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Making news around Australia

Selected reprints from newspapers and magazines in recent months

• **25/7 WA Special Libraries section.** *Library visit, hear Sue Beverley on the challenges generated by native title.* Aboriginal Affairs Department, 197 St Georges Terrace, 5:30pm. \$13 ALIA members, \$16 non-members, \$20 pay on the day, wine/soft drinks/finger food. *RSVP by 19/7 to:* Glenys Artelaris, ph 08 9479 8427, glenys.artelaris@wmc.com <http://www.party.onwa.net/alia2507.htm>

• **15/8 WA Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Australian Society of CPA's, Australia Place, Level 1, 15-17 William Street, Perth, (Corner William & St Georges Terrace), 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au or Bev Dallas, ph 08 9322 2242.

• **30/8 WA Public Libraries section.** *Quiz night, all members welcome.* Further details to be advised. Contact: Judi Willmott, ph 08 9354 5327, fx 08 9354 5953, jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au

• **2/9 WA Local Studies section.** *Workshop at National Archives:* the workshop will include records relating to buildings, installations and people and the opportunity to search on the National Archives of Australia Database, Record Search, National Archives, 384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park, 10-4pm. Cost: \$50 ALIA members, \$60 non-members, includes lunch. *RSVP:* Julie Zuvella, ph 08 9330 5537, jzuvella@ozemail.com.au

• **13/9 WA Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Venue: to be advised by the Mentoring Group. 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au

• **6/10 WA Public Libraries section.** *Annual General meeting, all members welcome!* Further details to be advised. Contact: Judi Willmott, ph 08 9354 5327, fx 08 9354 5953, jwillmott@canning.wa.gov.au

• **16/10 WA Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* Deacons Graham & Jones, Boardroom, Level 31, Bankwest Tower, 108 St Georges Terrace, Perth, 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au or Sharon Beccaria, ph 08 9426 3254.

• **27/10 WA Local Studies section.** *Local Studies program at ALIA conference.* Guided tours of Old Parliament House, the National Archives of Australia, the National Library (Special Collections), and the National Portrait Gallery; and the Local Studies AGM. Venue: Canberra. Contact: Jan Partridge, ph 08 9266 7712, fx 08 9266 3152, jan@biblio.curtin.edu.au

• **14/11 WA Library Technicians section.** *Meeting/AGM/dinner.* LISWA, 5:30 for 5:45pm start. Contact: Sandra Wilson, wilsons@boris.curtin.edu.au

• **11/11 WA Children's & Youth Services section.** *Annual General meeting.* Venue: to be advised. For further information contact: Hilary Hatfield, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9411 3493, hilaryh@cockburn.wa.gov.au

National

3-7/7 21st Conference of the International Association of Technological University Libraries. *Virtual Librar-*

You can judge library by its cover
Daily News Tweed Heads, 4 May

Tweed Heads library is no longer the worst in NSW after the opening of the new Tweed Heads Library. The new library is the result of a long-term plan and increased spending by the Council over the past four years. Tweed area librarian, Judy Duroux, said the library had increased three times in size as a result of its relocation and refurbishment.

Budget winners
Castlemaine Mail, 5 May

The Castlemaine Library was one of the big winners after the Victorian state budget was announced. The library has been allocated \$1 million for redevelopment. The library's allocation will be spread over two financial years with building expected to begin in early 2001 after final plans have been developed and approved.

Easier access to net
Namoi Valley Independent, 11 May

Gunnedah is the first centre in northern NSW to become part of NSW.net. Tony Kelly, Country Labor MLC launched the project at Gunnedah Global Information Centre in May. NSW.net will link councils and their libraries throughout the state, and member councils will pay the same fee for their ongoing costs of staying online. The NSW Government has provided \$8 million to the project with country councils having their connection fees reduced by at least half.

A new chapter in library's life
The Advertiser (Adelaide), 13 May, by Andrew Gavin

An internet café and extra exhibitions space are among the plans for a \$40 million redevelopment of the State Library of South Australia. Floorspace will be increased by twenty-five per cent, and the number of computer terminals almost doubled.

Changes include: a new top floor and facade on North Terrace and Kintor Avenue; increased access to the Bray reference collections; a new foyer, likely to include the internet café and bookshop, and redesigned floorplan.

