

- **12/6-27/11 Qld Branch Committee meeting.** Brisbane Administrative Centre, Conference Room, Level 6, Corner George and Ann Street, Brisbane City, 4-6pm. 19/6, 11/9, 27/11 — plus AGM. For further information contact: Kathryn Harding ph 0409 642 152, fx 07 3864 2014, k.harding@qut.edu.au

- **13/6-14/11 Qld Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Venue: tba, 5:30pm for 6.00pm. (13/6, 8/8, 10/10, 14/11 — AGM.) Contact: Yvonne Brock, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu.au

- **1/12 Qld Public Libraries section.** AGM. For further details please contact: Robyn Gattera, minutes secretary, ph 07 3403 4104, fx 07 3403 9969, sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au

SA

- **1/5 SA Library Technician section.** *Website demonstration.* Let Stamos give you: demonstrations of the State Library of SA website, and, online catalogue, Mortlock Library SA database (50 000 pictures). State Library, Foyer Desk, 6pm. *RSVP by 14/4 to:* Marion Fiekle, ph 08 8384 0722, marfie@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

- **8/5-11/12 SA Branch.** *Meeting dates 2000:* 8/5, 14/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12. All meetings held at: PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5.30pm. Contact: Amanda Nixon, ph 08 8201 2577, amanda.nixon@flinders.edu.au

- **12/5 SA RAISS section.** *Reference services in the electronic age.* Institute Building, 2:30-5pm, \$30 ALIA members. Contact: Ann Reynolds at the State Library, anner@slas.sa.gov.au

- **17/5 SA Information Science section.** *Internet filtering and access panel with reps from an ISP and public/academic/school libraries.* Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, 4-6pm. Cost \$1, \$2, \$5. Contact: Stephen Leahy, ph 08 8302 26219, s.leahy@unisa.edu.au

- **14/6 SA Special Libraries section** *Tour of three special libraries:* ABS Library, History Trust of SA Library, Housing, Environment and Planning Library. Commonwealth Centre, 3-5pm. Meet in the foyer at 2:55pm sharp. Afternoon tea provided. *RSVP by 7/6 to:* Geraldine Wardle, ph 08 8203 3630, fx 08 8203 3501, gwardle@asc.corp.mot.com

TAS

- **6/5 TAS Library Technician section** **TALIA**Tecs. *Conference meeting* 10:30 onwards. Tour of Ulverstone Local History Museum 12:30, cost \$2. General meeting 2:30. Lunch provided. Contact: Glenyce Surtees ph 03 6421 5571, surteesg@start.com.au

21/5 Moorilla Museum of Antiquities Library will host a lecture on *The Library at Alexandria — Here for the Long Run*, presented by Jack Piotrowski in the Atrium, 655 Main Road, Berriedale, 2pm. Cheese platters and fine vintage wine available. *RSVP to:* ph 03 6249 7988, museum@moorilla.com.au

VIC

- **8/5-11/12 Vic Special Libraries section.** *Committee meeting.* All members and students are welcome. CSIRO Health Sciences and Nutrition, 343 Royal Parade, Parkville, 5:30pm, unless otherwise advised. 8/5, 13/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12, second Monday of each month (except Public Holidays). Contact: Danila Durante, ph 03 9662

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Education for the 21st century Information/knowledge management

The University of NSW, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management

Students of information-related subjects will now enjoy greater choice at the University of New South Wales at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels. This has been made possible by the merger of two schools to create the School of Information, Systems, Technology and Management (SISTM).

The move mirrors that undertaken by a number of major universities around the world, such as Monash University in Victoria, as well as the University of California and Drexel University in the United States. Like these institutions, the University of New South Wales sees that the shift in focus is necessary to address the major changes in the social understanding of the nature and importance of information.

The expansion of education in information studies is far reaching. Education in information management now focusses on corporate and institutional information services and deals with digital systems, new computer technologies and software developments for organising data and knowledge, as well as scrutinising service operations in traditional institutions like libraries and information centres.

The new school will be better able to capitalise on the collaborative expertise of academics from each of the information disciplines. SISTM is headed by Associate Professor Bob Edmundson with two associate heads in Information Management, Dr Connie Wilson and in Information Systems and Technology, Associate Professor Graham Low.

Information, knowledge management, library services, virtual libraries, web-based in-

formation services and the burgeoning area of electronic record-keeping are all strong areas of interest in the School.

Post-graduate courses formerly offered by SILAS will continue to be offered in SISTM's Information Management Program. The option of a co-major for undergraduates in the Bachelor of commerce program is also being offered and will be expanded.

Undergraduate students are also enrolling in subject offerings, new in 2000, relating to information and knowledge management, library studies, archives and record-keeping.

The new undergraduate co-major consists of five new information management subjects to be taken in the Bachelor of Commerce degree. These courses can also be taken as electives with other Commerce majors, such as, accounting, marketing, actuarial studies, finance, or information systems. Commerce majors may be married with two pre-requisite Information Systems subjects plus any of the following new information/knowledge management courses:

Information, knowledge and society: Provides an examination of current issues on the role of information in society.

Information services and resource discovery: Surveys the broad organisational, professional and personal context within which information is produced and information needs to occur.

Organisational record-keeping responsibilities and risks: Looks at the accountability and requirements of public officials and companies to ensure records of activities and actions are maintained.

Text information retrieval: Provides an examination of text information retrieval systems, their structure and the principles of textual information organisation.

Information management and organisation: Provides an introduction and understanding of the methods used to organise information for effective use. The course covers knowledge management of all formats through description, classification according to subject content, and function.

The University and the School of Information Systems, Technology and Management welcomes enquiries about the new undergraduate and post-graduate curriculum in Information/Knowledge Management. Please contact Dr Connie Wilson, associate head of school by e-mail at c.wilson@unsw.edu.au or by telephone 02 9385 7134.

Mari Davis and Sunita Corray

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Articles include:

'Internet training: implications of an international study' Laurel A Clyde and Jane E Klobas

'From vision to reality: the evolution of a library model' Evelyn Woodberry and Joanna Richardson

'Library provided information and clinical decision making: a study of two hospitals in Canberra' Irena Ali

'Industry perspective' Andrew Knibbe

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