

**ACT**

• **1/6 ACT UCRLS section.** *Speaker: Colin Steele, ANU librarian, on Globalisation or niche markets.* Do librarians and information professionals have a future? McDonald Room, Menzies Library, ANU. All welcome, bring your lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

• **2/6 ACT Library Technicians section.** *General meeting, guest speaker: Carolyn Cherrett, EBSCO Australia on There is life outside libraries.* CIT Reid, D Block, 5:30–7pm. Contact: Marion Boyd, ph 02 6270 6912, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au

• **16/6–8/12 ACT Branch Council meeting.** 4th Floor Conference Room of the NLA, commencing at 5:30pm (unless otherwise announced). 16/6; 14/7; 18/8; 15/9; 13/10; 17/11; 8/12. Contact: Branch secretary, Sally-Anne Leigh, ph 02 6201 5522, sal@isd.canberra.edu.au

• **26/6 ACT Library Technicians section.** *Cool yule.* All details still TBA. Contact: Marion Boyd, ph 02 6270 6912, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au

• **11/8 ACT Health Libraries section meeting.** *Guest speaker: Suzanne Hannan from NSW Health Dept, on the Southern Area Health Service, CIAP and distance library services in health.* National Library, 12:30pm. Contact: Sandra Henderson, ph 02 6262 1523, shenders@nla.gov.au

**NSW**

• **June NSW Specials Libraries section.** *ICAA library tour.* Contact: Kirsten Lowe, ph 02 9290 5755, kirsten@icaa.org.au

• **2/6 NSW Specials Libraries section.** *Committee meeting — all welcome, nibbles and drinks provided.* Level 3, 166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 5:30pm. Contact: Kirsten Lowe, ph 02 9290 5755, kirsten@icaa.org.au or Ilana Cohen, i.cohen@unsw.edu.au

• **5/6 NSW Library Technician and NSW CYSS sections.** *Children's storytime and activities workshop.* Speakers: Sarah Steed (Parramatta City Library) and Heather Fisher (Gosford City Library). Stanton Library, North Sydney, 1–4pm. Cost: free LT and CYSS members, \$10 other ALIA members, \$5 students, \$20 non-members. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, ph 02 9804 5448, kdudeney@graeae.unilinc.edu.au

• **7/6 NSW Special Libraries section.** *Library tour — Institute of Chartered Accountants, Level 11, 37 York Street, Sydney, 5:30pm.* RSVP to Kirsten Lowe, ph 02 9290 5755, kirsten@icaa.org.au

• **8/6–11/11 NSW CYSS section.** *Committee meeting — everybody welcome, 5:30pm.* 8/6 (Pre-book week extravaganza); 20/7 (tba); 8/9 (Parramatta City Library); 22/10 (Management seminar); 11/11 (Burwood Library). For further information, please contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, fx 02 9413 2038.

• **9/6 NSW Library Technician section.** *General meeting.* Library Locums, Level 9, 162 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills, 5:30pm, refreshments provided. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, ph 02 9804 5448, kdudeney@graeae.unilinc.edu.au

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# Institutional pilot of the ALIA Career development kit



*Robert Nelson, Kathy Stapleton, Doris Ambrose and Anna Bremez from the Monaro Regional Library and Information Service during the first of the workshops*

Library and information professionals have long recognised the importance of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in remaining flexible and adaptable to change in a dynamic sector.

Lifelong learning and workplace training are key components of CPD and they assist library and information sector professionals to manage the rapid changes in the workplace, and in the nature of professional practice.

ALIA recognises that employers have a crucial role to play in the provision of opportunities for staff to plan and undertake CPD. In assisting institutional members to successfully fulfil this role, the Association has been working to produce a career planning and recording tool.

The *Career Development Kit* was initially offered as a free service for personal members only, but following a decision of the ALIA Board of Education in November 1998, will now also be made available for institutional members.

The *Kit* is intended to be used by institutional members as a staff development tool by:

- enabling senior managers to gain an awareness of staff career development goals;
- identifying the training and skill-development needs of staff;
- assisting senior managers to contribute to the on-going job satisfaction of their staff; and
- providing a development benefit to staff.

A package of resources has been developed to support the *Kit* in a facilitated group environment and institutions have been approached to assist ALIA in determining how the *Kit* can be best used for this purpose.

The institutional pilot is currently under way, involving organisations from the public, schools, health, and university, college and research libraries sections of ALIA.

The first of these three-hour workshops was conducted at the Monaro Regional Library and Information Service, in Cooma on 12 April. Participants included Doris Ambrose, systems administrator; Robert Nelson, bookmobile operator; Anna Bremez, library assistant; and Kathy Stapleton, library manager.

The workshop gave the Association a valuable opportunity to see the resource in action in a facilitated group environment, as well as providing the library staff the opportunity to formally discuss important career development issues with their colleagues.

The *Kit* and workshop resources are available from ALIA National Office free of charge to institutional members. If you would like to know how the *Kit* can assist you and your employer plan your performance improvements, and identify opportunities for growth in your personal and professional life, contact Sharon Greenshields, ALIA policy development officer on 02 6285 1877 or at sharon.greenshields@alia.org.au. ■