

## Carol Mills has retired

### ACT

• **1/3 ACT Library Technicians section.** Marie Murphy (ALIA) will give *Tips on making presentations for conferences, seminars, classes, meetings etc.* All who are interested in getting a few ideas are invited. CIT, Reid Campus, Building D (room n° on door), 5:30pm. Contact: President, Beth Clary, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au

• **8/3 ACT Special Libraries section.** *Canberra Science librarians*, discussion on the value and promotion of science libraries and librarians. Light lunch at the Southbank Restaurant, NLA, 12:30pm. *RSVP by 3/3 to:* Maxine Davis, ph 026262 1430, madavis@nla.gov.au

• **15/3 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting and AGM.* NLA, Ferguson Room, Mezzanine Floor, 5:30pm. Contact: Branch secretary, Sally-Anne Leigh, ph 02 6249 3681, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

• **24/3 ACT UCRLS section.** Paul McPherson, National Archives of Australia (NAA) on *Improving access for the public to the NAA collection.* Menzies Room, Ground Floor, NAA East Block Building, Queen Victoria Terrace, 12:30pm, everyone welcome, bring your lunch. Inquiries to Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **2/4 ACT Library Technicians section.** *Lunch at Café Injoy*, Gold Creek Cultural Centre, Nicholls, (opposite Federation Square, near Ginninderra Village), 12pm, partners welcome. Contact: Beth Clary, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au *RSVP by 29/3 to book.*

• **12/4-13/12 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting.* NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room, 5:30pm, unless otherwise announced. (12/4, 10/5, 14/6, 12/7, 9/8, 13/9, 11/10, 15/11, 13/12). Contact: Branch secretary Sally-Anne Leigh, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

• **16/4 ACT UCRLS section.** *Bet Dracoulis on Providing access to the AWM collections: some recent initiatives.* Telstra Theatre, lower floor, Australian War Memorial (entry through main entrance), 12:30pm. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

### NSW

• **8/3 NSW Library Technician section.** *General committee meeting.* Topics: Review draft ALIA structure response, March/April events & Mildura weekend workshops. State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. For more details contact: Kerry Darnell, ph 02 9715 8316, kerry.darnell@tafensw.edu.au

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A member of the profession since the 1960s, Carol Mills has worked mostly in academic libraries, at the University of Sydney, the Canberra College of Advanced Education (now University of Canberra) and the Riverina College of Advanced Education, and latterly as director of the Wagga Wagga Campus Library of Charles Sturt University. Carol has also worked in academic libraries in Aarhus (Denmark), Cologne (Germany), in London, and in the Pacific, where she was University Librarian of the University of the South Pacific for three years.

Carol was active in ALIA affairs over a long period of time, most recently as Convener of Distance Education Special Interest Group, but has worked with the ACT Branch Council, the (then) University and College Libraries Section, the Riverina Regional Group, and the Acquisitions Section (which she founded in 1980). She also served in various capacities with ACLIS and AACOBS.

Carol's main professional interests have been collection issues, special collections, and intellectual property. She has been active for over twenty years in matters relating to the book importation clauses of the *Copyright Act* and their effect on the cost of books to Australian libraries. It was such an issue which led to the formation of the Acquisitions Section. About 1978, in the face of pricing policy disagreements with Pergamon Press, belligerently promoted by Pergamon's then managing director, the late Robert Maxwell, Carol organised a phone-around of Australian librarians to drum up resistance. The contact list generated was the core of the list used to launch the Acquisitions Special Interest Group. Carol claims the distinction of having been rung by Maxwell from the United Kingdom, to abuse her! 'I knew we were going to win, after I got over the shock', she said.

Less dramatically 'I seem to have worked with or to have met a considerable number of the interesting characters who make up our professional history', Carol has said. 'A couple of people have tried to suggest to me, based on dinner party stories of



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interesting events in our history, and other more anecdotal matters, that I should write a sort of *Unreliable memoirs* of the Australian library profession in the sixties and seventies. I'm not sure that all of them can be told — at least not if one wishes to stay out of court. Some can: it may not seem so very long ago, but during the first years of my working in libraries, as a female, I was paid sixty per cent of what a male colleague received. The idea of a woman being anything other than some sort of managerial consort to a male chief librarian, except in a few special libraries, was unheard-of. As women in the profession, we have come a long way. As women, we need to realise that there is always a risk of social backsliding, and remain alert for signs of it.'

Carol has gradually moved, both professionally and privately, into bibliographical matters. She has published a number of books and articles in this field, and is currently awaiting the publication of the three-volume *History of the book in Australia* (University of Queensland Press, 2001), in which she has several contributions. This interest in bibliography followed her post-cyclone consultancy in Darwin in 1975.

Over the next few years, Carol intends to move to Canberra, to try and finish 'about 17 or so' unfinished works which she has under way, and to travel again. ■

## DETYA award for Kerry Tanner

Kerry Tanner has been awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) from the Department of Education Training and Youth Affairs (DETYA). The Award will allow Kerry to pursue doctoral studies in the School of Information Management and Systems at Monash University.

Kerry formerly served with distinction on the academic staff of the Department of Information Management at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Her research, writing and consultancies over the years have focussed her interest on the health of organisations in the so-called knowledge-based economy.

In her doctoral study Kerry intends to explore the validity, reality and likely outcome of applications in practice of Knowledge Management in organisations. APA awards are keenly sought and awarded on merit. ALIA members will look forward to the outcome of Kerry's studies. ■