

# Vale Orana

Forty years of news, reviews and information on Australian library services for young people came to an end in April with the final issue of *Orana: Journal of School and Children's Librarianship*.

From its origin in April 1965 as the quarterly newsletter of LAA Children's Libraries Section (CLS) in New South Wales, the publication expanded to cover the whole gamut of library and information services for young Australians. In 1970 it became the national journal for LAA CLS. Within a few years it had attracted such a high standard of articles on children's books, children's authors and library service to children in all kinds of settings that LAA School Libraries Section opted to become a joint partner.

Under the dedicated leadership of foundation editor Val Watson, *Children's Libraries Newsletter* attracted readers and high profile contributors from around

Australia. The 1977 name change to *Orana: Journal of School and Children's Librarianship* signalled its expanded role. Writers of the calibre of Walter McVitty, Virginia Havilland, Margaret Dunkle, Patricia Wrightson, Hugh and Maureen Crago, Barbara Ker Wilson, Maureen Nimon, Julia McRae, Christobel Mattingly and Maurice Saxby contributed significant papers. *Orana* (the name means 'welcome') became required reading for students and practitioners in youth library services.

Editors Martha Heeren, Carolyn Logan, Robert Sharman, David Berry, Ross Todd and Gary Gorman followed Val Watson's 23 years of dedicated service. Margaret Steinberger's appointment as editor in March 2000 heralded a change to A4 format and a more professional, polished image. At the same time, increased internet access began to signal the end of the



need for a paper-based journal. Laurel A Clyde's regular technology columns had helped ease readers into the high-tech world that is now almost second nature to their young clients. In many ways, *Orana's* role has now been superseded by e-lists and the internet. *Orana* provided 40 years of dedicated professional education. We are proud of that achievement.

**Dr Alison Gregg, convenor,  
ALIA Management and  
Leadership Group**

## ALIA groups

Do you have a special area of professional interest? Want to meet and network with other members within your geographical area? Then one of the best ways to connect with other members is through ALIA groups.

ALIA groups are a vital part of the Association. Groups are largely responsible for the range of ALIA activities and events held across Australia each year. There are currently over 60 ALIA groups. Some of these groups address 'big picture' issues or areas of professional practice; others run local activities that provide professional development and networking opportunities for members living and working in a particular geographic area. ALIA members are able to join as many groups as they want — there are no additional fees.

To find out what groups ALIA has and what they do, go to <http://alia.org.au/groups.html> for a complete listing. The links from this page will take you to each group's web page. You can also join groups from here. You will need your membership number and website password (if you don't know your password, choose 'forgotten your password' and it will

be sent to you). Once you have logged in, you will see your membership record. Click on 'my groups' near the top of the screen. This will show you which groups, if any, you already belong to. Check the box next to any group you want to join and then click on 'Submit group changes'.

You can also directly access your membership details and join or leave groups by going to <http://alia.org.au/members-only.html>, logging in, and then choosing the 'my groups' link. As above, use the check boxes next to the listed groups to add or remove yourself from particular groups, then click on 'Submit group changes' to confirm any changes.

If you need assistance in joining groups, contact Jason or Chris in membership, ph 1800 020 071 or [membership@alia.org.au](mailto:membership@alia.org.au). For any other information about ALIA groups, contact Georgina Dale, manager, member services and groups liaison, ph 02 6215 8229; [georgina.dale@alia.org.au](mailto:georgina.dale@alia.org.au).

**Georgina Dale, manager, member services and  
groups liaison**



## ACT

**12-13/7 AGLIN 2nd Annual Conference.** *The innovative library manager.* Keynote speaker: Patrick Lambe. National Library of Australia, Canberra. Contact: Melanie Randall, ph 02 6244 1830, [melanie.randall@facss.gov.au](mailto:melanie.randall@facss.gov.au)

• **25/8 ACTIVE ALIA/AGLIN Info Sharing.** *Language and controlled vocabulary.* Sherrey Quinn (Libraries Alive!). Development of a system to manage the Defence Glossary; Anne Daniels and Pam Garfoot, Language Management in Centrelink (Online 2005 paper). NLA 4th Floor Conference Room, 4:00-5:30pm. Contact: Karna O'Dea, ph 02 6121 6310, [karna.odea@dewr.gov.au](mailto:karna.odea@dewr.gov.au)

• **19/10 ACTIVE ALIA.** *Information management in the Parliamentary Library — Info Online 2005 Encore.* Moving right along: using RFID for collection management at the Parliamentary Library. NLA, Conference Room, 4:00-5:30pm. ALIA/AGLIN Info Sharing Session. Contact: Sherrey Quinn, ph 02 6257 9177, [sherrey.quinn@alianet.alia.org.au](mailto:sherrey.quinn@alianet.alia.org.au)

**26-27/10 2005 actKM Conference.** *Managing Knowledge for Better Performance.* Rydges Lakeside in Canberra. Contact: David Williams, ph 02 6121 7022, [david.williams@dewr.gov.au](mailto:david.williams@dewr.gov.au), [http://www.actkm.com/actkm\\_2005\\_conference.html](http://www.actkm.com/actkm_2005_conference.html)

• **4/11 ACTIVE ALIA.** *Jobs and skill gaps: what the market is looking for.* Panel discussion: Anna-Maria Svatko (One Umbrella), Megan Curlewis (Informed Sources) and speaker tba (Zenith). AGLIN/ALIA Joint Information Sharing Session. NLA, Conference Room, 4:00-5:00pm. Contact: Karna O'Dea, ph 02 6121 6310, [karna.odea@dewr.gov.au](mailto:karna.odea@dewr.gov.au)

• **24/11 ACTIVE ALIA.** *Risk management: theory and practical application in a library context.* Speakers: Paul Longley (DEWR) and Margarita Moreno (NLA). AGLIN/ALIA Joint Information Sharing Session. NLA, Conference Room, 12:30-1:30pm. Bring your lunch. RSVP to Karna for teal/coffee catering purposes. Contact: Karna O'Dea, ph 02 6121 6310, [karna.odea@dewr.gov.au](mailto:karna.odea@dewr.gov.au)

## NSW

• **27/7-30/11 NSW Mentoring Group.** *Library-folk in the pub.* Come and join us for our regular informal gathering. Chat about work, the profession or whatever. All library-types welcome! 1st floor bar, Agincourt Hotel, cnr Harris and George Streets at Railway Square, from 6:00pm. 27/7, 31/8, 28/9, 26/10, 30/11. Contact: Alyson Dalby, ph 0404 655 319, [libraryworld@exemail.com.au](mailto:libraryworld@exemail.com.au)

## NT

• **27/7 Top End.** *Garden party at the Chinese gardens* starting at 5:00pm. Charles Darwin University Casuarina Campus, Ellengowan Drive. Costs (GST incl): \$10.00 ALIA members, \$15.00 non-members. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, [jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au](mailto:jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au)

• **24/8 Top End.** *General meeting.* Minerals and Energy Library, 5:00pm tour, 6:00pm meeting. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, [jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au](mailto:jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au)

• **25-26/8 Central Australia Regional Group.** *Futures Expo, Alice Springs.* A Territory-wide careers event for parents, teachers and young people. Our booth will be staffed by public, special, school and academic library staff who will inform Central Australian young people about their career options in the library industry. Contact: Sonia Summer, ph 08 8959 5266, [sonia.summer@cdu.edu.au](mailto:sonia.summer@cdu.edu.au)

• **28/9 Top End.** *General meeting.* Venue to be confirmed, 5:00pm. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, ph 08 8946 7881, [jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au](mailto:jayshree.mamtara@cdu.edu.au)

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