

23 May is National what Day?

This was one of 20 questions devised by staff in Library and Cultural Studies, Victoria University (VU), for a quiz which was part of the celebrations for National Library Week; and of course, Tuesday 23 May was National Library Technician's Day.

To celebrate, promote and advertise our National Day, Library and Cultural Studies enlisted the help of Kerrie Kelly, Convenor of the Victorian Library Technician's Section of ALIA, and Gail Schmidt of the State Library of Victoria, Margie Anderson (Victorian Local Liaison Officer, ALIA), and Brad King from One Umbrella.

Margie spoke about ALIA's role in the profession and its importance in keeping members up to date in their professional development. She presented the ALIA top student award at VU to Christine Bennett for academic achievement. Special achievement awards were also presented to Mary Neilsen, Janine Hill and Anthony O'Neill.

Gail Schmidt from the State Library, spoke about employer requirements: employers look for good communication skills; staff who can turn a negative into a positive, who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves; who embrace change and take it on board. She spoke of learning that doesn't stop when you finish your course, and discussed the broader job market for library technicians outside the traditional L, providing a list of job-related terms to look for and a list of professional development opportunities. Gail also encouraged students to join the professional association – not all jobs are found in the paper.

Kerrie Kelly, the Victorian Convenor of the Technicians' section, spoke about the '07 Library Technicians' Biennial Conference (9–12 August 2007, Melbourne) Kerrie promised workshops and tours to initiate, inspire, inform, and innovate. Students were asked to act as volunteers to take tours as escorts – a good opportunity to see behind the scenes, and volunteers would be rewarded by a free day conference attendance, worth a considerable sum.



Students of library studies and from the bottom right: Ian Rogers, Kerrie Kelly, Margaret Roberts, Tania Barry and VU student of the Year Barbara Montenegro.

Several speakers emphasised networking, and the edge that meeting other people working in the industry can give.

Sue Reynolds ran the traditional library studies quiz. The prize was donated by One Umbrella employment agency, and presented by Brad King from the agency. Brad said that One Umbrella would be happy to accept copies of student resumés and students should consider opportunities for library officer positions before finishing their training. A great celebration was enjoyed by all. The day was organised by the Library Studies Team: Mary Carroll, Tim Dolby, and Ian Rogers, Margie Anderson and Janet Murray.

Ian Rogers, Library and Cultural Studies

Who's where

Recent movements in the library and information sector

Award-winning librarian becomes knowledge broker

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is losing **Nerida Hart** on a secondment to Land and Water Australia. Nerida will become project manager for Knowledge Brokering in the Natural Resource Management section.

New staff at

East Gippsland Institute of TAFE

The new Campus Librarian at the Fulham campus of the institute is **Mary Anne Secker**. The Institute appointed a new Institute Librarian in January, and we belatedly note that **Kay Weaver** took up the position.

University of Western Australia

Liz Burke began work at UWA on 3 July in the role of Associate Librarian (Reader services) where she is responsible for the Reader Services Division, including planning and overseeing the library's collections, information and reference services, lending services, digital services and resources, and information literacy. She was previously

employed at La Trobe University Library as the Reference and Information Services Librarian.

University of Wollongong

The new Faculty of Arts Librarian at the University of Wollongong is **Lesley Smith**. Her previous position was as acting education librarian.

Chief Librarian at the BoM

The Bureau of Meteorology is very pleased to announce that **Rosa Serratore** (currently the Manager of the MG Lay Library at ARRB Research) has been appointed as the new Chief Librarian of the National Meteorological Library at the Bureau. Rosa will take up her appointment on 7 August 2006, and brings with her a range of professional and leadership skills, particularly in a research library environment.

New business

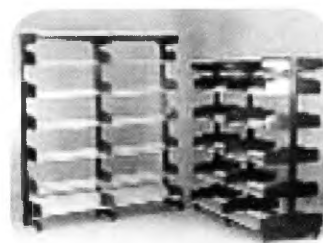
development manager at Swets

Nicky Hewlett has joined Swets Information Services Australia as Business Development Manager. She was most recently commissioning editor at RMIT Publishing, managing licensing and sales of new products. ■



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