• **8/4 URLs (ACT)**. *'Information literacy: building partnerships between academics and information professionals'* — talks by Judith Peacock, QUT and Susan Bray, Melbourne Uni. McDonald Room, Menzies Building, ANU, 4:30–5:30pm, all welcome. *RSVP to:* Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **10/4 ACTive ALIA**. *Monthly meeting.* 4th floor Conference Room, NLA, 5:30pm, all welcome. Contact: Julie Ward (group secretary), jward@nla.gov.au

• **11/4 ACT Specials**. *Librarians Libations* from 5:30pm. A warm invitation is extended to all library and information colleagues to join the Specials in this Happy Hour for April! Confirm venue in *proACTive*, or contact: Julie Philips, ph 02 6208 5112, jphilips@nma.gov.au

• **20–21/4 ACT/NSW/VIC Library Technicians**. *Albury workshop: River of Opportunities II.* Join ACT, NSW and Victorian technicians for a weekend of workshop, networking, friendship and fun. Costs: $110 ALIA members/students, $147.40 non-members. For further detail please contact: Beth Clary, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au

• **14/5 APSIG**. *Lunchtime meeting,* another in our series of Travellers' Tales: come and hear what your colleagues are doing around the world. Conference Room, 4th floor, NLA, 12:30–1:30pm. Refreshments served, free, no bookings required. Contact: Marie Sexton, msexton@nla.gov.au

24/5 CAVAL training activities. *Effective internet searching.* O'Connell Centre, Griffith, 9:30–12:30pm. Cost: $110 CAVAL/ALIA members, $132 non-members. Contact: Eve Cornish, evec@caval.edu.au, register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

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24/4 Trimagic Software *DB/TextWorks web-publisher training.* To register please contact: Tara Lord, ph 02 9880 8666, tara.lord@trimagic.com.au

• **21/5 ASSIG and Acquisitions (National)**. *Dinner and AGM.* Speaker: Jan Fullerton. Sydney, venue/cost: tba. Contact: Jenni Jeremy, ph 08 8302 6720, jennifer.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

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• **17/4 NT Library & Information Workers** *Presentation: Overseas Indigenous Digital Library Projects,* by Phillipa Webb, 5–6pm. *Fol-*

Do you deserve recognition?

Re-vamped ALIA awards structure

In 2001 the ALIA Board of Directors commissioned a review of the ALIA awards structure. The Board considered that it was appropriate to review the awards and to develop a framework within which current awards might be maintained and new awards developed. The new framework ensures that the awards promote the objects of the Association and reflect the core values which underpin those objects. As a result of the review, and following broad consultation with National Policy Congress delegates and groups, significant changes have been made to many of the selection criteria for the Association's awards.

Full details of the ALIA awards are available from http://www.alia.org.au/awards/, or by contacting at the ALIA National Office.

Premier awards

HCL Anderson Award

The HCL Anderson Award is the highest honour that can be bestowed on an Associate member of ALIA. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the library and information profession in Australia, to ALIA, or to the theory of library and information science or to the practice of library and information services.

The award commemorates HCL Anderson, principal librarian of the Free Public Library of New South Wales from 1893 to 1906. Anderson created a collection and service policy to give his infant colonial library a stature of national importance. He worked with DS Mitchell, wealthy collector of Australiana, adding, to the bequest of Justice Edward Wise, Mitchell's extensive collections of books, manuscripts and maps, to build and preserve the first collection of national significance. Anderson persuaded Mitchell to finance the housing of the collection in what is now the Mitchell Library of the State Library of New South Wales. In addition to this protracted task, Anderson promoted the education of librarians and the expansion of services to the community. His vision, dedication and achievements provide a model for those nominated for this award.

Redmond Barry Award

The Redmond Barry Award is the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual not eligible for associate or technician membership of the Association. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to or promotion of a library and information service or libraries and information services, or to the theory or practice of library and information science, or an associated field. Nominees do not need to be a member of the Association.

