

ACT

• **2/12 ACT URLs.** *Monthly meeting.* University House (in the cellar eating area) at ANU, 12:15pm. This meeting will also be our Christmas lunch. All welcome. Inquiries: Nancy Clarke, URLs secretary, ph 02 6209 1117, N.Clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **11/12 Active ALIA.** *Christmas drinks with Christmas goodies,* all ALIA members in the ACT are invited. The function will be held in NLA, 5:30pm. *RSVP by 9/12 to:* Helen Roberts, ph 02 6125 4068, Helen.Roberts@anu.edu.au

• **17/12 APSIG.** *Xmas function.* The Republic Restaurant, 20 Allara Street, Civic, 12:15pm. \$25 per head for platters of their delicious food, a glass of wine and tea or coffee. *RSVP vital (to confirm numbers) by 13/12 to:* Marie Sexton, ph 02 6247 7795 (h), msexton@netspeed.com.au

10/2/2003 PEARLS. *BOOKPLATE at National Library (new venue) for coffee, cake and conversation, 2:30pm.* All retired library people and those about to retire are welcome. Contact: Eileen Mills, ph 02 6262 4105, warndon@optusnet.com.au

NSW

23/01/2003 Trimagic Software. *Breakfast, 7:30–8:45am.* All Inmagic users & interested parties welcome. Includes presentation of new products. *RSVP:* Tara Lord, ph 02 9880 8666, trimagic@trimagic.com.au

• **March 2003 Children & Youth Services (NSW).** *Switching them on to reading:* books and young children: a one day seminar featuring bestselling children's author Mem Fox giving the Nancy Booker Honour Lecture. Date: tbc. State Library NSW. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

QLD

• **3/12 RAIS Qld.** *General meeting.* Library services meeting room, 14th Floor, BAC (Brisbane Administration Centre) building, 69 Ann Street, 5:15–6:45pm. For further information contact: Kirsty Hamilton, (secretary), ph 07 3237 6636, khamilton@sppcpm.com

• **17/1/2003 Information Specialists Group.** *Townsville online: power searching from the experts: how to make the most of web and online research.* Super searchers: Mary Ellen Bates and Chris Sherman. GONNA (Gynaecology Obstetrics & NeoNatal Auditorium), 2nd floor, The Townsville Hospital, 100 Angus Smith Drive, Douglas, Townsville. To register, please complete the form at: <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/infospec/activities/> and send to Bronia Renison, c/- Library, The Townsville Hospital, PO Box 670,

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Recent movements in the library and information sector

Bond University Library

Bond University Library welcomes **Wendy Abbott** and **Brian Boniwell** as new staff members. Wendy joins Bond in the newly created position of associate director, customer services while Brian is taking up the position of liaison librarian, for the School of Information Technology and the Institute for Learning Communities.

Wendy Abbott brings substantial experience and a solid background in managing and delivering library and information services in the higher education sector. Wendy's experience has included several roles at Griffith University. Her role at Bond University incorporates leading and managing customer services staff with co-ordination responsibilities across the library service for information literacy and marketing.

Brian Boniwell hails from the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba where he worked as liaison librarian for the Faculty of Arts. Brian's previous experience includes roles as network librarian at Toowoomba Base Hospital Library. Brian also worked in document delivery at QUT.

epixtech

epixtech has announced the appointment of **Margareta Nicholas**, formerly of the University of South Australia as customer relations manager for the company's Asia Pacific region. Nicholas, who has more than thirty years of library experience, will oversee the management of customer relationships in the region and aggressively work to ensure customer satisfaction for libraries of all types and sizes.

Margareta will act as a primary contact for customer issues during a time of steady growth for *epixtech* in the Asia Pacific region. She will oversee the implementation of customer projects, including migrations to *epixtech's* Horizon product, and build and enhance ongoing dialogue with customers.

Prior to her arrival at *epixtech*, Margareta spent twenty-seven years at the University of South Australia working in technical services and database support. Most recently, she managed the university's library automation system, working as technical environment

co-ordinator. She also oversaw library hardware planning, inventory control, help desk management, patron authentication services, and the library intranet.

She has represented the University of South Australia to the Customers of Dynix–Australia (CODA) users' group since its creation in 1987. She has served as president of CODA, now Australasian Customers of *epixtech* (ACE), four times and also acted as treasurer, secretary, and publications and promotions officer. As part of her extensive leadership in library automation management, she has represented ACE to other users' groups around the world, including Customers of Dynix, Inc in North America, the Meeting of Asian Dynix Users in Singapore, and the initial Horizon Users' Group in China.

Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) executive committee

Madeleine McPherson, university librarian of the University of Southern Queensland, has taken over the CAUL presidential reins from Helen Hayes, and is proceeding apace to work with CAUL members and associated organisations to define the future role for the organisation in support of its members and their institutions in an increasingly complex higher education environment.

Ms McPherson has held her current appointment since 1992, including two years as director of USQ's European Study Centre in Bretten, Germany. She has participated in a range of projects and committees dedicated to improving the technical infrastructure underpinning information services.

Evelyn Woodberry, university librarian of the University of New England, takes up the post of deputy president while continuing her role as CAUL's copyright expert. Ms Woodberry also currently chairs CAUL's Electronic Information Resources Committee, the focus of its very successful consortial purchasing program.

The remaining three members of the executive are **Vic Elliott**, university librarian of the University of Tasmania, **Derek Whitehead**, director of Information Resources at Swinburne University of Technology and **Andrew Wells**, university librarian of the University of New South Wales. ■

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