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Seachange: cataloguing in a dot.com world

In early November, just after the Melbourne Cup, a hop, skip and jump from the center of Melbourne another exciting event will take place — the 14th National Cataloguing Conference. The conference will be held at Deakin University's Waterfront Campus. The campus is easily accessible from Melbourne either by car (approximately a one hour drive from the CBD) or by train (an hour's train trip from Spencer Street and ten minutes to walk from the Geelong railway station). The drive down will be against the traffic and with the train you can watch the countryside go by.

The conference proper will run from 8 to 9 November. On 7 November there will be two workshops and two seminars. The workshops run by CAVAL are: *Cataloguing non-book materials* and *Web resources for cataloguers*. The two seminars organised by Rosemary Dearman for the conference committee will be: *Website construction* and *Education and careers*. Both workshops and seminars have minimum number requirements so please register for these as soon as possible. You do not have to be a conference delegate to attend the workshops.

The conference keynote speaker will be Geoff Payne. Geoff is an excellent and thought-provoking speaker. The conference title of *Seachange* and the location on the waterfront of Corio Bay has led us to follow the water theme. The conference has three main streams: Not drowning, Anchoring and Surfing.

We have some wonderful papers. The 'Not drowning' stream will cover the areas of traditional cataloguing and how new methods are being used to pursue them. There will also be a session on one of the fundamentals of cataloguing — standards — with papers by Ann Huthwaite and Joan Moncrieff. Anchoring will focus further on the solid foundations underlying cataloguing. Friday 9 October has been devoted to 'Surfing'. This will cover areas such as FRBR (functional requirements for bibliographic records) via Dr Marie-Louise Ayers' paper on the Austlit gateway. There are numerous papers on what is happening in various organisations and also a session on metadata. We will also find out the answer to the question posted by Lloyd Sokvitne: If librarianship is the right profession, are cataloguers the right people?

It promises to be a stimulating exchange of ideas in a calming location out of the hurly burly of the city. Come and meet your colleagues and also have fun at the dinner and welcome reception.

As Shakespeare writes in *The Tempest*:

*Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange*

Cataloguers have a rich heritage and an exciting future in the dot.com world. Come and join us by registering on our website: <http://www.seachange.deakin.edu.au>. ■

ALIA's delegate to the International Young Professionals Summit

Sue Hutley, electronic services librarian at the Toowoomba City Library, has been selected to be ALIA's delegate to the October International Young Professionals Summit.

Sue will be one of only fifty delegates accepted from the whole of Oceania. She has a particular interest in bridging the digital divide through libraries and hopes to make other par-

ticipants appreciate the significance of libraries within the community and the links we can develop between professional sectors.

For more information about the conference take a look at <http://www.iyps.org>. If you have any special issues that you would like Sue to raise at the conference, please contact her at s.hutley@toowoomba.qld.gov.au. ■