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6/9 CAVAL training activities. Database/pictorial indexing: one-day workshop led by Max McMaster. SA Writers' Centre Inc., Seminar Room, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$198 CAVAL/ALIA members, non-members \$220. Contact: Eve Cornish, evac@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **11/9–11/12 ALIA SA.** General meeting. Research Room, Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library, City West Campus, University of South Australia, 5:30 for 5:45pm (unless otherwise indicated). 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12. Contact: Marion Fielke, ph 08 8384 0050, fx 08 8384 0051, marfie@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

• **16/9–9/12 SA Library Technicians.** General meeting. Venue: tba. 16/9, 21/10, 18/11, 9/12. For more information contact: Jennifer Bodey, ph 08 8405 6587, jbodey@portenf.sa.gov.au

• **20/9 RAISSEA.** On the virtual reference desk: virtual reference — how will it affect my job? Presenter: Leneve Jamieson, State Library of Victoria. Conference Centre, State Library of Victoria, La Trobe Street, Entrance 3, 9:30–12:30pm. Cost (includes GST): ALIA members \$55, non-members \$71.50. RSVP by 6/9 to: Shirley Wong, swong@unimelb.edu.au Payment by required by 13/9.

• **25/9 Academic, Research and Collection Management.** Libraries to third parties. Lynda Clarke, Flinders University will talk about ANF & ATL, Christine Cother, University of South Australia on OLA, DIT & NAPSS and Maureen Bell, Adelaide University on working with the MHS. Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University, 5:30pm start. \$5.00 door charge. CPD certificates will be available. RSVP by 23/9 to: Miriam Saunders, ph 08 8259 5963, miriam.saunders@dsto.defence.gov.au

• **1/11 Acquisitions (National) Seminar.** Acquisitions — the new age. TownHouse on Hindley. For further details contact: Jenni Jeremy, secretary, ph 08 8302 0318, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

• **2–3/11 SA Library Technicians.** Weekend workshop at Mount Brecken, Victor Harbor. For more information contact: Jennifer Bodey, ph 08 8405 6587, jbodey@portenf.sa.gov.au

• **27/11 Academic, Research and Collection Management.** End of year event, guest speaker: Helen Hennessey, Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment (OCPE), on Library services and collection management within the public service. Venue: tba.

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2/9 CAVAL training activities. Preservation of digital resources: presented by Alan Howell, State Library of Victoria. CARM Center, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora, 9:30–4:30pm. Cost: \$396 CAVAL/ALIA members, non-members \$440. Contact: Eve Cornish, evac@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **5/9 Vic Library Technicians.** Committee meeting. State Library of Victoria, meet us in the Swanston Street foyer at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge. Light

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Future direction

Acquisitions National president's report 2002

In June 2001, the Acquisitions National group was transferred from Victoria to South Australia and as part of the restructuring of ALIA, the South Australian-based committee successfully applied to register Acquisitions National as an ALIA Group. We have now completed our first year and it has been very much a year of organisation and decision making for future direction.

Our main activity for the year 2001–2002 was a national seminar held in Melbourne and titled *The printed book is dead: it's all gone electronic*. Held at the State Library of Victoria on 16 November as a satellite event to the ALIA Public Libraries National Conference, it was attended by more than fifty people. Papers covered a range of issues relating to e-books, including presentations from suppliers, publishers and librarians. Despite a number of smaller seminars on the topic of e-books in the preceding twelve months, the Acquisitions National seminar was perhaps the most comprehensive. It is the intention of the committee to have the papers presented available on the ALIA website in the near future. It was the general consensus that whilst e-books are certainly very topical and popular, from an acquisitions perspective it was considered that the printed book is not in any immediate danger of being replaced.

Following much discussion the committee proposed to continue production of our newsletter

Acquisitions in electronic form and the committee would appreciate any feedback about this proposal. In addition we are looking for articles on any aspect of acquisitions and serials suitable for publication.

Our final event for 2001–2002 was a joint AGM with Australian Serials Special Interest Group (ASSIG) held on 21 May in Sydney. It was appropriate to collaborate with ASSIG for an AGM since our sections have always been partners in supporting the work of library professionals managing serials.

With the economic constraints of the ALIA restructure the committee has found it necessary wherever possible to communicate more directly and frequently with members and interested colleagues both within the membership and broadly within the library profession and trade via e-mail. This development provides the opportunity for Acquisitions National to deliver more services and provide the platform for establishing a strong network of acquisitions professionals.

2002–2003 will see Acquisitions National hosting a seminar on the theme of *Acquisitions — the new age* focusing on consortia, e-publishing, preservation and risk analysis. We look forward to your continued support in the year ahead.

Robert Elson, president, Acquisitions National

Censorship and controversy

Acquisitions SA president's report 2002

In August 2001 the Acquisitions SA group visited Folio Foliage, a bookshop which specialises in large-format art, photography, architecture and gardening books. Sounds very tame, but the talk, given by shop-owner Penelope Curtin, was about events, including a visit from plain-clothes detectives, which led to a photography book in the shop attracting an 'R' classification.

We began 2002 with our Botanic Gardens Library lunch time tour held on 1 May. This was well-attended and consisted of a stroll through the gardens and a tour of the library given by the librarian, Karen Dankiw. Karen has been in the library for more than ten years and was able to explain in detail how the library is used and the nature of the collection.

The most popular event by far for the year, however, has been 'Borders after dark' or 'Inside Borders' held in June. There was so much interest in it that we had to repeat the event one week later. This event was a comprehensive tour, given by staff, of Adelaide's largest bookshop, part of an international bookshop chain, which has been operating in South Australia for about a year. The tours were tailored for acquisitions professionals, including information about their selection policy, how the books are coded for shelving purposes and ordering material for clients. Some groups were even allowed to see where the books are unpacked before being put on the shelves for sale. The tours all ended with free tea and coffee.

Our last event is the AGM, including a tour of the Historical Collection at the Supreme Court and a look at South Australia's most historic courtroom. The last event continues the Acquisitions SA tradition of informing library professionals about unique and valuable resources.

2002–2003 is now upon us, and the Acquisitions SA is already planning for an eventful year. Stay tuned!

Robert Elson, president, Acquisitions SA