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• **29/11 NSW Children & Youth Services section.** *Committee meeting.* Burwood Public Library, 6pm. Contact: Sarah Steed, publicity officer, ph 02 9806 5159, fx 02 9806 5919, ssteed@parracity.nsw.gov.au

**29/11 Advanced internet research skills.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au URL <http://www.silas.unsw.edu.au/silas/conted.htm>

**5/12 Internet research skills for medical and health information.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au URL <http://www.silas.unsw.edu.au/silas/conted.htm>

**8/12 Indexing web pages and documents.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au URL <http://www.silas.unsw.edu.au/silas/conted.htm>

### NT

• **15/11 NT Branch.** *General meeting.* NTU, 4:30pm. Contact: Linda Winzar, ph 08 8999 8923, linda.winzar@nt.gov.au

• **23/11 NT Branch.** *Christmas function with Jan Fullerton and David Toll* of the NLA. Buzz Café, Cullen Bay. Contact: Linda Winzar, ph 08 8999 8923, linda.winzar@nt.gov.au Date: to be confirmed.

### QLD

• **14/11 Qld Library Technician section.** *AGM, wine and cheese evening with guest speaker: Rob Henshaw.* Conferences: junkets or professional development. State Library Theatre, SLQld, South Brisbane, 5 for 5:30pm start, refreshments provided (gold coin donation would be most appreciated) *RSVP by 3/11 to:* Yvonne Brock, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu.au or Lillias Connell, ph 07 3247 9408, lillias.connell@detir.qld.gov.au

• **24/11 ALIA CPD Subcommittee event.** *Power and passion! Fine wine, gourmet delights and an entertaining perspective on Professional Ethical Standards.* Featuring: Jan Power and Beth Mayo. 6pm-9pm. Marriott Hotel: 515 Queen St Brisbane. \$50/person (Group Discount available for 5 or more) *RSVP: 14/11 to* Sue\_Rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **26/11 Qld Library Technician section.** *Xmas breakfast.* Venue: tba, 11am. Contact: Yvonne Brock, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu.au or Lillias Connell, ph 07 3247 9408, lillias.connell@detir.qld.gov.au

• **27/11 ALIA Qld Branch AGM.** 5.15 for 5:30pm, Theatrette, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane. Refreshments provided, *RSVP 22/11,* Kathryn Harding: k.harding@qut.edu.au. 1800 805 270.

• **27/11 Qld Branch.** *AGM.* Brisbane Administrative Centre, Conference Room, Level 6, Corner George and Ann St, Brisbane City, 4-6pm. Contact: Kathryn Harding, ph 0409 642 152, fx 07 3864 2014, k.harding@qut.edu.au

• **1/12 Qld Public Libraries section.** *AGM.* Contact: Robyn Gattera, minutes secretary, ph 07 3403 4104, fx 07 3403 9969, sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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## When there is music in the air...

### ALIA Music Library Special Interest Group formed

The creation of a Music Library Special Interest Group was recently approved by the ALIA Board of Directors, and is now looking for members. The group has been set up to provide support for all people working in music libraries. This includes everyone from volunteers, to librarians, to managers, as well as the users of those libraries. Music libraries can be as small as a few hundred records in a public library, through to a dedicated academic reference centre. In between there are libraries to be found in most community radio stations, commercial radio and television stations, universities, conservatories, and special collections which may be independent from other institutions.

The group aims to give members access to a community of other libraries so that they can ask questions, find resources, and take part in group events. For people new to music libraries, especially those in community radio libraries, there will be discussion of broadcasting events, and the essentials of setting up a library in a broadcasting environment. For experienced practitioners, larger issues dealing with



technology, copyright, and issues unique to music libraries will be discussed.

The Music Library SIG also aims to reach out to younger members of ALIA and people who are interested in studying librarianship. The group aims to show a different side to what librarians can do, as music libraries are quite unique in their collections and function.

Suggestions for activities and articles for the group's forthcoming newsletter are welcome.

For more information about how to join the Music Library SIG, please write to the convenor by e-mail [mlsig@start.com.au](mailto:mlsig@start.com.au) or by post to Fiona Bradley, SBS Radio Resource Centre, Locked Bag 028, Crows Nest NSW 1585. More information is also available on the group's pages on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/sigs/mlsig/>. ■

## epixtech wins export award

epixtech (the sole principal sponsor of the recent ALIA2000 conference) has been named the South Australian state winner of the Information Industries category in the 2000 South Australian Export Awards. This is an award for outstanding export achievement in the field of information technology, interactive media and multimedia, and communications products and services.

epixtech prides itself in understanding the market requirements of its customers and has a solid foundation of industry relationships throughout Asia and the Pacific.

epixtech has a network of branch offices in Sydney, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, and agents situated in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand. This extensive network provides the infrastructure and resources to effectively support libraries and strategically position epixtech throughout the Asia Pacific region.

More than just software, epixtech pioneered the development of multi-lingual systems that meet the needs of libraries in Asia. Achievements include the development of a special Unicode Chinese, Japanese, Korean

(CJK) client-server solution for the Chinese, Hong Kong and Taiwan markets; an Arabic system for a leading university in Malaysia; and Maori interfaces for libraries in New Zealand. The multi-lingual teams of specialists in Adelaide are dedicated to developing software solutions to meet the needs of libraries in Asia.

Through its innovative library automation solutions in the region, epixtech has provided outstanding support for furthering education and culture in the region.

The business community acknowledges the Australian Export Awards program as one of Australia's most prestigious industry awards. The awards program seeks to identify the State's most successful and innovative exporters and to stimulate greater involvement in export among South Australian businesses. epixtech was presented its award at the members annual dinner which has a well-deserved reputation as the leading business function in South Australia.

After being voted as the most outstanding exporter in the Information Industries category in South Australia, epixtech, as a national finalist will now be judged in the 2000 Australian Export Awards. ■