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## Roundup 2001 – Tas...

### Speakers provide a wealth of information

ALIA Tasmania Group

[<http://groups.alia.org.au/aliatas>]

The ALIA Tasmania Group has been busy since the introduction of the new group structure, but not quite matching the energy levels of the Tasmanian TALIATecs with their very successful National Library Technicians conference in August — our congratulations go to them for their achievements.

The Tasmania group has held a number of activities, in both the north and south of the state since July. In July the group held a lunch with guest speaker Siobhan Gaskell, director of library services at the State Library of Tasmania, who gave a thought-provoking talk on future directions of libraries.

In August an evening session was held in conjunction with ASLA, to host Pam Saunders from the Yarra-Plenty Library Service in Victoria who spoke on her study tour to the United States researching the potential applications of e-books for public libraries in Australia. Being able to use the demonstration e-books Pam brought with her was a bonus for those attending. Also in August, the group hosted a breakfast session to catch the very busy president of ALIA, Dr Alan Bundy, during his attendance at the Library Technicians Conference.

Dr Bundy's talk on information literacy attracted an audience representing a wide cross-section of library and information service providers as well as academics.

In the north of the state the Tasmania Group has hosted a session with Peter Richardson, the project manager for the State Library's E-heritage project, a new and innovative project working with local groups to record and preserve Tasmania's cultural heritage. In November, the group welcomed Kelsey Hartland as guest speaker with a stimulating presentation on her attendance at the national Storytelling conference.

Activities still to come before the end of the year include 'What's new in cataloguing' — an update with a panel of speakers after their attendance at the national cataloguing conference and what ALIA year would be complete without a Christmas party — here in Tasmania, we are having two to make sure we celebrate properly — one in Launceston and one in Hobart.

For next year we have a one-day conference *Knowledge management — buzzword or reality* planned for 1 March 2002 with Gray Southon from the University of Technology, Sydney as the keynote speaker.

**Jane Coatman, convenor,  
ALIA Tasmania Group**



## Roundup 2001 – Vic...

### Focus on professional development

ALIA Schools Victoria

[<http://groups.alia.org.au/schoolsvic/>]

The first professional development session offered by ALIA Schools Victoria in 2001 was called *What do we do next?: initiatives and directions for 2001*. This successful seminar, held in March, focused on information literacy and gave teacher librarians the opportunity to hear about:

- the changes in the second edition of *Learning for the future*;
- the results of research for a Masters thesis which investigated the characteristics of an information literate person; and
- the progress of two action research projects about information literacy

projects being conducted in Victorian schools.

In addition participants took part in a workshop about implementing Curriculum Standards Framework 11 (CSF11) through integrating information literacy skills.

*Learning for the future*, second edition, was published in May and marked the completion of work commenced in 1998 by a joint ASLA/ALIA working party. Kris Johnstone and Sandra Ryan from Victoria and Anne Plowman from New South Wales were the ALIA representatives on this national committee. *Learning for the future* is a significant policy document which sets directions for the teacher librarianship profession and highlights priorities for school libraries.

In the spirit of collegiality shown by this joint working party, SLAV and ALIA Schools Victoria co-hosted professional development sessions presented in July