

dinner. Further details: tba.

• **4/12 Vic Library Technicians'.** *End of year celebration.* Bell's Hotel, corner Moray and Coventry Streets, South Melbourne, everyone is welcome. *RSVPs essential:* Tricia Murray, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

WA

• **25/11 WA Library Technicians.** *General meeting & end of year function.* Venue: tba.

National

11–12/11 National Resource Sharing Working Group will conduct a *Resource Sharing Forum and Field Day* at the National Library of Australia. All library decision makers, interlibrary loan and document delivery practitioners are invited. Further details are available at: <http://www.nla.gov.au/rsforum/index.html>

• **29–30/11 University of South Australia Library in association with ALIA** present *The Vital Link 3: staffing library and information services in the 21st century.* City West Campus, University of South Australia. Contact: Marilyn Fraser, University of South Australia Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale 5032, ph 08 8302 7040, fx 08 8302 6756, marilyn.fraser@unisa.edu.au

Conferences

• **8/11 Qld Library Technicians.** *Fundraising event for the 12th ALIA National Library Technician's conference.* Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Gooth-tha, 6:30–9:00pm. \$25, wine and hors d'oeuvres. *RSVP:* by 1/11. Contact: Kelly Brennan 07 3403 5327, spl1@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• **6–7/12 ALIA Quorum.** *New Librarian's symposium.* Personal and professional development for new librarians in the Australia-Pacific Region. Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 2592, twg@brisbane.qld.gov.au Register your interest at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/newlibrarian/>

• **21–23/1/2003 ALIA Information Online 2003:** *11th exhibition and conference.* For more information, please contact: Conference Action, ph 02 9437 9333, fx 02 9901 4586, online.2003@alia.org.au <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/online2003/>

• **23–24/1/2003 The IFLA Internet Manifesto workshop.** Presenters: Susanne Seidelin, director IFLA/FAIFE committee and Alex Byrne, chair IFLA/FAIFE committee. University of Technology,

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Making news

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

Booked for retirement

Herald Sun (Melbourne) 10 October, by John Hamilton

After thirty years of public service state librarian, Fran Awcock has decided to retire. One of Fran's legacies will be the amount of private sponsorship she has attracted to the library. She wants the refurbished State Library of Victoria to be a place for all people. Fran calls the refurbished Domed Reading Room, which will hold all the books written and published by Australian men and women since Victoria first became a colony as 'our gift to the world'.

Push to double library funds

Central Coast Express — Gosford, 9 October by Errol Smith

Wyang Council wants the New South Wales State Government to more than double the funds granted to the library. The Council is asking that the \$250 000 yearly grant for library services be increased to \$580 000. The Metropolitan Public Libraries Association of NSW has told the council that it will support the push for increased funding.

State funding cuts threat to libraries

Newcastle Herald, 8 October, by Neil Keene

The Country Public Libraries Association of NSW has written to council in the Hunter region urging them to lobby Premier Bob Carr for more funding. Association deputy chairwoman said that while local government funding for libraries had increased by about \$170 million since 1980, State Government contributions have only increased by \$11.2 million.

Digital contracts threaten local laws

The Australian, 8 October, by Karen Dearn

A report by the Copyright Law Review Committee, *Copyright and Contract*, says that online contracts and licensing agreements are being used to strip consumers of significant rights. Online rights expert Adam Gatt of RMIT University says that agreements which over-ride Australian copyright law undermine consumer rights. Dr Gatt said that the government needs to work at an international level to prevent contracts being used to over-ride copyright laws.

Immanuel unveils learning centre

Sunshine Coast Daily (Maroochydore), 8 October

A multi-million dollar resource centre at Immanuel Lutheran College recently opened. The 1200 students at the school now have a centralised technology and learning hub. The new resource centre replaces the schools two libraries, and ensures that the schools collection of books, CDs, videos, posters and charts

are up-to-date and easily accessible.

Bid to call the odds early

Mornington Peninsula Leader, 8 October, by Jeannette Langan

Mornington Peninsula Shire is among the first shire statewide to purchase gambling education kits for secondary schools, libraries and community centres. The aim of the kits is to educate young people about gambling, including teaching the students the law of averages, and how to identify problem gamblers.

Internet regulation opinions sought

The Canberra Times, 7 October, by Wendy Levy

The federal government has called for comments on the way internet content is regulated. Input is being sought for the review of the online co-regulatory scheme established under the *Broadcasting Services Act*. The issues paper can be found at <http://www.dcita.gov.au>, submissions close on 8 November.

And another thing...

Sunday Age, 6 October, by Michelle Griffin

Michelle Griffin explores the thorny issue of e-mail privacy at work. More than one in four American companies have sacked employees for misuse of the internet or e-mail. She sites Australian examples at Telstra, Toyota, Holden and Centrelink. With the growth of internet sites devoted to gripes about work, co-workers and customers, Michelle's advice is to wait until you get home and use your anonymous home e-mail account before posting to these sites!

