

# Directline

## TAFE Libraries – creative!

It's great to have this edition devoted to TAFE libraries. It's where it all began for me – my first job was in a TAFE library and it taught me so much. Staff in TAFE libraries often prove their creativity in diverse and adverse situations – as funding, resources and space are sometimes an issue. You'll often find staff providing amazing service delivery in TAFE libraries – to such a broad range of customers and in a variety of subject areas. Working in a TAFE library has other little advantages: like the access to the great car maintenance books and databases, excellent collections of cookbooks and every other trade you need. Information literacy is also a focus for TAFE libraries. There are lots of other interesting stories in this *inCite*.

TAFE also provides education to our library assistants and library technicians. Courses around Australia through TAFE and other Registered Training Authorities (RTAs) are producing high quality graduates. In 2006, ALIA began a slightly different process of course recognition which included combined information sharing meeting for educators. This continued in 2007 with another meeting in conjunction with the National Library and Information Technicians Conference. In October 2008, ALIA will again host representatives from all TAFEs and RTAs teaching the Diploma and other Certificate courses which will be held in Sydney. For the first time this decade, an ALIA course recognition panel will also visit each TAFE and other RTA locations in late 2008 as part of the TAFE course recognition process. Dianne Walton-Sonda, our new Education Manager, is co-ordinating these meetings and visits and keeping in touch with LT educators via the 'lteducators' e-list and teleconferences.

## ALIA represented on Cyber-safety Consultative group

ALIA has gained representation on the Government's newly formed Consultative Working Group on Cyber-safety, with the first meeting being held at the end of May. Other members on the Working Group include representatives from child safety organisations, Google, Microsoft, Fox Interactive and the Internet Industry Association. Keep up with news of this Working Group on the ALIA Board Blog or the Online Content and Regulation advocacy pages.

## Board Meetings

The ALIA Board changed over at its May meeting. Our thanks to outgoing President, Roxanne Missingham, and welcome to Derek Whitehead as President and Jan Richards as Vice-president. Agendas of Board meetings and a summary of the meetings can be found on the ALIA website under 'Board of Directors'. If members have any questions relating to agenda items they should direct these to the President or Executive Director. The next Board Meeting will be held in Brisbane on 14th July 2008 and in December our Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the New Librarians Symposium.

Planning for 2009 has begun and all members are invited to a regional meeting as well as the final National Advisory Congress meeting on Monday 1st September in Alice Springs. For details of your local NAC meeting, or the rural and regional teleconference, go to the NAC webpage <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/nac>

At the May Board meetings the appointments to Advisory Committees were confirmed. Members who nominated for committees have been contacted. If you would like to know more about any of the Advisory Committees, please get in contact with the Chair of the committee.

## ALIA Membership Fees 08/09

At the March 2008 Board meeting, an increase in Membership Fees of 3% was approved for the 2008/09 membership period. This represents an increase below the current inflation rate. New rates will be published on the ALIA website from 1 July 2008.

### Fee summary for personal members

Commencing July 2008 (Full year)

Full fee: \$267.00

Reduced fee: \$134.00

Student fee: \$68.00

Retired fee: \$68.00

Life Membership: \$2920.00

Membership administration fee \$36 for new, upgrading or rejoining Associate or Library Technician Members.

For information visit

<http://www.alia.org.au/membership.benefits/fees.html>



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