

Inaugural meeting in Maroochy

ALIA National Library Technicians Section president visits sunny Queensland



On Saturday 15 April I attended the inaugural meeting of the Sunshine Coast group of the ALIA Library Technicians Section [Qld].

The meeting opened with thirty-two members and non-members enjoying the wonderful morning tea provided by Annie Wall and Andrea Davies, followed by an introduction to the Queensland Library Technicians Section by Yvonne Brock, president of the Queensland section. Yvonne outlined the aims of the section and future activities, including the successful bid for the National Library Technicians Conference in 2003. Other distinguished guests at this inaugural meeting were Stephen Coppins and Katherine Raper, who have been visiting regional sections of the Library Technicians Section [NSW] and made the time to include the day in their itinerary.

I was invited to speak on the benefits of ALIA membership including *inCite*, sectional membership, contact with other members at meetings, social events and professional development activities, discounted registration cost to ALIA conferences, workshops and seminars, at both national and sectional events. I took the opportunity to highlight the additional benefits of attending the national library technician conferences: information sharing; discussion of topical issues that are common to library technicians around Australia; networking; and the opportunity to create networks of groups with common interests.

Colin Potter the Maroochy Library co-ordinator gave us an excellent presentation on 'How to get that job'. Some great tips on how to answer specific questions, what are interviewers really looking for when they ask the question 'Why did you apply for this job?' and much more. I am sure most of us there have noted the techniques and strategies Colin spoke about, I know I certainly have.

Andrew Knibbe from ISA-RoweCom Australia provided a trade table with information hand outs, and in his presentation outlined ISA-RoweCom's innovative serials

At the meeting were (l-r) Katherine Raper, Stephen Coppins (NSW Library Technicians Section), Kathy Sharrad, Yvonne Brock (national Library Technician section), Annie Wall (Sunshine Coast Library Technicians group) and Andrew Knibbe (ISA-RoweCom)

subscription service and other online management databases. I recommend a visit to their home page at <http://www.isa.com.au>. I would also like to personally thank ISA-RoweCom for their industry support and for their generosity in sponsoring my airfare to Queensland to attend this special day.

Lunch at a small café on the riverfront gave us further opportunity to relax and get to know one another, and yes, more networking of course. Afternoon activities were optional with visits to the Maroochy Library, the Mobile Library, the Maroochy Shire Archives and Library Collection Services.

Congratulation to the members of the ALIA Library Technicians Section [Queensland]: a most impressive day which I feel privileged to have attended. Special thanks and credit to both Annie Wall and Andrea Davies who have given freely of their time to enable this new regional group to be realised.

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14/6 Indexing and abstracting for databases. University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

14-16/6 APA Australian Book Fair, Sydney Exhibition Centre. *Leading trade fair for the book industry in Australia.* Features new releases, seminars, awards and more than 120 exhibitors. Contact: Expertise Events, ph 02 9939 4445, fx 02 9939 4229, leannef@expertiseevents.com.au

• 16/6 NSW Children and Youth Services section. *Pre-book week extravaganza.* Burwood Council Chambers. For further information, please contact: Sarah Steed, publicity officer, ph 02 9806 5159, fx 02 9806 5919, ssteed@parracity.nsw.gov.au

16/6 Advanced internet research skills. University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

• 17/6 NSW Library Technician section. *Touring Techs: guided tours of 3 Sydney CBD libraries, lunch in Botanical Gardens (at own cost), 9:30am start.* For more information contact: Kerry Darnell, ph 02 9715 8316, kerry.darnell@tafensw.edu.au

• 19/6 NSW Mid North Coast Library Technician section. *Dinner meeting.* Hilltops Cafe Restaurant, Corner First & Twentieth Avenues, Sawtell. Time: tba. RSVP to: Jill Baker, ph 02 6659 3232, jlbaker2@chec.scu.edu.au

21/6 Thesaurus construction. University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

23/6 Internet research skills for medical and health information. University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au

• 24/6 NSW Library Technician section. *Job application and interview skills workshop,* in Wollongong. Further details: tba. For more information contact: Kerry Darnell, ph 02 9715 8316, kerry.darnell@tafensw.edu.au

• 26/6-30/10 NSW School Libraries section. *General meeting.* Joint Council Meeting Rooms, Corner Marion and Norton Streets, Leichhardt, 5:30-7:30pm, often concluding with an Italian meal in one of the suburb's restaurants, all ALIA

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