

ACT

• **9/10 ACT PEARLS.** *Cake and coffee, all retired librarians (and those who wish to be retired) welcome. Backbenches, Old Parliament House, 2:30pm. Contact: Jon Prance, ph 02 6255 1857, prance@c031.aone.net.au*

• **11/10–13/12 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting. NLA, 4th floor, Conference room, 5:30pm, unless otherwise announced. (11/10, 15/11, 13/12). Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au*

• **18/10 ACT Library Technician section.** *High Court Library visit. Jacqueline Elliott, court librarian, will give a brief talk on the High Court Library. Names and numbers for security reasons so could you please RSVP by 17/10 to: Beth Clary, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au or for directions/parking contact: Marion Boyd, ph 02 6270 6912, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au*

• **22/11 ACT Health Libraries' section and the Australian Society of Indexers** *host a brainstorming session for database managers, indexing service providers and senior indexers/cataloguers. National Library, 10–12pm. RSVP by 17/11 to: Lynn Farkas, ph 02 6286 3529, lfarkas@pcug.org.au, Prue Deacon, ph 02 6289 7505 or Sandra Henderson, ph 02 6262 1481 Numbers are limited.*

• **28/11 ACT APSIG.** *Travellers' tales: come and hear more travellers' tales from near and far, from Jerusalem to places north or perhaps south? NLA, 4th floor, Conference room, 12:30–1:30pm, all welcome, bring your lunch. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6262 1519, m.sexton@nla.gov.au*

• **6/12 ACT APSIG.** *Christmas lunch. Fig, Barker Street, Griffith Shops, \$20 per head. Bookings essential by 4/12 (cob). Contact: Jeanette Regan, ph 02 6286 2737, jeanette.regan@anu.edu.au*

• **13/12 ACT Branch.** *Christmas drinks/celebration. A long way ahead, but note the date in your diary. Details: tba. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au*

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• **27/10 NSW Children & Youth Services section.** *Management seminar. Burwood Council Chambers. Contact: Sarah Steed, publicity officer, ph 02 9806 5159, fx 02 9806 5919, ssteed@parracity.nsw.gov.au*

• **30/10 NSW School Libraries section.** *General meeting. Joint Council Meeting Rooms, Cnr Marion and Norton Streets, Leichhardt, 5:30–7:30pm, often concluding with an Italian meal in one of the suburb's restaurants, all ALIA members are welcome. Contact: Ian McLean, ph 02 9886 7501 (w), ian.mclean@det.nsw.edu.au*

• **17/11 NSW TAFE section.** *The E-seminar! E-books, E-security, E-pages. Open Training & Education Network, 51 Wentworth Road, Strathfield, 9:30–4pm, register from 9:15am. Cost (incl GST): ALIA members \$45, non-members \$55, (lunch, morning/afternoon tea included). RSVP by 10/11 to: Margaret Roberts, ph 02 9715 8329, fx 02 9715 8311, margaret.roberts@tafensw.edu.au*

• **27/11 NSW School Libraries section.** *End of year function. Venue: tba. Contact: Ian McLean, ph 02 9886 7501 (w), ian.mclean@det.nsw.edu.au*

• **29/11 NSW Children & Youth Services section.** *Committee meeting, everybody welcome. Burwood Public Library, 6pm. Contact:*

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Your copyright future begins on 4 March 2001

Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000 signed...

The Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000 was signed into law by the Governor-General on 4 September 2000. It commences six months after that day, on 4 March 2001.

The new *Digital Agenda Act* is a major leap forward for Australian copyright. It will provide much-needed legal infrastructure for our burgeoning information economy.

The Australian Digital Alliance (ADA) congratulated all those who were involved with the Act's long and sometimes difficult progress. 'We thank members of the Government, the ALP and the Democrats, as well as their staffers and numerous Government officers for their hard work and intelligence in getting to this stage.' Said Nick Smith, executive officer of the Australian Digital Alliance.

The Act strikes a vital balance between the interests of copyright owners, copyright communicators such as Internet Service Providers, and copyright users such as schools, universities and libraries.

Tom Cochrane, pro-vice-chancellor of Queensland University of Technology and ADA director said 'We are heartened that

this necessary balance between interests was so clearly recognised by all three major groups in Parliament: the Government, the ALP and the Democrats. This places a copyright regime which effectively balances strong copyright rights with fair exceptions at the heart of Australian public policy.'

'This legislation will provide a strong boost for Australia's economy. It provides the certainty that our internet industries need to do their job. It grants strong new rights and protections to copyright owners so they can exploit their creations online. And it allow Australian students and researchers to access the world's storehouse of knowledge for their own education or for the benefit of Australian R&D. Everybody wins.' Said Steve Heptonstall, chair of the Australian Digital Alliance.

The ADA is a coalition of public and private sector interests formed to promote balanced copyright law and provide an effective voice for a public interest perspective in the copyright debate. ADA members include schools, universities, consumer groups, major cultural institutions, IT companies, scientific and other research organisations, libraries and individuals. ■

More accolades!

Recognition for Indigenous Cadet Library Technician, TAFE NSW Sydney Institute — Lee Lazarevic.

Lee Lazarevic, library technician, Sydney Institute Library was originally employed by the Institute as a cadet library technician under the Indigenous Employment Strategy for the Library and Information Sector — a joint initiative of the Australian Library and Information Association and the then Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA). Lee was supported by Sydney Institute and by the TAFE NSW Aboriginal Development Division who funded the employer component of the strategy. Lee completed his qualification earlier this year through Newcastle College, Hunter Institute, near where he lived, and was appointed as a permanent library technician in Sydney Institute Library on 27 January 2000.

Recently, in recognition of his achieve-

ment, Lee was awarded the TAFE NSW Aboriginal Trainee of the year award at a state-wide ceremony.

Lee will be honoured again in the near future at the inaugural 'Purrimaibahn Student Awards' ceremony. In the words of the organiser of the awards ceremony, the Hunter Institute Aboriginal 'Purrimaibahn Unit', 'the event is all about the community coming together to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Purrimaibahn students'.

Sydney Institute Library is pleased to acknowledge and celebrate Lee's success and to once again extend to ALIA our appreciation for its role in initiating and supporting the Indigenous Employment Strategy, which enabled Lee to pursue his career.

Charmaine Caskey, Sydney Institute Library