

Learning for the information age

Information studies at University of Technology Sydney

Nineteen-ninety eight will see the introduction of a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Studies at the University of Technology Sydney. The new degree program reflects the concepts of flexibility, specialisation and internationalisation, providing students a greater ability to devise a program of study based on their interests and career goals.

Students complete a study of a core of subjects in information and communication studies (including information organisation and retrieval) and elective subjects from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the wider university. Options such as computer information technology, information management, information design, marketing, and public relations are available.

In their final year students will complete a professional project. This project provides a valuable link between theory and practice by providing students with the opportunity to complete a professional activity of their own design. It is expected that this project will focus on providing a solution for an identified information problem.

The employment opportunities for graduates will be as broad as the individual interests of students. Information

co-ordinator, research specialist, publications manager, librarian, network manager, database developer, web site planner, communications manager are just some of the varied areas of work which graduates will target.

Also available is a combined degree which joins the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Studies with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. This five-year full-time study option integrates information studies with a major study in the language and culture of another country. Students have the opportunity to spend time studying at a university outside Australia.

Graduate study opportunities are also offered, including an honours program, a graduate certificate in user documentation, a master of arts in information, and a doctoral program. For more information about the new degree, contact the University of Technology, Sydney information service on (02) 9514 1222. ■

A first for Victoria

The Melbourne Archives Centre, a new facility combining the resources of the Public Record Office Victoria and Australian Archives, Victoria, is leading the way to a more integrated approach to preserving and providing access to Australian public records and historical documents.

The Melbourne Archives Centre was opened by Senator Kay Patterson, chairman of the Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and Arts Legislation Committee and Mrs Lorraine Elliott MLA, parliamentary secretary to the Premier and Minister for the Arts on 2 May 1997.

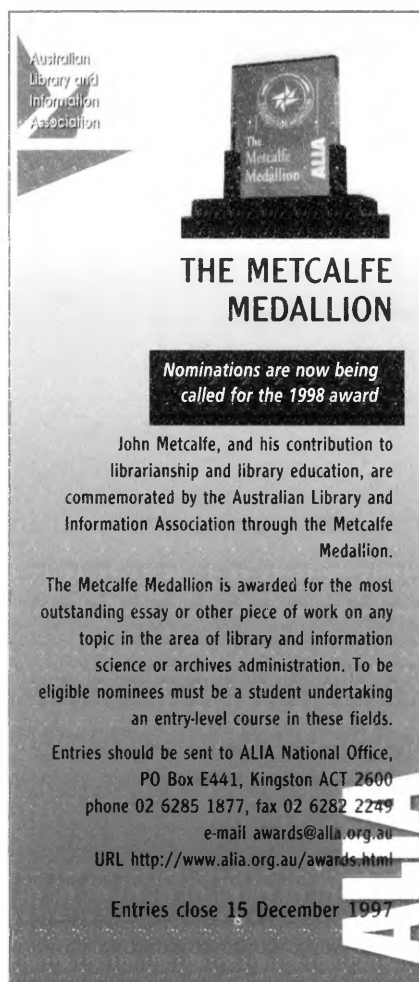
The Centre is the first facility to combine state and national records and research facilities since Federation, over ninety years ago. The records held by the Melbourne Archives Centre are of immense historical significance to Australia and are a rich and invaluable resource for the general public, media, historians, genealogists, researchers, writers and students.

The Public Record Office's vast holdings, dating back to European

arrival, are complemented by the Australian Archives records held in Melbourne which are particularly rich as many government departments were based in the temporary capital of Melbourne, before they moved to Canberra in the 1920s.

The materials include original and unpublished historical documents, maps, court records, bills of sale, government records, sound recordings, film, posters, architectural drawings and photographs. They cover all aspects of life in Victoria from the mid-1800s to more recent times, including records of public buildings, convicts, shipping movements, immigration, financial dealings, defence, health, education, land transfers, public transport and utilities, marriage, births, divorce, deaths and wills.

The Public Record Office Victoria is an acknowledged leader in the field of public access for archival materials and the Melbourne Archives Centre is just one of a number of initiatives to make its public records more accessible and relevant to the public. ■



Australian Library and Information Association

THE METCALFE MEDALLION

Nominations are now being called for the 1998 award

John Metcalfe, and his contribution to librarianship and library education, are commemorated by the Australian Library and Information Association through the Metcalfe Medallion.

The Metcalfe Medallion is awarded for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the area of library and information science or archives administration. To be eligible nominees must be a student undertaking an entry-level course in these fields.

Entries should be sent to ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston ACT 2600
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URL <http://www.alia.org.au/awards.html>

Entries close 15 December 1997