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20 & 21/5 CAVAL training activities. *Dealing with conflict* (verbal tactics). CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$220 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$242 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, eve@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **21/5 Victorian Library Technicians.** *ALIA National Library Technicians Day.* Internet workshop: join us for this "hands on" afternoon workshop. State Library of Victoria. Cost (incl. GST): ALIA members \$5.50, non-members \$22. Contact: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **21/5 Victorian Library Technicians.** *National Library Technicians Day celebratory dinner.* Glenferrie Hotel, corner Burwood and Glenferrie Roads, Hawthorn, 6:30pm. RSVPs by 16/5 to: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

30–31/5 & 6–7/6 CAVAL training activities. From Chaos to CARM (Libraries Records & Archives 30–31/5) and (General 6–7/6) conducted by Jeavons Baillie and held at CAVAL's Disaster Simulation facility. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 9–5pm. Cost: \$605 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$660 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, eve@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **June Special Libraries (Vic).** *Presentation: Knowledge management.* Further details: tba.

• **4/6 Victorian Library Technicians.** *Committee meeting.* University of Melbourne, Baillieu Library, meet in the library foyer at 5:45pm. Everyone welcome, no charge, light supper provided. RSVP: Tricia Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

4/6 CAVAL training activities. *Effective internet searching.* CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 9:30–12:30pm. Cost: \$110 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$132 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, eve@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

4/6 CAVAL training activities. *Government information on the web.* CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 1:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$110 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$132 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, eve@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

5–6/6 CAVAL training activities. *Kinetica cataloguing client.* CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 9:30–5pm. Cost: \$330 CAVAL/ALIA members, \$352 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, eve@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **6/7 Victorian Library Technicians.** *Techs on tour*—a day of behind the scenes tours in a variety of Melbourne libraries. Details: tba. To join the mailing list for brochures contact: Kerrie Kelly, convener. ph 03 8664 7131, kkelly@sl.vic.gov.au

• **August Special Libraries (Vic).** *Cheap eat.* Further details: tba.

21/8 ACER Information Literacy Workshop 1: Information literacy and searching. Camberwell Vic. Cost (incl GST): \$132, 10% discount for ALIA members, must mention the ad, see <http://www.acer.edu.au/promo/Seek&%20YouShallFind.pdf> or phone 03 9835 7403.

28/8 ACER Information Literacy. Workshop 2: Writing, abstracting and referencing for journal

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Inglewood Library wins Bess Thomas Award 2002

Viv Barton, City of Stirling

City of Stirling's Inglewood Library has been awarded the Bess Thomas Award 2002 from the Australian Library and Information Association, and will receive a \$250 grant towards a project initiating or supplementing public library services for young people.

The aims of the award are to:

- encourage and support the development of innovative and significant public library services to young people;
- promote public and professional awareness of the importance of services to young people in public libraries; and
- honour the bequest made by Bess Thomas and continue her contribution to Australian children's libraries.

To increase use of the library by teenagers, Inglewood assistant librarian, Francine Nababan worked with Year 7 students at Inglewood Primary School to update the image of the Young Adult area in the library. The class was familiar with the library due to regular class visits, and had a good rapport with Francine. The teacher librarian, Jan Douglas was also the art teacher, which made school liaison easy. Local artist Geraldine Pillinger, was employed to co-ordinate the project. Louise Cartledge, a dedicated Inglewood Library volunteer and parent of one of the school children was also of great assistance in motivating the children and promoting the project. The Young Adult area upgrade was welcomed as an excellent art project that the class could also work on at school.

During class consultation a street theme was chosen and the students worked on a variety of projects including designing images and silk screening cushion covers; producing a wall hanging with an urban street design; decorating floor mats; and making a pottery sign welcoming young adults to the revamped area.

Not wanting to stop there, the students enthusiastically went on to improve the sea



Some of the Year 7 kids and the decorated sea chest and re-vamped couch in the junior area

theme in the junior area by decorating it with tropical treasure island motifs; recovering the old sofa; adding paper mosaic to an old sea chest and transforming it to a reading table; and repainting the junior area windows with new sea creatures.

The library had also budgeted additional funds to purchase trendy new furniture for the area, and installed canvas sails above the outdoor courtyard adjacent to the children's activities room.

The children are very proud of their work and a re-opening of the young adult area was held in November 2001 to celebrate the work completed. Use of the library by the children has increased with many new memberships, as has demand for art classes at the school. The Year 7 group will be entering high school next year and will continue to feel ownership of their space in the library.

The program was so popular that it will be run again in 2002, with the incoming Year 7's ready to make their mark on their library and revitalise the under-utilised courtyard.

The award will be presented at the ALIA conference in Sydney in May 2002. The prize money will be used to employ a local artist to co-ordinate the 2002 project which will include painting and planting terracotta pots, and producing mosaic tiles for the courtyard.