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• **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. Host: Robyn Sanders, tdc.library@dcs.qld.gov.au

• **13/5 Qld Library Technicians.** *Annual dinner.* Guest speaker: Janet Poole, Logan City Council Library. Skyline Restaurant, Southbank Institute of TAFE, 6pm. Cost: \$33 ALIA members, \$40 non-members. *Bookings by 2/5 to:* Helen Trochoulis, PO Box 289, Morningside, 4170.

17/5 Queensland Parliamentary Library. *Open day: an unique opportunity to visit the heritage 19th century O'Donovan Library.* Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane, 10–4pm. Inquiries: ph 07 3406 7920, judith.barker@parliament.qld.gov.au

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

• **16/9 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.* The United Grand Lodge of Qld, 311 Ann Street, City, 12:30–2pm. Host: Ian Maddox, iwmaddox@uglq.org.au

• **15/10 QLD OPAL.** *General meeting.* Hopgood Ganim Lawyers, 141 Queen Street, City, 12:30–2pm. Host: Helen Gambley heg@hopgoodganim.com.au

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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, 9:15–12:30pm. *RSVP:* Jill Miller, ph 08 8372 5140. Further details: Gerrit Stafford, ph 08 8278 4372, dferguson@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

• **15/4–16/12 ALIA SA.** *General meetings.* University of South Australia Research Room, Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library, City West Campus, 5:30 for 5:45pm unless otherwise indicated. 2003 dates: 15/4; 20/5; 17/6; 19/8; 16/9; 14/10; 18/11; 16/12.

• **16/5 ALIA SA ARCoM, Information Science, RAISS & LEARN Network seminar:** *Virtual Reference: alive and clicking?* Speakers: Mary Broadhurst, SLSA AskNow; Vicki Bates, Southbank TAFE & Panel. Adelaide TAFE, Light Square, 9–4:30pm. Cost: \$55 ALIA/LEARN members, \$71.50 non-members \$33 concession. inc. GST & lunch. Registration forms: Stephen Barnett, ph 08 8207 1108, fx 08 8207 1113, stephen.barnett@tv.tafe.sa.edu.au

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• **2/4 Vic Library Technicians.** *Committee meeting.* State Library

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Who's where

Queensland Parliamentary Library

Mary Seefried has been appointed as Queensland parliamentary librarian as from July 2002 on the retirement of Nick Banenberg. Nick had served as parliamentary librarian for a record period of nearly twenty-nine years. Under his leadership the library became well known for its many innovative approaches to supporting the information needs of MPs and the Queensland Parliament.

Mary was previously director of Research Publications and Resources within the library and won the position from a strong field of candidates. Mary has a strong research background in public sector administration as well as being an Associate of ALIA.

She is keen to further develop the delivery of services to the desktops of the clients of the library, the members and their staff, who are located throughout the state of Queensland, and deepen the library's understanding of its clients' information needs.

National Archives of Australia

Ross Gibbs has been appointed the director-general of the National Archives of Australia. Mr Gibbs is currently the director and Keeper of Public Records at the Public Record Office of Victoria. He was previously director, Archival Heritage at the Public Record Office and Office of Library Services, Victoria, and has held senior positions at the State Library of Victoria, the Library council of Victoria and the Victorian Ministry for the Arts. Mr Gibbs is currently deputy chair of the commonwealth Government's Visions of Australia committee and a member of the National collections Advisory Forum.

Dynix

Dynix is pleased to announce the appointment of **Robyn Wright**, a seasoned professional in the library community, as an account executive in the Asia Pacific region. In her new assignment, Wright will serve Dynix customers in Australia and New Zealand and throughout the Pacific Rim.

Wright arrives at Dynix from InfoVision Technology, where she served as national account manager and headed sales and marketing for the Amlib Library Management

System. Prior to her arrival at InfoVision, she worked for seven years as a regional sales manager for SIRSI Australia and as a DRA trainer for two years.

Resource Options news

Resource Options would like to welcome **Jill Bartholomeusz** to the Melbourne team. Jill who has twenty years experience in special, academic and school libraries will be working closely with Micky Ashton to assist you with your recruitment, consultancy and information management solutions. Give the team a call on 03 9889 4066 or call in to the new Resource Options office at LMI House, 428 Burke Road, Camberwell.

Innovative Interfaces

Innovative Interfaces has recently announced the appointment of **Sandra Hurd** as director of sales, Digital Solutions.

Hurd has extensive experience in the information technology industry and is known to many through her work with organisations such as LITA, NASIG, NISO and SISAC. Before coming to Innovative, Hurd was a senior manager at Northern Light Technology. Prior to that she was assistant vice-president and director of library automation at EBSCO Subscription Services. She holds a BA and an MLS from Simmons College in Boston.

Hurd will lead Innovative's sales efforts in the area of digital collections solutions, particularly the company's portal and electronic resource management systems. She will also assist with the company's strategic planning for the academic marketplace.

VTLS

VTLS has announced that **Carl Grant** is joining the company as president and chief operating officer. Grant, a librarian, is a well-known and respected industry executive who has worked in libraries and library automation companies for the last thirty-three years. **Dr Vinod Chachra**, who currently serves as president of VTLS, will remain active in the company as chairman of the Board and chief executive officer.

Grant was most recently president of Ex Libris (USA). He also previously served as vice-president at DRA, Innovative Interfaces and Ameritech Library Systems. ■

Early notice

Aurora Leadership Institute 2004

The Seventh Aurora Leadership Institute will be held at Thredbo Alpine Village from Sunday 8 to Friday 13 February 2004.

Becky Schreiber and John Shannon will again lead the Institute, assisted by eight prominent mentors from Australia and New Zealand.

For details please contact Ian McCallum on 02 6257 9177 or aurora@alianet.alia.org.au. ■