

# A focus on information research

The Information and Telecommunications Research (ITNR), a research group that is a joint venture of Monash and Charles Sturt Universities, has three current information-related research projects under way that are of interest to the library sector. The diversity of the projects shows how varied 'information' research can be.

## One day, we'll all invest this way! Regulating online investment

This project is investigating the need for legal regulation to increase the safety of online investing, given the greater vulnerability of investors who use this mode. The study is significant because little is known about how investors seek information without the advice of a professional adviser. The empirical work of the project will take place in 2006; starting with a preliminary survey to collect background information about the kinds of investments online investors are making, and their associated information-seeking activities. A number of participants in the survey will be invited to take part in individual interviews. This is an ARC Discovery Project.

*If you are an online investor and would like to take part in this project, we would be very pleased to hear from you. We would also be grateful if you would tell other online investors who might be interested. The URL for the survey is: <http://infotech.monash.edu.au/webseervices/surveys/kw/>.*

## Generating knowledge and avoiding plagiarism: Smart information use by secondary students

Plagiarism is now a major problem world wide, especially in tertiary education. The 'informa-

tion use in relation to plagiarism' project will both work to define what plagiarism is, and help ameliorate the problem. This will be done in creative ways, without using detection as the principal focus, by beginning the education process well before students come to tertiary education. A coalition of CSU academics and a representative range of secondary schools (including a country high school) are partners with a vision of a research project that will benefit the secondary school and tertiary sectors. This is an ARC Linkage project.

## Public libraries as a catalyst for community connection, participation, and creativity: the case of the retiring baby boomers

Australia, like other western countries, is experiencing major demographic change. Throughout their lifetimes, baby boomers have had significant influence on Australian society. This project will assess the needs of retiring baby boomers in order to develop public library services that will foster boomers' connection with, and participation in, their community and stimulate their creativity. An innovative element will be a 'knowledge commons', based on the principles of e-democracy using cutting edge technology to encourage participation in planning and decision-making. This is a proposed ARC Linkage project.

If you have any questions about any of the projects, please contact me: [kirsty.williamson@infotech.monash.edu.au](mailto:kirsty.williamson@infotech.monash.edu.au) or [kwilliamson@csu.edu.au](mailto:kwilliamson@csu.edu.au).

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**23/6 Power searching with the pros goes North.** *Level two is an advanced workshop for information professionals who have already attended previous Web Search Pacific workshops.* Darwin, venue tbc, 9:00-5:00pm. Full rates [GST incl]: \$395 ALIA members, \$455 non-members. PD points: 7. Contact: Elizabeth Swan, ph 02 9371 0300, [e\\_swan@infoedge.com.au](mailto:e_swan@infoedge.com.au)

• **28/6 Top End Group.** *Presentation and meeting.* Charles Darwin University Library, Casuarina, NT. 5:00pm: presentation Goethe Institute Study Tour, 6:00pm: meeting. Contact: Linda Marchesani, ph 08 8999 3929, [linda.marchesani@nt.gov.au](mailto:linda.marchesani@nt.gov.au)

## QLD

• **6/5 ALIA Quorum.** *Professional Development workshop.* Half-day workshop on the ALIA Professional Development scheme will be held in the QJW room, S block, QUT Gardens Point, 9:00-12:00pm. Contact: Claudia Davies, [claudia.davies@alia.org.au](mailto:claudia.davies@alia.org.au)

• **8/5 Quorum.** *Dr Alex Byrne: IFLA's three pillars and the implications for ALIA.* ALIA Quorum hosts Dr Alex Byrne, IFLA president. QJ Wordsworth Room L12 S Block QUT Gardens Point, 5:30pm for 6:00pm. \$5 light refreshments. RSVP by 4/5 to [joy\\_goldsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com). PD: points: 1. Contact: Gillian Hallam, ph 07 3864 2177, [g.hallam@qut.edu.au](mailto:g.hallam@qut.edu.au)

**10/5-13/9 6 steps to career sizzle.** 5 monthly .60min teleconference program for librarians. PD points: 10. See *National events for additional information.*

• **22/5 ALIA Quorum.** Trivia and awards night. The trivia night will be held at the Irish Club. Watch the ALIAQld e-list for more information. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, [joy\\_goldsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com)

• **2-4/6 Brisbane careers and employment expo.** *ALIA Quorum, Queensland New Graduates group, and Qld Library Technicians group have organised a stand at the expo.* Contact: Claudia Davies, [claudia.davies@alia.org.au](mailto:claudia.davies@alia.org.au)

• **7/6 QLD OPALS.** *General meeting.* Department of Corrective Services, Wacol, 8:30-10:00am. Host: Robyn Sanders. Contact: Robyn Sanders, ph 07 3406 6429, [tdc.library@dcs.qld.gov.au](mailto:tdc.library@dcs.qld.gov.au)

**4-7/6 Queensland Public Libraries Association Conference.** *Libraries...A Lifestyle Experience.* See *National events for additional information.*

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**26/6 Power searching with the pros goes North.** *Level one workshop focuses on introducing the main concepts that information professionals need to be familiar with.* Presenters: Mary Ellen Bates and Chris Sherman. Cairns, venue tbc, 9:00-5:00pm. Cost [incl GST]: \$395 ALIA members, \$455 non-members. PD points: 7. Contact: Elizabeth Swan, ph 02 9371 0300, [e\\_swan@infoedge.com.au](mailto:e_swan@infoedge.com.au)

**28/6 Power searching with the pros goes North.** *Level two is an advanced workshop for information professionals who have already attended previous Web Search Pacific workshops.* Townsville, venue tbc, 9:00-5:00pm. Full rates [GST incl]: \$395 ALIA members, \$455 non-members. PD points: 7. Contact: Elizabeth Swan, ph 02 9371 0300, [e\\_swan@infoedge.com.au](mailto:e_swan@infoedge.com.au)

**30/6 Power searching with the pros goes North.** *Level two is an advanced workshop for information professionals who have already attended previous Web Search Pacific workshops.* Brisbane, venue tbc, 9:00-5:00pm. Full rates [GST incl]: \$395 ALIA

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## RAILS 3 - call for papers

**RAILS 3: Research Applications in Library and Information Studies, Friday 22 September 2006, and New Researcher Consortium, Saturday 23 September 2006.** Perth, organised by Information Studies, Curtin University with support from the State Library of WA, in conjunction with the ALIA CLICK 06 conference. If you are carrying out research into any aspect of LIS and can link it to practice, you are invited to submit your paper proposal by 15 April 2006. Papers covering research in the broad area of LIS or in a more specialised component of the field are welcomed. The paper proposals will be peer-reviewed and all papers accepted will be refereed. For more information contact Dr Kerry Smith, convenor, RAILS 3, Information Studies, Faculty of Media, Society & Culture Curtin University of Technology [[k.smith@curtin.edu.au](mailto:k.smith@curtin.edu.au), ph 08 9266 7217].



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- Associate Degree of Science (Library Technology)
- Bachelor of Science (Library Technology)
- Bachelor of Science (Library Technology) / Bachelor of Science (Communication and Information Technology)

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