Making work that bit easier
Brimbank Messenger, 16 May, by Sara Banister

A \$50 000 overhaul of the library at Victoria University's St Albans campus has changed the library from one of the most hazardous places to work to one of the safest. The Victorian WorkCover Authority recognised the library's transformation by giving the university an award for the best health and safety system by a business with more than thirty

staff. The overhaul replaced the old book returns system, removing the need to bend, twist and strain when processing returned books.

Library imbalance in book-keeping
Knox Journal, 17 May, By Mal Gill

A regional library agreement between Yarra Ranges, Knox and Maroondah councils is to be reviewed because of equity concerns. Councillors from Maroondah and Knox believe that their councils are being asked to subsidise library users from Yarra Ranges shire.

Story also appeared in the *Maroondah Journal*, 16 May

Five year strategy to sustain library services
West Wimmera Advocate, 17 May

A recently completed report is looking into ways to better utilise resources and services in the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation. The report was compiled after a number of public meetings and a telephone survey. The study suggests that with an aging and decreasing population, the region will have a lesser capacity to pay for services.

Library members strike video gold
The Advertiser (Adelaide), 18 May, by Rebecca Holmes

Marion Libraries have come up with a novel way of reducing their costs and increasing benefits to library members. They have instigated a 'privilege card' system which entitles library members to a \$1 discount on video hire at four local video stores. Council coordinator of libraries said that the initiative would allow the council to redirect scarce library funds from commercial videos to educational resources.

Libraries go online
Shepparton News, 19 May,

Library services across Victoria are now accessible on the internet through the Victorian Virtual Library. The site [<http://www.libraries.vic.gov.au>] was launched by State and Regional Development Minister, John Brumby. More than \$640 000 has been spent to develop the Victorian Virtual Library, which provides: online searching of library catalogues; a database of reference queries; a list of recent events/hot topics; book suggestions; and a directory of free web-based e-mail facilities.

Trust funds released to Stawell Library
Stawell Times — News, 19 May

The Northern Grampians Shire Council has agreed to release Trust funds held by Council on behalf of the Stawell Library. Now that the Library is run as a separate entity to the council, council believes that the trust ar-

reorganisation is no longer appropriate. The library will be able to operate its own bank account for the receipt of public donations and purchase of various items.

Library seeks fees support

Wimmera Mail — *Times*, 24 May, by Louise Kemp

Wimmera Regional Library Corporation wants to ensure it has full council support to increase charges before seeking State government help to plan for the future. Corporation chief executive officer, Russ Elwin, said that the library wanted to arrange a delegation to Local Government Minister Bob Cameron to seek funding to employ an independent project manager to investigate how the library could best deliver services.

Australian Library Week

Australian Library Week continues to attract lots of media attention, helping to raise the profile of libraries around the country. Our news clippings service identified 145 articles in mainly regional papers. Our clippings service appears to have missed most of the articles appearing in Tasmanian and South Australian media — something which I am sure does not reflect the true success of Australian Library Week in those states.

The Queensland media continued their strong support of Australian Library Week with twenty-six articles identified. Victoria was by far the most successful with 94 items identified. The state-wide story time appears to have captured the media's imagination: it features in the majority of articles.

Following is a break-down of news articles collected by state: ACT 2; NSW 13; NT 3; QLD 26; SA 1; WA 6; VIC 94

Here are some of the headlines from around the country.

ACT

Turning the page on high-tech woes *The Canberra Times*

NSW

The library is full of surprises *Daily Liberal - Dubbo*

Community database launched *The Border Mail*
Our library here for the long run *Lithgow Mercury*

The spirit of libraries *Namoi Valley Independent*
Libraries celebrate their special week *Deniliquin Pastoral Times*

