

Who's where...

Recent appointments in the sector

University librarian: UTS

Alex Byrne has been appointed university librarian at the University of Technology, Sydney. Alex took up the position in March.

Alex was formerly pro-vice chancellor (information resources) at the Northern Territory University. He brings diverse experiences of librarianship to UTS and believes that issues for librarians extend from international human rights to the individual's equitable and flexible access to information.

Alex sees important challenges for university libraries. Providing more flexible services while maintaining quality and responsiveness to student diversity is a central issue. 'We have to go out to where people are; our services have to be ubiquitous. Our clients are saying "I want to do it in my time, at my place, in my way." We must move away from the notion that the library is a secular temple in which people come to worship information. We have to reach out to our clients — across the road or across the world. And we have to know a lot more about them.'

'Now that the average working life contains six to eight major employment changes, we must help students develop lifelong learning capacities,' Alex says. 'When librarians and academics develop information skills programs in partnership, their students learn skills for lifelong professional development as well as the skills and understanding required currently.' [From the April edition of *Scenario*, the newsletter of the University of Technology, Sydney library]

West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation

Janet Aumann has been appointed collection services manager at the West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation. A recent review of the library's collection recommended that a specialist be appointed to revitalise the region's collection. Ms Aumann will be responsible for managing the collection and establishing the right mix of resources and effort required to place library books, videos and periodicals on the shelves quickly.

Correction

In the April edition, p10, the headline read 'From small beginnings... The Mobil Oil Australia's Engineering library'. The library is now known as the Mobil Information Centre. Our apologies for the incorrect reference.

Australian Libraries Copyright Committee

Nick Smith will take up duties as the copyright adviser/executive officer for the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee from mid-May. Nick has worked for the last four-and-a-half years with the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Intellectual Property Branch. He has been involved in every Government copyright reform proposal in that time, and particularly with the *Digital Agenda Bill* over the past three years.

From librarian to legislator



Hon Andrea Coote MLC, Bruce Davidson, Judy Maddigan MLA and Jo Duncan MLA in the Victorian Parliamentary Library

In the March issue of *inCite* we included details of three Victorian MPs who have backgrounds in librarianship. They are Judy Maddigan (ALP), Andrea Coote (Liberal), and Jo Duncan (ALP).

Ovid announces new international director

Mark Schregardus has been appointed as international director of Ovid Technologies. Mr Schregardus will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of Ovid's international operations, including the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia-Pacific. Primary responsibilities include the development and implementation of Ovid's international sales strategy.

Networking the Nation

Doug Anthony has been reappointed as chairman of the Networking the Nation board for a further term by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Richard Alston. Doug Anthony has chaired the Networking the Nation Board since the program was established in 1997. ■



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13-20/5 Bayside Branch library. *Bibliofest at the Library*, you might find your local politician taking story time or Bruce Ruxton and other well-known celebrities borrowing out books behind the library desk. Further details about Bibliofest or copies of the festival program available from: Karyn Siegmann, ph 9591 5906, fx 03 9592 8064, karyn_siegmann@baysidecc.mav.asn.au

• **18/5 Ballarat Regional Group.** *Australian Library Week celebrity librarian day.* Local celebrities have been invited to come and work on the Circulation desk for half an hour each. Staff will also be dressing up on the day as celebrities, either living or dead! Ballarat Library, 178 Doveton Street, North Ballarat. For more details contact: Jenny Schmidt, ph 03 5331 1211, fx 03 5331 7908, jenny_schmidt@hotmail.com

• **19/5 Vic School Libraries section.** *Building influence: collaboration and effective teams in the school community.* Keynote speaker: Dr Gary Hartzell. This activity is in conjunction with SLAV. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **20-21/5 Joint NSW & Vic Library Technician sections.** *Mildura Weekend workshop.* The Grand Hotel, Mildura. Registration: \$170 ALIA LT section members, \$180 ALIA members/students, \$190 non-ALIA members, includes Riverboat dinner cruise Sat night, 1 nights accommodation (Sat) & breakfast/lunches/morning/afternoon teas. Non-resident registration (does not incl. accom. or cruise): \$75 ALIA LT section members, \$85 students/ALIA members, \$95 non-ALIA members. Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 9669 9721, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **20/5-14/10 Vic School Libraries section.** *Committee meeting.* Statewide Resource Centre, 217 Church Street, Richmond, 9:30am, all members welcome. 20/5; 15/7; 19/8; 14/10. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **5/6 Home Library Service SIG.** *Committee meeting.* Vision Australia Library, Glenferrie Road, Kooyong, 10am. Contact: Mieke Mellars, ph 03 9867 6022, fx 03 9820 1335, mmellars@vicnet.net.au

• **7/8 Home Library Service SIG.** *Committee meeting.* St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda, 10am. Contact: Kinta Walker.

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• **3/5-6/12 WA Children's and Youth Services section.** *Committee meeting.* The more the merrier! Brass Monkey in Northbridge, 6:30pm. 3/5, 7/6, 5/7, 2/8, 6/9, 4/10, 6/12. For further information contact: Hilary Hatfield, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9411 3493, hilaryh@cockburn.wa.gov.au

• **8/5-12/11 WA Branch Council.** LISWA, Room 2.9. 8/5; 12/6; 10/7; 14/8; 11/9; 9/10; 12/11. Contact: Tracy Gemisen, ph 08 9272 1267, tracy@eon.net.au

• **9/5 WA Branch CPD committee.** *Managing electronic serials workshop.* Facilitated by AIMA/EBSCO. Alexander Library Room 2.9, 9:30-12:30pm, \$100pp or \$85pp for groups of +3 from same organisation. Contact: AIMA, fx 03 6230 1690, info@aima.org.au See WAIN for more information.

• **9/5-12/12 WA Public Libraries section.** *Committee meeting,* all members welcome! Morley Public Library, 7 Dewar Street, Morley, 4pm on the second Tuesday of each month, 9/

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