The award commemorates the name and

services to Australian libraries of Sir Redmond Barry, 1813–1880, regarded as the founder of the State Library of Victoria. Sir Redmond emigrated from Ireland to Australia in 1839, practised law in Melbourne and became Victorian Solicitor-General and a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1852. In 1853 he was appointed Chancellor of the University of Melbourne and Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library of Victoria and held both positions until his death.

Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award

The Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award recognises pioneering work in new areas of library and information science. This may involve a one-off product, a new service or program or development of an existing service, but must incorporate a future-oriented approach.

Nominees may be individual and institutional members of the Association. The nomination may identify a specific group or unit within an institution.

Ellinor Archer, MBE, was a pioneer, a foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians (precursor to our Association) and its first woman president. A lecturer in botany at Trinity College, University of Melbourne, she was appointed in 1923 chief librarian of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research which became the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. In her thirty-one years of work for the organisation, she developed an extensive library network delivering modern specialist library services and organised the first co-operative union catalogue of Australian library holdings, based on the scientific and technical periodicals in collections throughout Australia.

The award was changed in 2002 to the pioneering focus. The previous Ellinor Archer Award was presented to Ena Noël (1984) and Allan Fleming (1989).

Premier award nominations: the Premier awards are peer-nominated. Nominations close on *1 August.* Confidentiality in nomination is essential and nominees should not be aware that they are being nominated for an award. Premature disclosure of details may prejudice consideration of the nomination. Nominations are considered by the National Awards Panel which makes recommendation to the Board of Directors. More than one award may be made each year if there are nominations justifying this. Details are published only when a nomination is successful.

Other awards
ALIA Fellowships

The Board of Directors may confer the distinction of Fellow on a member who, in the opinion of the Board, has reached an

exceptionally high standard of proficiency in library and information science and has made a distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science.

Nominees should have at least eight years' standing as an associate or library technician member and be a personal financial member. Documentation should provide as much evidence as possible of the nominee's eligibility.

This award is peer-nominated. Nominations may be made at any time. Confidentiality in nomination is essential and nominees should not be aware that they are being nominated for an award. Premature disclosure of details may prejudice consideration of the nomination.

Metcalfe Medallion

The Metcalfe Medallion recognises high achievement by a personal financial member in their first five years of practice in libraries and information services. Achievement would be commensurate with experience and should show a contribution beyond the normal requirements of the nominee's employment. This may include but not be limited to initiative, a commitment to innovation in practice and leadership.

The Metcalfe Medallion commemorates John Metcalfe and his contribution to librarianship and library education. Metcalfe was New South Wales state librarian before he became university librarian of the University of New South Wales. He gained an international reputation through his writings and initiatives. Metcalfe established the Australian Institute of Librarians, later to be renamed the Library Association of Australia and served a term as president of each. He was instrumental in the establishment of library education in Australia.

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National Excellence Awards (2003)

The National Excellence awards recognise excellence in any area, field or aspect of practice in the library and information services sector. Nominations should clearly identify the area, field or aspect of practice and demonstrate through evidence submitted the basis or measures on which the judgement of excellence has been made. Nominations should also demonstrate how the achievement meets one or more of the Association's Objects. The awards will be presented for the first time in 2003.

This award is peer- or self-nominated. Nominees may be:

- a personal financial member or the ALIA nominated representative of an institutional financial member;

- a group comprising personal financial members or the ALIA nominated representative of an institutional financial member;

- an institutional financial member.

The awards are two-tiered and are offered at a state and territory level and at a national level. Nominations for state and territory awards close on 1 June for the 2003 awards. A panel comprising representatives of the ALIA state or territory endorsed co-ordinating group will determine award winners in each state and territory. More than one award may be made each year if there are nominations justifying this. However the panel is not obliged to make an award if, in its view, the nominations do not justify an award.

Winners of the state and territory awards will be submitted to the National Awards Panel by 1 August, for recommendation to the Board of Directors on a national award recipient. More than one award may be made each year if there are nominations justifying this. The national award will usually be presented at the ALIA conference.

For further information about this or other awards: Australian Library and Information Association, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604, or telephone 02 6285 1877 (toll free 1800 02 0071), or e-mail awards@alia.org.au. ∎