Work of the Valley's libraries show-cased *Daily Examiner - Grafton*

NT

Travel the world from your library *The Northern Territory News*

Old-fashioned: says who? *The Northern Territory News*

Qld

Libraries not just for books *Innisfail Advocate*

What's on at the library *Gympie Times*

Libraries adopt Olympic flavour *Caboolture Shire Herald*

Invalidate your space *Brisbane News*

House of tomes ushers in the new age of information *Sunshine Coast Daily*

Gympie library goes on show to celebrate *The Gympie Times*

Library Week to highlight local services *The Advocate*

Get on library's big net *The Satellite (Southsider)*

Music invades library *Bayside Star*

Library Week success *The Ipswich Advertiser*

Barbara Cartland books ready to fly *The Narrogin Observer*

SA

Stories at the library *Hamilton Spectator*

WA

Library bares its wares *Albany Advertiser*

Libraries set new horizons *Geraldton Guardian*

Vic

Welcome to the wondrous world of words *Geelong Advertiser*

Our Migrant Stories *Benalla Ensign*

Hungry for words *Moonee Valley Gazette*

Games insider shares Olympic secrets *Bayside Southern Cross*

Libraries: here for the long run *The Age*

Confusion over youth fund *North Central News (St Arnaud)*

Push to improve libraries *Bendigo Advertiser*

City focuses on libraries *Moorabbin/Glen Eira Standard*

Libraries are here for the long run *Mountain views Mail (Healesville)*

Discover the magic of words *Country News*

Official 'hit the roads' for new library *Mornington Mail*

Surf for free *West Gippsland Trader*

Run will promote May Library Week *East Gippsland News*

Library seeks funding to open on Sundays *Portland Observer*

Special grants for rural libraries *Ararat Advertiser/Shepparton News*

Words weave their magic *Shepparton News*

Author captures attention *Colac Herald*

Rural Libraries — here for the long run *Rainbow Argus*

For the love of books *Whittlesea Post*

Libraries here for long run *Casterton News*

Libraries much more than a room full of books *Colac Herald*

On-line library launched *Colac Herald*

Libraries celebrate across state *Hamilton Spectator*

Australian Library Week also featured on a number of radio broadcasts around the country. For example, the ALIA Victorian branch was able to obtain sponsorship from the ABC consisting of forty-five community service announcements as well as five major interviews were secured on metropolitan radio with many more on regional stations.

Congratulations to all those hard-working library personnel who helped make Australian Library Week 2000 a huge success!



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ies: *Virtual Communities*, hosted by QUT Library, Brisbane, Australia. Well known overseas/local speakers. Contact: Barb Ewers b.ewers@qut.edu.au For regularly updated information see: <http://www.lib.qut.edu.au/IATUL>

• **10/7 Australian Serials Special Interest Group.** *Serials 2000-changes in the new millennium.* State Library of Queensland theatre, 9-4:45pm, \$77/\$99/\$30. Contact: Nathalie Schulz, ph 07 3875 5242, n.schulz@mailbox.gu.edu.au

15-18/10 LIANZA Conference for 2000. *Exceeding expectations.* Christchurch Convention Centre. Conference convener: Gail Pattie, deputy university librarian, Uni of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch New Zealand, ph +64 3 364 2055, fx +64 3 364 2007, g.pattie@libr.canterbury.ac.nz

17-21/9 Learning Environment Technology Australia. *Making Lifelong Learning a Reality for All.* Speakers include Mark Latham, Andrew McDonald (UK), university, public, TAFE and school librarians, Adelaide Convention Centre. Contact Bill Cations ph 08 8201 2103, bill.cations@post.flinders.edu.au

• **23/10 Australian Serials Special Interest Group.** *Serials 2005-future directions.* National Library of Australia. For more information contact: Jenni Jeremy, ph 08 8302 6720, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

17-18/11 Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc. *Rediscovering Mechanics' Institutes National conference.* Celebrating 200 years of the mechanics' institute movement. Keynote speaker: Professor Philip Candy. The Melbourne Athenaeum, 188 Collins Street, Melbourne. \$50 (includes bus tour). Contact: MIV Secretary, ph/fx 03 9510 3393, pmilinc@vicnet.net.au <http://vicnet.net.au/~mivid/>

Conference

• **23-27/10 ALIA2000, 6th Biennial Conference.** *Capitalising on knowledge: the information profession in the twenty-first century.* National Convention Centre, Canberra. Conference organiser: Conference Solutions, Brigitte Gunn, ph 02 6285 3000, fx 02 6285 3001, alia2000.conference@alia.org.au <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2000/>

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