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•14/8 ALIA Asia Pacific Special Interest Group Visit to ANU Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Venue: CAIS, Ellery Crescent, ANU. Time: TBC. Contact: George Miller, ph 02 6295 1439, gmiller@grapevine.com.au

NSW

•15/6 ALIA Children's & Youth Services (NSW) Pre-Book Week Extravaganza - Share your ideas for Children's Book Week activities, Marrickville Town Hall. Time: 4:30 - 8:00pm. Contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9273 1521, mjoseph@sl.nsw.gov.au

•23-30/6 ANZSI NSW Introductory Book Indexing Course. Two-day workshops include: working context, basic principles, entry styles and editing indexes. Venue: Thomson Legal and Regulatory, Pyrmont. Cost: ALIA members \$520, Non-members \$600; 40% discount for long-distance travellers. Contact: Lorraine Doyle, ph 02 8587 7229, lorraine.doyle@thomson.com

•27/6 Mentoring NSW Library Folk In the Pub. The Madison Hotel, cnr Devonshire and Chalmers Sts, Surry Hills, upstairs in the Hippo Bar, 6:00pm. Contact: Julian Sortland, 0429 470 672, julian@sortland.co.uk

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•26/7 ALIA Children's & Youth Services (NSW) Meeting: Open to all ALIA members. West Ryde Library, 2 Graf Ave, West Ryde, 6:00pm. Contact: Alex Mills, amills@ryde.nsw.gov.au

2/8 Australian Copyright Council seminars, Sydney Presented by ACC copyright law experts. A day of seminars on copyright topics for librarians, including the new provision for maintaining or operating a library or archive. Contact Reception: ph 02 8815 9777, info@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au>

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Australia to ban books advocating terrorism

Agence France Presse (English Wire), 14 April 2007

The Australian government plans to outlaw books that advocate terrorism. The Australian Publishers Association said the change had major implications for free speech in Australia.

Federal Attorney-General Philip Ruddock announced late Friday that his state counterparts had agreed to consider legislative changes banning publications that advocate terrorism. The planned changes are part of a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism from Canberra, a strong supporter of the US-led military campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan. State attorneys-general will report back to Canberra on the feasibility of the proposed laws by July.

Under existing laws, a publication can only be banned if it is deemed to directly "promote, incite or instruct" readers to engage in terrorist acts. The proposed new laws ban books that simply advocate terrorism - meaning anything that censors feel glorifies terrorism can be outlawed.

Association spokeswoman Maree McCaskill told ABC radio "We've already seen a number of publications taken out of libraries and taken off shelves that have been published and been around for some time. It is about censorship and once you start allowing governments to censor as they feel fit, then you give them a very wide opportunity to start being the arbiter of all sorts of things that should be banned or removed from shelves."

Pro-terrorist books and videos to be banned within weeks

Australian Associated Press, 3 May 2007, Peter Jean

Censorship rules banning books, videos and computer games which advocate terrorist acts could come into force within weeks. Australia's attorneys-general today released a discussion paper proposing changes to the classification code to ensure material advocating terrorism is refused classification. The paper was released for public comment.

The changes have been proposed after federal authorities discovered earlier this year they were powerless to ban a series of DVDs urging young Muslims to kill non-believers.

Media fights free speech restraints

Courier Mail (Australia), 11 May 2007, Luke McIlveen

The country's major media players joined forces yesterday to campaign against

the erosion of free speech in Australia, pointing out there was greater press freedom in former Soviet bloc countries and South American dictatorships.

The claims are backed by international journalism watchdog, 'Reporters Without Borders', which ranks Australia at No. 35 on its worldwide press freedom index, well behind peer democracies such as Britain, Canada and New Zealand. The industry-wide campaign will see a commission set up to track examples of attacks on freedom of speech, with the ultimate aim of pushing for legislative change. An independent chairman will head the commission, with media companies playing an advisory role.

Crackdown on websites and mobile phones to protect children

Australian Associated Press, 10 May 2007, Peter Jean and Jane Bunce

Under proposed new laws, internet and subscription mobile phone services that carry 'adult' content will have to verify that their customers are at least 18.

The laws, introduced into federal parliament today, impose tougher rules on companies that provide entertainment-related content via mobile phones and the internet. The broadcast watchdog, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), would be able to force content providers to take down offensive material and issue notices for live content to be stopped and links to the content deleted.

Need for a read

Sunday Mail (Adelaide), 6 May 2007

The annual MS Readathon raises money for Australians living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Readers can earn sponsorship for the amount of time spent reading... not just for how many books they read. Plus, all kinds of reading will count: magazines, novels, comics, newspapers and websites. This means that every minute read counts, every book read counts, and every dollar raised counts for people living with MS. The readathon begins on June 1 and runs for the entire month.

