

• **9/12 APSIG.** *Christmas lunch in The Harem Turkish Restaurant, Green Square, Kingston, 12:15–1:30pm. Turkish banquet with hot and cold entrees, mains, dessert, tea or coffee for \$25. BYO and licensed bar. Bookings essential by COB 5/12 to: msxton@netspeed.com.au (if no e-mail, ph 02 6247 7795 with name and contact details)*

• **10/12 URLS ACT.** *Final event for 2003. Professor Robin Stanton, ANU pro vice-chancellor (Information portfolio) on "The Creative Commons, keeping ideas free for the information society". McDonald Room, Menzies Building, ANU, all welcome. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au*

NSW

• **2/12 Hunter Regional Group (NSW).** *General meeting and social activity. Further details to be advised. Contact: Dianne Schofield, diane.schofield@hunterlink.net.au*

12/2/2004 UTS. *KM workshop: Organising and accessing your knowledge repository. Examine the role of sound information management practices within a knowledge-enabled organisation in this one-day workshop. UTS City Campus. 9:00am–5:00pm. Cost \$445. Contact: Caroline Martin, ph 02 9514 2705, caroline.martin@uts.edu.au, <http://www.km.hss.uts.edu.au/workshop6.html>*

QLD

• **5/12 ALIA New Librarians Symposium 1.5.** *ALIA NLS1.5. Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. \$125 ALIA members, \$165 non-members, \$110 student/concession [GST incl]. Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 2592, twq@brisbane.qld.gov.au, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarians2003/>*

• **11/2/2004 Qld Library Technicians.** *General meeting. Guest speaker and venue: tba. Drinks and nibbles at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. Gold coin donation appreciated. Contact: Jennifer Parker, ph 07 3244 6464, jennifer.c.parker@det.qld.gov.au*

• **27/3/2004 Qld Library Technicians.** *Visit to UQ Ipswich Library and possibly Ipswich Hospital Library and Ipswich Library, followed by lunch. Contact: Jennifer Parker, ph 07 3244 6464, jennifer.c.parker@det.qld.gov.au*

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Directline

Report of Board meeting

13 November 2003

The Board combined its meeting with the signing of the Association's memorandum of understanding with Public Libraries Australia (PLA) and the presentation of Fellowship to Dr David Jones [see p14]. As a first initiative of the agreement ALIA will work with PLA in furthering the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry into the role of libraries in an online environment.

The 2010 plan was signed off. This has three sections: About ALIA — a snapshot; Our vision for 2010; and Making it happen. The first two can stand alone or can be used in briefing material to partners, potential partners and government, in information for members or in recruitment packages. The third part can be updated regularly and used to link the broader vision to the shorter-term initiatives and programs of two-year plans.

Financial matters

The Board endorsed the 2004 general budget with a commitment to a balanced budget, the ACOC 2004 seminar budget, the groups 2004 budgets received, the 2003 audit fees and client service plan, and had further discussions on the future treatment of assets under the International Financial Reporting Standards. The terms of reference of the Board's proposed Finance Committee will be finalised prior to the March 2004 meeting

Governance

Board 2004 meeting dates were set for 19 March, 20–21 May, 23 July, 21 September and 19 November. The AGM will be held in the late afternoon of 20 May. The May Board meeting is the changeover of terms of directors and so the incoming and retiring directors will meet together on 20–21 May to assist in the handover to the new Board. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the current and new boards to jointly discuss the 2010 and 2004 plans and the development of the 2005–2006 plan.

Policy

The Association's response to the recommendations of the Senate committee inquiry into the role of libraries in the online environment was signed off [see p30–31]. The Association will organise meetings in major centres to discuss the report and possible action to further the recommendations and the extensive information in the report, submissions and evidence. [<http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/inquiries/roloe.report.recommendations.html>]

As part of the ongoing review of policy statements the Board accepted the advice of the ALIA/ASLA Policy and Advisory Group that the ALIA/ASLA joint statement on library and information services in schools be retained without amendment. The ALIA Research committee agreed at its meeting on 4 November to develop a draft broad position statement on research for the March 2004 Board meeting. This will outline how the library and information sector contributes to government, business and the community through research activities and will assist ALIA in its advocacy and lobbying roles.

The Board reviewed the agreement between ALIA and the Australian School Library Association — *Sharing the future — ALIA and ASLA working together*. After consultation with the ALIA representatives on the joint projects under this agreement the Association will consult with ASLA on updating the agreement.

Changes to the Australian Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code proposed by the National Resource Sharing Working Group were endorsed and the Board noted the intention to review the ILRS Code recommended prices after the planned survey of ILL supplier costs is completed.

National Policy Conference (NPC)

The 2004 NPC is to meet on 19–20 November. A major agenda item for the NPC will be the 2005–2006 Plan. The full report of the 2003 NPC was accepted and will be distributed to participants and available on the website [<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/npc/2003/>].

Groups

Those group 2004 budgets yet to be received will be considered by the Board between meetings.

The Board discussed issues relating to the ALIA West FA Sharr award to be discussed at the group's meeting of 18 November.

The ALIA North Central Goldfields group was dissolved and it is possible an e-list will be established to support networking and communication in the area. ■

