms with payment before 1 April 1999. And remember, this will be the last issue of *inCite* you will receive if you do not renew your membership before this date. ■

Membership FAQs

Who can become a member of ALIA?

Anyone with an interest in the library and information sector is welcome to join.

How do I become a member of ALIA?

You must complete an application form, available from ALIA National Office. Check ALIANet's membership pages [<http://www.alia.org.au/membership/>] for detailed information, or call ALIA National Office on 1800 02 0071.

Will the qualification I hold make me eligible for associate or library technician membership?

To be eligible for ALIA associate or library technician membership you are required to hold an ALIA-recognised qualification in library and information studies. The staff at ALIA National Office are happy to provide information about ALIA-recognised qualifications and discuss any queries you may have in relation to your eligibility.

How long will it take for my application to be processed?

You will be added to the ALIA mailing list and begin to receive membership services from the day your application is received. However, the formal election procedure takes one month to complete as all applications are sent to the ALIA Board of Education and General Council for election. It may be another two to four weeks before associate/library technician certificates can be processed, signed and posted.

I am an associate member of ALIA. What post-nominal letters may I use?

Associate members of ALIA may use the post-nominal letters 'AALIA' whilst a financial member of the Association.

What post-nominal letters may I use if I am a library technician member?

Library technician members of ALIA may use of the post-nominal letters 'ALIAtec' whilst a financial member of the Association.

I am currently studying a course in library and information studies. What category should I join?

You may join the member category and receive full membership benefits. There is a special subsidised member fee for students who are not in receipt of a salary.

I have just completed my degree. How do I upgrade my membership?

On completion of your studies you may apply to upgrade from member to associate or library technician. The Association will require photocopies of your qualifications and the payment of the \$25 certificate fee.

I have let my membership lapse. How do I reinstate my membership?

You can apply for re-admission to the Association. Application forms are available from ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604.