

# Far north coast celebrations

On Tuesday 15 May, library technicians, librarians and library assistants met at the Goonellabah RSL Club in Lismore to celebrate the second National Library Technicians Day (NLTD). Around a dozen people from medical, tertiary and public libraries attended the lunch and shared the latest news and developments in their work areas. It was great to see so many again this year and I would like to thank each and every one of you for making it to the lunch and for your continuing enthusiastic support of such events.

In my own workplace, Richmond-Tweed Regional Library, some branches participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Thursday 17 May by reading the beautiful book *Edward the emu* to the little ones. It was a success and we all agreed this special day was a fantastic idea.

As a bonus for our library patrons, the Library held an amnesty to allow those lost and overdue books to find their way back onto our shelves. This was greatly appreciated by our many members and a good way of reciprocating support during this important week.

Following Library and Information Week Richmond-Tweed Regional Library fought strongly to be the host library for the next Country Public Libraries Association Conference in 2003 and was successful!

Our country libraries are continuing to provide a wonderful service to the rural people of Northern New South Wales and thrive on the interest generated by such events as Library and Information Week.

*Louise Somerville, Far North coast representative, ALIA NSW Library Technician's Section*

## Riverina celebrates early

**Tim Eggleston, ALIA Riverina**

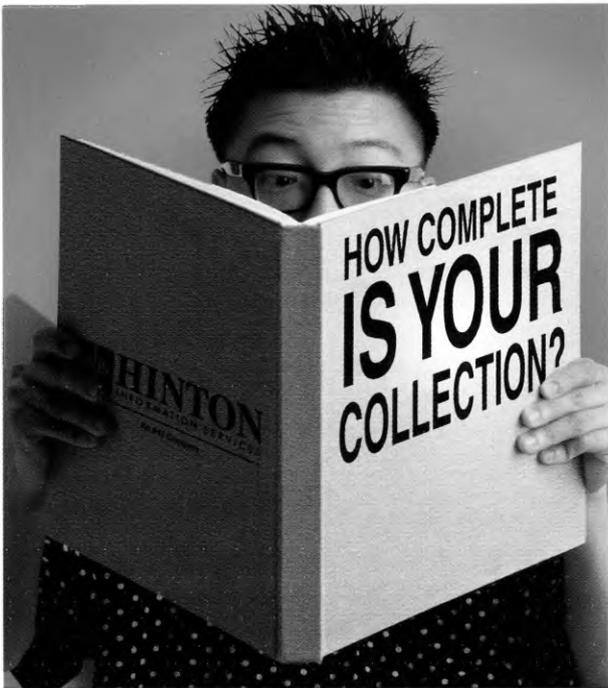
Library workers from the Riverina area of New South Wales, and from North-Eastern Victoria celebrated Library and Information Week 2001 early, with a dinner on Friday 4 May hosted by the Riverina Regional Group of ALIA.

The dinner was attended by ALIA board member Angela Bridgland, who gave a presentation entitled 'ALIA: the Ys and where4s'.

Thirty-four librarians and others were present, and a feature of the night was the large number, and variety, of institutions represented. There were staff from public libraries; school libraries, both secondary and primary; academic libraries; TAFE libraries, the defence libraries of Bandiana, and the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. No fewer than twenty-two library 'sites' were represented.

Angela Bridgland flew in from Melbourne, where she is the director of the Teaching, Learning and Research Support Department in the Information Division at the University of Melbourne. Her presentation ranged over a variety of topics, from 'Being an ALIAN' to continuing professional development, lifelong learning, and information literacy. She left her audience with a number of questions for consideration, such as: 'how can the dynamism within the library profession be conveyed to the community?' and 'how can ALIA act strategically to present the profession as a dynamic occupation?'

The Riverina Regional Group of ALIA would like to thank Angela for her time and effort in visiting Albury-Wodonga. The group has been accepted as a new (continuing!) group under the new ALIA group structure, with a new name: ALIA Riverina. ■



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