Between the lines

Ballarat Courier, 4 October, by Kim Quinlan

Kim Quinlan takes a look at the Central Highland Regional Library. With changes in technology the library is now much more than a collection of books. It is becoming the social hub of the community, offering a friendly, safe environment for all people. It provides access to the internet and other communications technologies, as well as the more traditional books and journals. The feature also contains a simple user's guide to the local library service.

Secret web bans in FOI amendments

The Australian, 1 October, by Simon Hayes

The Federal Government has plans to legislate to ensure that the list of banned websites under the *Broadcasting Services Act* will not be released. The decision comes in the wake of Electronic Frontiers Australia's failed attempt before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to force the ABA to release the list. A spokesman for Communications Minister Richard Alston said that it was 'not in the public interest to

provide Refused Classification website material, including child pornography'.

Books given new life

Guardian Express, 1 October

100 000 discarded library books have been given new life in a Northbridge exhibition. Fremantle writers and performers Koral Island and Stripe, and visiting Swiss artists Martin Blum and Haimo Ganz have created a book maze from books discarded by the State Library of Western Australia. Koral said that the maze was like a physical representation of knowledge in an unstructured way. 'You could get lost in new knowledge, meet dead ends, turn back on yourself, or find surprising new paths,' she said.

The story also appeared in the *Fremantle Gazette* on the same day.

Country libraries to win if Coalition gains power

Daily Examiner (Grafton), 1 October

NSW Liberal leader John Brogden promised to increase funding to country libraries if the Coalition wins government in the NSW state elections. He pledged that 'A Coalition government will provide an extra twenty per cent loading on per capita grants for libraries in country areas'.

Files opened on librarians

The Canberra Times, 28 September, by Colin Steele

The Canberra Times ran with an edited extract of an address by Colin Steele in celebration of the Bodleian Library. Colin argues that while technology has made huge changes to the way librarians work, the core values of the profession remain the same as they were 200 years ago: we still reflect that information is not knowledge and knowledge is not wisdom!

Big brothers

Sydney Morning Herald, 28 September, by Anick Jesdanun

Internet censorship is on the rise. Paris-based Reporters Without Borders found that censorship exists in fifty-eight countries, including China, Vietnam and Tunisia, and according to

the group censors have become increasingly aggressive in their quest to block access to forbidden content.

Nasty story

Forbes Advocate, 28 September

Forbes was the host for the bi-annual meeting of the central west zone of the Country Public Libraries Association of NSW (CPLA). One of the main points of discussion is the shortage of state government funding for public libraries in the state.

Library: Liberal candidate's comment

Castlemaine Main, 27 September

Geoff Austerberry, the Liberal candidate for Bendigo West says that one of the main reasons he is attempting to enter politics is because of the refusal of the current government to listen to local councils with regard to problems with infrastructure. In his words, this is no more obvious than the current dilemmas faced by local libraries.

NSW Government gives the least to libraries

Barrier Daily Truth (Broken Hill), 27 September

The State Government in New South Wales gives less money to public libraries than any other government in Australia. The Country Public Libraries Association is working with local councils to lobby the government for increased funding.

Indigenous kids go by the book on 'contraband'

Courier Mail, 27 September, by Kristen Smith

Queensland state librarian, Lea Giles-Peters and the Queensland Minister for Employment, Training and Youth, Matt Foley, opened the Indigenous Knowledge Centres in the Aboriginal communities of New Mapoon and Lockhart River. A total of thirty-one Indigenous Knowledge Centres are planned for completion by the end of 2005. Indigenous Library Services manager Sandi Taylor said that communities will be able to shape the centres to suit their needs. ■



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• 24-27/8/2003 10th Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians conference. *Celebrate the future*. Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. Contact: Festival City Conventions, ph 08 8363 1307, fx 08 8363 1604, librarians@fcconventions.com.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/>

• 9-12/9/2003 12th National Library Technicians conference. *Bridging services: embracing reality*. Brisbane Qld. Event co-ordinator: Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, ph 07 3369 7866, fx 07 3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au <http://groups.alia.org.au/libtntat/conferences/2003/>

International
17-20/11 The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) conference 2002. *Winds of change: libraries in the 21st century — Ka purea e nga hau a Tawhirimatea*. Wellington Conference Centre, Wellington. Conference secretariat: Conferences & Events Ltd, PO Box 1254, Nelson New Zealand, ph +64 3 546 6022, fx +64 3 546 6020, lianza@confer.co.nz, <http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2002/>

27-29/11 Papua New Guinea Library & Information Association conference 2002. *Partnership in improving libraries and information services*. Bird of Paradise Hotel, Goroka, PNG. For registration form and further details contact: conferences@alia.org.au.

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