



Congratulations Elizabeth

Bea Donkin (continuing professional development officer of the Victorian Branch of ALIA) presenting the ALIA Award to Elizabeth McLean on 31 May 1997 at the graduation night of the Information and Library Studies program at Box Hill Institute of TAFE.

ArtsInfo where arts, culture and industry meet

Libraries around Australia will soon be in a better position to help cultural workers within their community.

On 13 August the Minister for Communications and the Arts, Senator Richard Alston, launches the new ArtsInfo service providing the first gateway to all possible avenues of support available to Australia's cultural sector.

Available through an Internet website and 1800 number, ArtsInfo will bring together more than 4500 cultural grants, training opportunities and industry development programs offered by Federal, State/Territory and local government, and by many corporations, foundations and non-government bodies.

ArtsInfo's website will also provide additional services designed to enhance the sector's business and marketing skills 'how to' modules and fact sheets; cultural statistics; links to other cultural websites; a list of training course providers; on-line tutorials; cultural industry publications, including the Smarts industry development magazine on-line; and a business showcase to promote Australia's export-ready cultural industries overseas.

For the Commonwealth Department of Communications and the Arts developing

the service has been a major undertaking. The service covers a wide range of cultural areas — film, visual and performing arts, libraries, design and architecture, writing, publishing, museums, galleries, music, and heritage — and lists services offered by over 1200 service providers from a major flagship like the Australia Council to smaller providers like the many local shires.

People can use the website to search for grants, services and programs that suit their needs. For people coming through the telephone service, trained information officers all with strong cultural sector backgrounds can undertake searches for them, providing responses over the phone, or by fax or mail. Searches can be specific or as general as a person requires. People can also save searches to use again

ArtsInfo is an innovative new service which will make it much easier for people to find out what's available and where to go for information assistance in the cultural sector. It will provide better access for all cultural workers no matter where they live in Australia.

ArtsInfo will be available online at <http://www.artsinfo.net.au> or the telephone on 1800 241 247 from 13 August. For information about the launch call 06 279 1945 or e-mail artsinfo@dca.gov.au

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PO Box 238, Deakin West 2600, ph (06) 285 3000, fx: (06) 285 3001, office@con-sol.com.

- **12-16/10 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarian's conference and exhibition — Perth.** *On the Edge.* Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Contact: Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6831, ph (08) 9322 2666, fx (08) 9322 1417, edge97@portia.murdoch.edu.au.

- **9-12/11 Public Libraries section and Reference and Information Service section conference.** *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...* Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: Kelly Flynn, Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, ph (07) 3369 0477, fx (07) 3369 1512, pubr97@sunray.im.com.au.

- **13-14/11 WA Public Libraries section.** *WA Public Librarian's study tour — following the PUBRAISS conference.* Proposal — various public libraries in and around Brisbane. Time/cost: TBA. Contact: Patricia Walker, ph (08) 9399 0125, fx (08) 9497 7014, armlib@inet.net.au or Duncan Furphy, ph (08) 9411 3494, fx (08) 9434 2577.

- **5-6/12 ALIA Distance Education Special Interest group National conference.** *Shifting Sands.* Wagga Campus Library, Charles Sturt Uni. Accommodation/costs will be kept to a minimum. Contact: Elizabeth Law, Secretary, Distance Education Special Interest Group, Charles Sturt Uni, Wagga Campus Library, ph (069) 332 130, fx (069) 222 900, elaw@csu.edu.au.

- **8-9/12 ALIA Information Literacy Taskforce National conference.** *Information Literacy — the profession issue.* Canberra Institute of Technology. Exploring Information Literacy as the foundation of accreditation processes, initial training and continuing education. Contact: Irene Doskatsch, ph (08) 8302 6219, fx (08) 8302 6699, irene.doskatsch@unisa.edu.au.

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