AustLII knocked back

Australian Financial Review, 4 May 2007, Matthew Drummond

The online legal information service AustLII, a not-for-profit organisation, failed to secure an Australian Research Council grant in 2007-08. The Victorian Bar Council will donate \$A7 500, but the Law Society of New South Wales has advised it will not provide funding. AustLII and the Law Council of Australia will meet in mid-May 2007 to discuss the funding issues.

Australian legal expert calls for internet copyright laws

Asia Pulse, 2 May 2007

Australian laws must be drastically updated to protect consumers' rights to access information on the internet, says a legal expert. The Copyright Act covers personal media (like iPods), but has limited provisions for the protection of legitimate copyright information on the internet – classified as news, satire and parody.

Dr Matthew Rimmer, from The Australian National University, says because information-sharing websites like Wikipedia and YouTube have become important communication platforms, legislation is needed to protect consumer access to information. The government needs to go further to ensure that copyright legislation is brought into line with the evolution of the internet.

He says the current US infringement case (by entertainment corporation Viacom) against the popular video sharing site YouTube (owned by Google) as a test case that could have major implications for internet users in Australia. Dr Rimmer says if Viacom wins its action it could have a detrimental effect on how the internet functions.

Google this week claimed that Viacom's complaint threatens the way hundreds of millions of people legitimately exchange information, news, entertainment, and political and artistic expression.

Parents must monitor trouble children: PM

AAP, 24 April 2007

Parents are responsible for monitoring children's internet use, Prime Minister John Howard said, following the deaths of two girls who discussed suicide on their websites.

Mr Howard was asked if the government could improve monitoring of the internet or educate parents in a bid to stop a similar

tragedy. "I think the greatest thing that has to be said about this is that parental responsibility in the end is the key to behaviour by children," Mr Howard told ABC Radio.

Olive Software brings Australia's first digital archive online

Business Wire, 23 April 2007

Fairfax Media is creating a digital archive of 35 years of issues, from 1955–1990. Fairfax will use Olive's ActivePaper Archive to transform existing text and microfilm archives into a single XML-based format that makes the content available over the Web to anyone, anywhere. Previously, the archive was only available to those prepared to diligently scan through reams of microfilm.

The archive is an exact digital replica of the newspapers. All articles, photos, and advertisements are searchable by keyword and the results are returned in an exact digital reproduction of the pages as they were originally published. Customers from researchers to university students to interested readers have begun accessing the archives.

The Sydney Morning Herald is bringing nearly 1 million pages of archives online. A variety of subscriptions are available for private individuals, as well as companies, institutions, government and libraries. The archive is found at <http://archives.smh.com.au>.

Children's book nominations a 'chocolate moment' for publisher

Advertiser (Australia), 18 April 2007,

Deborah Bogle

Publisher Dyan Blacklock was celebrating yesterday when four books published by the Adelaide-based imprint Omnibus were shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards.

David Cornish was equally excited. His extraordinarily successful 'Monster Blood Tattoo' series was discovered by Ms Blacklock when some working drawings slipped out of a folder on to her desk. Foundling has been sold into 11 countries, and book two, Lamplighter, will be simultaneously released in Australia, the USA and Britain next year.

Foundling, book one of the series, was shortlisted in the Older Readers category, along with another Omnibus title, Don't Call Me Ishmael, by Victorian author Michael Gerard Bauer.

The awards shortlist is widely regarded as an authoritative buying guide for schools and libraries. Winners will be announced in August. Read the shortlist at <http://www.cbc.org.au/short07.htm>.

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•**7/6 Top End. Get that job!** Workshop on how to address selection criteria. Venue: Library, CDU, Casuarina. Contact: Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

•**20/6 Top End. Meeting.** National Archives, Kelsey Crescent Millner, 5:30pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

•**18/7 Top End. Meeting.** Karama Library, Kalymnos Drive, 5:30pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

•**25/7 Top End. Garden Party.** Chinese Gardens, CDU, 5:30pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

•**6/8 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL.** Negotiating e-licences. Special rates for members. Practical one-day workshop suitable for all library and information professionals. Venue: Palmerston Campus, CDU. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. For further information e-mail training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216

•**15/8 Top End. Library Tour.** Cridlands Law Firm, 5:00 for 5:30pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

•**19/9 Top End. Meeting.** Venue: CDU, Palmerston, 5:30pm. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

QLD

•**16/6 Library Technicians QLD Tour/Workshop.** Contact Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

•**28/6 QOPAL Meeting.** National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Time: TBA. Contact: Desley Armstrong, 07 3226 8257, desleya@nntt.gov.au

•**7/8 QOPAL Meeting.** Hopgood Ganim Lawyers. Level 8, 1 Eagle Street, Waterfront Place, Brisbane, Time: TBA. Contact: Helen Gambley, 07 3024 0391, h.gambley@hopgoodganim.com.au

•**8/8 ALIA PD Workshop in partnership with CAVAL.** Negotiating e-licences. Venue: Seagulls Resort, Townsville. Register online, <http://training.caval.edu.au/>. Further information: training@caval.edu.au, 03 9450 5508 or pd@alia.org.au, 02 6215 8216.

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