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25/9 ALIA Career Management Group (VIC) *The Real Management Conference*. Featuring 'Fish!' author Steve Lundin, and Stephanie Dowrick. Location: Sydney-Darling Harbour. Cost: ALIA member \$600, Non-member \$770. Contact: Sue Hunt, ph 130055, sue@synergyplustraining.com
26/9 Mentoring NSW Library Folk In the Pub. The Madison Hotel, 6:00pm. Contact: Julian Sortland, 0429 470 672, info@lfip.info, http://www.lfip.info/
27/9 Key Forums Master Class Implementing Library 2.0, led by Dr Alex Byrne, University Librarian: University of Technology, Sydney. Cost: ALIA member \$930.30, Non-member \$1094.50. Contact: Key Forums, ph 02 9436 4255, helen.lewis@keyforums.com.au, http://www.keyforums.com.au

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

20/8 ALIA Top End Careers Expo. Time: 9:00am – 7:00pm. Venue: Darwin Showgrounds, Stuart Highway. Contact Sarah White, 08 8935 9991, sarah.white@palmerston.nt.gov.au

4/9 ALIA National Advisory Congress (Alice Springs). Venue: TBA. Contact: Jayshree Mamtara, jayshree.mamtara@alia.org.au

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

QLD

3/8 ALIA Health Libraries Australia HLA Regional Committee (QLD). Planning session for next six months events. Contact: Lynn Evans, 07 3138 3363, leavans@qut.edu.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.

5/9 ALIA National Advisory Congress (Townsville). Venue: TBA. Contact: Claudia Davies, ph 0407 964 967, claudia.davies@alia.org.au

7/9 Australian Committee on Cataloguing (ACOC) Seminar 2007: Promise for the future, or legacy of the past – Cataloguing

Making news Making news

VIC State Library Leads UNESCO Bid

The Victorian state librarian, Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, has joined the steering committee for Melbourne's bid to become a UNESCO City of Literature. Victoria's Minister for the Arts, Lynne Kosky, said the Library's literary events, services and collections are part of what makes Melbourne an ideal candidate for UNESCO's Creative Cities Network. Currently, Edinburgh is the only other City of Literature in the network.

'One way in which Melbourne will demonstrate support for its bid is the new Centre for Books and Ideas at the State Library', Schwirtlich said. The library was given \$9 million in the 2007–08 state budget to create the centre. The Steering Committee will submit Melbourne's bid to UNESCO by October 2007.

Library Associations' Change of Name

Two NSW public library associations have recently changed their names after a unanimous vote of members. The Country Public Libraries Association of New South Wales is now known as Public Libraries NSW–Country (PLNSW–C), and the Metropolitan Public Libraries Association NSW is now Public Libraries NSW–Metropolitan (PLNSW–M).

Chairman of PLNSW–C, Ewan Tolhurst, said the decision to change the names reinforced the partnership between the two NSW associations and provided 'a greater sense of unity for public libraries in developing lobbying and advocacy strategies'.

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Information Professional of the Year

Stephen Due, Chief Librarian at Geelong Hospital for over 20 years, has received the 2007 Information Professional of the Year award. He is co-sponsor of the national Health Libraries Benchmarking Group, and has written extensively on professional issues in library and medical journals. Since 2004, he has chaired the Victorian Health Libraries Consortium, which he formed in 2003. The annual award is presented by the Special Libraries Association Australia/New Zealand Chapter, and is sponsored by Thomson Scientific.

Scholarship applications open

Thomson Scientific is seeking applications for a \$7900 scholarship for students in an accredited library or information sciences course. The annual Roger K. Summit International Scholarship is open to graduate students from the Asia–Pacific region. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2007. The winner will be announced at the 2007 Online Information Conference and Exhibition in London. For applications, see <gcp.dialog.com/scholarship/application.shtml>.

Award for Library Services for Children and Young People

Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA) invites nominations for this new award — the Peter McInnes Award for Library Services for Children and Young People. The \$1000 award aims to encourage public libraries and local government in Australia in the development of services, programs and resources for the new generations, and to recognise innovation and excellence in their achievement.

Closing date is Friday, 10 August 2007; contact <dferguson@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au>.

NSW Public Libraries Suffer Big Budget Cuts

The NSW public library sector has suffered a four per cent funding cut in the 2007–08 state budget, including the State Library of NSW's funding dropping by almost \$2 million. Jan Richards, Secretary of the Country Public Libraries Association, highlighted the fact that NSW libraries are the lowest funded in Australia. The NSW Government provides less than 10 per cent of libraries' funding, compared with Tasmania at 100 per cent; the Northern Territory at 69 per cent; South Australia at 29 per cent; Victoria at 20 per cent, and; Western Australia at 19 per cent.

NSW Shadow Arts Minister, Jillian Skinner, said 'These cuts will impact most on people living in rural NSW who use libraries to access the internet and other resources for research and literature. For many country students, libraries are a vital resource in giving them access to computers, books, the internet and CDs.'

