

QLD

22/11 & 27/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Townsville) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: Rydges Southbank and QUT. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au.nospam. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

24/11 Library Technicians QLD Christmas Party/Lunch. Location & Time: TBA. Contact: Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

30/11 ALIA Members QLD Pre-Christmas Dinner. Venue: West End Gardens Vietnamese Restaurant. Contact: Merindi Derrick, 07 3244 5318, merindi.derrick@deta.qld.gov.au

8/12 Library Technicians QLD Committee Planning for 2008. Location & Time: TBA. Contact: Trish D'Arcy, 07 3623 7407, p.darcy@mcauley.acu.edu.au

SA

6/11 ALIA South Australia Monthly meeting. All SA ALIA members welcome. Venue: New location to be advised. Time: 6pm for 6:15pm. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

26/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Adelaide) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: National Wine Centre. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse, kruse@acer.edu.au.nospam. Register online: <http://www.acer.edu.au/cybersafetyreward/>

28/11 ALIA Information Science (infosca) 'Spics and Specs'-style Library Quiz! All welcome. Venue and time: to be advised. Contact Karen Ayles, 08 8302 4447, karen.ayles@unisa.edu.au

29/11 Australian Copyright Council seminars, Adelaide 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>

4/12 ALIA South Australia End of year event! All South Australian ALIA group members welcome. Venue & time: TBC. Contact: Helen Kwaka, 02 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

TAS

7/11 ALIA Tasmania Bright and Beautiful Exhibition Tour and BSANZ Conference Reception. Venue: Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, State Library of Tasmania. Time: 5:00pm. Cost: gold coin donation, free to conference registrants. Contact: Sally Murdoch, quiddlerspress@iprimus.com.au

30/11 ACER Cyber Safety Seminar Series (Hobart) Presenter: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Venue: University of Tasmania. Cost: from \$295. Discounts for group bookings, ALIA and ASLA members. Contact: Julie Kruse,

New network for Commonwealth Universities

The UK's Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) has announced its new Libraries and Information Network — a professional network for librarians in Commonwealth universities in membership of the ACU. For more information contact <info@acu.ac.uk>.

Automatic Obsolescence Notification Service

The Automated Obsolescence Notification System II (AONS II) has been launched. The project to develop the software is a collaboration between the NLA and the Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories. The AONS II software is designed to enable users — typically libraries and other information repositories — to be informed when file formats that exist in their repositories are obsolete or at risk of becoming obsolete.

The project aimed to produce an open source, platform-independent, configurable and downloadable tool that automatically provides information from authoritative international registries such as the Library of Congress Digital Formats Web Page and the Global Digital Formats Registry. For more information, see <<http://sourceforge.net/projects/aons>> and <<http://www.apsr.edu.au/aons2>>.

Wikipedia reaches two million articles

Like it or loathe it, Wikipedia has now reached a content of two million articles. Criticism about the resource has centred on its lack of authority and subjectivity, with entries open to editing, enabling factual inaccuracies, errors and bias. However, a study by the journal *Nature* found that 'Wikipedia comes close to [Encyclopaedia] Britannica in terms of the accuracy of its science entries'.

CV —Victoria's NEW cultural experience

Search, learn and discover the world of Culture Victoria (CV), the new online resource that enables you to search across the websites of Victoria's key cultural organisations and to track down any one of the 720 museums, galleries, historical societies, libraries and performing arts centres located across Victoria.

AGS wins award for knowledge management

The Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) has received the inaugural Lawtech Award for Best Practice in Knowledge Management. The award was for the AGS national library's application of the request management IT system Reftracker.

AGS's national library is the first legal library in Australia to adopt Reftracker to capture all of its business intelligence. All reference, training and induction services are now recorded nationally. These records are converted into national performance measures and illustrated in statistical graphs in the library's quarterly report to stakeholders. The library has also launched an online 'iRequest' form that lawyers can use to initiate a request for one of the library's services.

Noela L'Estrange

Australian Government Solicitor

Man Booker Prize announced

Anne Enright, an Irish author, has won this year's prestigious Man Booker Prize for her work *The Gathering*. More information at <<http://www.themanbookerprize.com>>.

Library Buildings News

New Sydney library buildings

Planning is underway for a \$45 million library and cultural centre in Burwood, Sydney. Construction is expected to commence in February 2008 on the combined library, gallery and community space adjoining heritage-listed council chambers.

Construction has commenced on 'one of Sydney's greenest buildings', the \$19 million Surry Hills Community Centre. The two-storey library to be housed in the four-level building with a child care centre, meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, cafe and arts and crafts space. The design includes internal glass bio-filtration atrium where plants filter the air; a 'green' roof; photovoltaic solar cells; rainwater tanks and recycled construction materials. The building is expected to be completed in 2008.

Australian Library News

Two Queensland libraries receive architecture awards

The new State Library of Queensland has won the FDG Stanley Award for Public Building Architecture at the 2007 Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) state awards. The building that houses the new library at Toowoomba's Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE was awarded the Harry Marks Award for Sustainable Architecture. Both buildings were also shortlisted for the RAIA's national awards announced on 25 October. See the RAIA's website at <<http://www.architecture.com.au>>.