

ACT

• **12/3 Active ALIA.** *Discuss how we will operate this year and what you want to do:* topics, issues, speakers, frequency of meetings, links and partnerships. 4th Floor Conference Room NLA, 5:30pm. Contact Helen Roberts, convener, ph 02 6125 4068, Helen.Roberts@anu.edu.au

• **14/3 PEARLS.** *Bookplate at National Library (new venue), 2:30pm.* Come along and join us for coffee, cake and conversation. All people with library connections who have retired and those about to retire are welcome. Contact: Eileen Mills, ph 02 6262 4105, warndon@optusnet.com.au

NSW

• **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

• **23-24/4 NSW & Vic Library Technicians' be prepared... for the 2003 Techs on Tour to Canberra** — a joint visit by the Vic and NSW LT groups. Visit the National Library of Australia and other sites along with a chance to hear inspiring speakers. A social dinner with the ACT Library Technicians is being planned. Stay tuned for updates about the program or contact: Kevin Dudeney, convener, ALIA NSW LT Group, kdudeney@graeae.unilinc.edu.au or Kerrie Kelly, convener ALIA Vic LT group, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

SA

• **12/4 Friends of Libraries Australia.** *Successful friends creating partnerships.* Speakers: Daniel Ferguson, Sarah Philpott, Patricia Chigwidden, Gerrit Stafford. Unley Civic Centre 181 Unley Road Unley SA, 9:15-12:30pm. RSVP: Jill Miller Ph 08 8372 5140. Further details: Gerrit Stafford Ph 08 8278 4372 or dferguson@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

QLD

• **18-27/3 QLD OPAL.** *Internet workshop (fully booked).* Trainers: Helen Partridge/Jill McTaggart. State Library, 5pm to start 5:30pm — finish approx 6:30pm.

• **2/4 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.* Department of Corrective Services Training & Development Centre, Wacol Station Road, Wacol, 8:30 for 8:45am start — finish approx 10:30am. Traveling details will be given closer to the date. Host: Robyn Sanders, tdc.library@dcs.qld.gov.au

• **4/6 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.* Brisbane City Council Library, Central City Library Theatre, 69 Ann St, Brisbane, 5 for 5:30 pm start — finish by 7pm. Host: Kristina Williams, kristina@softlink.net.au

• **16/9 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.*

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Rewarding service

Nominate now for an ALIA silver pin

In 2002 ALIA introduced the silver membership pin to recognise the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers working for the Association. Any ALIA member who has served on an ALIA group or committee for five terms is eligible for a silver pin. The five terms do not need to be consecutive.

The award comprises a silver ALIA pin and a letter of recognition from the ALIA executive director. Members can self-nominate for the award, or can be nominated by fellow office bearers.

Congratulations to the following ALIA members who have received their silver pins:

Miss Deanne Barrett
Dr Angela Bridgland
Ms Jane Coatman
Mr Kevin Dudeney
Ms Anne Girolami
Mr Philip Keane
Ms Kerrie Kelly

Professor Joyce Kirk
Ms Christine MacKenzie
Ms Erica Maxwell
Ms Moyra McAllister
Mr Ian McCallum
Ms Vicki McDonald
Mr Ian McGregor
Mrs Rosemary McLauchlan
Ms Carol Newton-Smith
Mrs Sherrey Quinn
Mrs Helen Roberts
Mrs Sandra Ryan
Ms Elizabeth Swan
Mr Trevor Wakely

For more information about the silver pins and nomination forms contact Georgina Dale, CPD and groups liaison officer, phone 02 6215 8222, georgina.dale@alia.org.au, or visit the ALIA membership pages on ALIANet at <http://membership.alia.org.au>. ■

Busy schedule for 2003

Victorian ALIA Library Technicians

The Victorian ALIA Library Technicians' busy schedule for 2003 opened with a fascinating tour of Mornington Libraries' Rosebud Branch on Saturday 22 February. Our hosts Alison Katona, Val Smith and Anne-Marie Raymond organised tours of the branch, the toy library and a mini-workshop on marketing strategies for libraries. It was a great day, packed with news and information. If you could not make it, do not worry there is lots more in store!

On 6 March we will be combining a committee meeting with a tour of the Yarra Plenty Library Corporation's new Mill Park Branch. In April we will join with the NSW ALIA Library Technicians to visit a number of unique libraries in Canberra. The two day visit will include tours of the National Library of Australia and a chance to see the work of the ALIA National Office. A visit

to Monash University's Matheson Library follows in May and *Techs on tour* is scheduled for Saturday 5 July. *Techs on tour* has been a regular event for the past five years and has proven to be very popular with library studies' students, qualified library technicians and librarians. The full day of behind-the-scenes tours begins at the State Library of Victoria, and delegates will have a chance to visit some of the newly redeveloped spaces. The day includes a presentation from Angela Bridgland on the importance of continuing education, lunch and a visit to a special library in the afternoon.

The 12th National ALIA Library Technicians Conference is scheduled for September and we have a pre-conference get together planned to enable Victorian delegates to meet before travelling to Brisbane. We will also be organising a post-conference meeting

to share the information we have learnt with those who could not attend.

And there's more! In the planning stages are:

- Techs on tour @ Ballarat in March;
- a presentation on online reference services;
- a visit to a commercial bookseller;
- more library tours; and
- visits to students studying the library technician course.

Full details of our events appear in *inCite*, on our webpage [<http://groups.alia.org.au/libtvic/>] and in our quarterly newsletter *Technotes*.

Everyone is welcome to attend our events. If you are not a member, why not come along and see what membership has to offer? Just contact us!

**Kerrie Kelly, convener,
Victorian ALIA Library
Technicians**