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Brisbane a Budget Winner

More Brisbane libraries will install self checkout facilities over the next four years after a \$1 million budget allocation.

Brisbane City Council will also provide funding to allow Sunday opening at six city libraries. Total funding for Brisbane library services increased from \$36.17 million in 2006–07 to \$37.43 million for 2007–08.

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Audiobook award winners

Australian audiobook publisher, Bolinda, had six titles nominated in this US-based audiobook awards — The Audies. The awards sponsor, the Audio Publishers Association, includes on its website a page specifically for librarians. See <www.audiopub.org>.

Books Alive 2007

The 2007 Books Alive Great Read Guide was released on Wednesday, 25 July. For more information, see <www.booksalive.com.au>. The website includes an information page for libraries.

Academic Libraries Making News

Flinders' agreement with Hiroshima

Adelaide-based Flinders University Library has signed an agreement with the library at Hiroshima University, Japan, to ensure co-operation between the two libraries. Under the agreement, the libraries will:

- exchange information on the development of digital repositories
- provide inter-library loans of print publications
- share information on the development of innovative library services
- provide staff development opportunities for library staff with a staff exchange program.

The Collaborative Agreement is the culmination of a series of joint activities by the two libraries in recent years. Both universities are members of the International Network of Universities (INU) and both libraries participate in the INU Special Interest Group for University Libraries. In addition to Flinders and Hiroshima, other university libraries in this Special Interest Group are La Trobe University Library, Malmo University Library, the University of Leicester Library and James Madison University Library. The Special Interest Group is exploring a number of collaborative projects

including: benchmarking, conference collaboration, digital repositories for research outputs and staff exchanges.

Flinders University Library Newsletter
 June 2007

\$70 million library for Macquarie Uni

Macquarie University has appointed architects to design a new \$70 million library for its north-west campus. Vice-Chancellor Steven Schwartz said the library 'will be designed to adapt to the rapidly changing technology of the 21st century'. It will include the first automated document storage and retrieval system in an Australian university. 'Green' features of the design include rainwater collection, reuse systems and a landscaped garden roof for insulation. The library is expected to open in 2010.

Qld TAFE students benefit from university library

Central Queensland Institute of TAFE, the Australian Technical College, and the Central Queensland University (CQU), have entered a partnership which allows school and TAFE students to use the University's library. School-based apprentices studying business and information technology can now use CQU library's state-of-the-art computer labs. CEO of the Australian Technical College – Gladstone Region, David Gilmour, said he believed 'the model breaks new ground and leads the way for other educational settings to work together to promote better educational outcomes for all concerned.'

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in a changing world. Venue: State Library of Queensland. Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm. Contact Events Manager, 02 6215 8214, conferences@alia.org.au

18/9 Library Technicians QLD General Meeting. Location: TBA. Time: 5pm for 5:30pm start. Contact Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

19/9 QOPAL Meeting. Resource Options, Suite 5, 936 Logan Road, Holland Park. Contact Jenny Hale or Kerri Nixon, ph 07 3847 6499, info@resource-options.com.au

SA

4/8 ALIA South Australia South Australian Library Achiever of the Year Award. Contact: Kate Sinclair, ph 08 8201 5183, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au.

6/8 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting. Venue: Amore Café, Adelaide. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

13/8 ALIA Academic, Research & Collection Management (ARCOM) Presentation by Tony Boston from the National Library of Australia. Location: State Library Lecture Theatre, North Terrace. Time: 6pm–7:30pm. Cost: ALIA members: \$5, Non-members: \$7. Contact Denise Dunn, ph 08 8259 4713, denise.dunn@dsto.defence.gov.au

3/9 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting. Venue: Amore Café, Adelaide. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

26/9 ALIA South Australia National Advisory Congress (Adelaide). Venue: TBA. Contact: Jeannine Hooper, ph 0437 167 050, jeannine.hooper@alia.org.au

27/9 ALIA South Australia National Advisory Congress (Gawler/Barossa). Venue: TBA. Contact: Jeannine Hooper, ph 0437 167 050, jeannine.hooper@alia.org.au

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27/9 ALIA Tasmania National Advisory Congress (Hobart). Venue: TBA. Contact: Jane Jeppson, jane.jeppson@alia.org.au

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4/8 ALIA Schools Victoria Seminar: Effective Management Made Easy. This seminar for primary & secondary teacher-librarians. Contact: Robyn Griffiths, 03 9262 7700, robyngriffiths@bigpond.com

25/8 ALIA Special Libraries Victoria Visit to the Public Records Office of Victoria, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne. Time: 11:00am. RSVP essential by 21 August. Contact Jill Stephens: jillcstephens@gmail.com

27–28/8 Project Management for eDRMS PiCS Annual Forum: for information, document and records management professionals. Venue: Quay West, Melbourne. Time: from 9:00am. Cost: \$990. Contact: Alan Moor, 03 9835 8900, pics@bigpond.com, <http://www.pics.com.au>