

Product news around Australia

• **11/9 Qld Library Technicians.** *Feedback from the Hobart Conference.* State Library Theatre, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, 5 for 5:30pm start, unless otherwise advised. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **12/9 Qld OPALS.** *General meeting, guest speaker: Member of the DCS Dog Squad.* Department of Corrective Services, Training & Development Centre, Wacol Station Road, Wacol, 8:30–10:30am. Morning tea will be provided. *RSVP by 7/9 to:* Robyn Sanders, ph 07 3406 6429, tdcilib@dcs.qld.gov.au (for catering and transport purposes).

1/10 CAVAL training activities. *E-Books for libraries mapping a new world.* Rick Lugg and Ruth Fischer will present an overview of the emerging e-book market with an emphasis on scholarly publishing and libraries. State Library Theatre, 9:30–5pm. Cost: \$418. Register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

• **mid-Oct (around 15th) Pathways to CPD.** *Critical & creative thinking.* How & why it is important to stay at the cutting edge — Suzette Boyd, Scotch College. Inholm Hotel. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

11/10 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series. Queensland University of Technology, Owen J Wordsworth Rooms, Level 12, 5 Block, Gardens Point Campus, 2 George Street, Brisbane, 5:30–7:30pm. Contact: Glenys Drew, ph 07 3864 4082, g.drew@qut.edu.au

• **24/10 Pathways to CPD.** *Information services: Conference Capers* — RAISS Conference. Central BCC Library Theatre. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **26/10 Pathways to CPD.** *Networking: Passions outside the profession.* Mary Ryans, Paddington. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **27/10 12th ALIA Library Technicians Conference.** *Committee exclusive workshop.* Workshop title tba shortly. Brisbane City Council Toowong Library. Both sessions: ALIA members \$50, non-members \$55; one session: ALIA member \$30, non-members \$35. Contact: Elaine West, ph 07 3403 6027.

• **30/10 Qld OPALS.** *General meeting.* BCC City Plaza Library, Corner George, Adelaide & Ann Street, City, 5:30pm.

• **mid-Nov Pathways to CPD.** *Networking: Christmas function.* tba. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **13/11 Qld Library Technicians.** *Annual General meeting.* Venue: to be advised, 5 for 5:30pm start, unless otherwise advised. Contact: Marian Moyle, ph 07 3244 6446, marian.moyle@detir.qld.gov.au

• **27/11 Pathways to CPD.** *Library & information services strategic development: Libraries in 2003.* Part 1 — What is scenario planning — Gary Fisher, executive director (Strategic Directions), Department of Transport. Denisons, Sheraton. Contact: Sue Rigney, sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au

• **Late Nov Qld OPALS.** *Xmas party.* Time, venue and date tba.

• **Early Feb 2002 Quorum.** *Successful lobbying workshop,* details tba. Kathy Harding, kharding@start.com.au

New job directions for librarians

Dialog is sponsoring a one day workshop in Melbourne aimed at information professionals entitled 'Business competencies for librarians'. The day will begin with an address from Elizabeth Swan of Information Edge examining the challenges faced in the industry today. Sue Henczel of CAVAL will then run the workshop, which will identify the professional and personal competencies of a 21st century information professional and applies them to the business needs of a 21st century organisation. This invaluable workshop is on Thursday 13 September. Enquiries to Tim Sleep, on phone 02 8587 7701.

PsycArticles available to researchers through Ovid Technologies

Through a new licensing agreement between the American Psychological Association (APA) and Ovid Technologies, the PsycARTICLES database of more than 25 000 articles from leading psychology journals will be available through Journals@Ovid, the fully searchable database of scientific, medical and technical journals used by academic institutions and corporations worldwide.

PsycARTICLES provides electronic full-text of articles from forty-two journals published by APA and allied organisations and is a complement to APA's popular PsycINFO database. It includes a range of authoritative, peer-reviewed journals covering basic scientific research and applied, clinical and theoretical studies in psychology. The 25 000 articles currently available through PsycARTICLES were published from 1988 to the present.

PsycARTICLES features full-text links to abstracts in the PsycINFO database. Subscribers are able to integrate PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES into a fully searchable package. Citations of other studies in the text and reference sections of PsycARTICLES documents link either to full text or to complete bibliographic information in PsycINFO or in other databases.

RoweCom agrees to be acquired by divine

RoweCom Inc, a global provider of e-commerce solutions for the purchasing and managing of print and e-content knowledge resources, announced recently that it has signed a letter of intent to be acquired by divine, inc.

divine, inc is an enterprise solutions company delivering a unique combination of services, web-based technology, and managed applications capabilities.

Post acquisition, RoweCom and its man-

agement team will continue RoweCom's commitment to its core library and desktop services while developing additional services.

RoweCom Australia managing director, Ms Janette Wright, said the acquisition would not impact greatly on the day-to-day business of RoweCom Australia. 'As far as we are aware, there are no immediate plans or changes for RoweCom. The merger will mean RoweCom will be a division of a company with strengths in the internet software development area,' said Ms Wright.

Customers to benefit from new library system

Port Phillip Library will streamline processes and enhance online services when its new Spydus software system is launched.

Customers will benefit from this new efficiency which is inherent in the comprehensive functionality of Spydus, from Sanderson Australia, according to the library's information technology co-ordinator, Sara Wisnia.

Port Phillip is the first library in Australia to install Version 6.3 of Spydus, which includes a new circulation graphical user interface (GUI).

Port Phillip required a new system when its hardware became redundant. Seizing the opportunity to evaluate both hardware and software, the library sought to take advantage of increased online possibilities.

Management consulted stakeholders including users, staff and council, checked with other councils and prepared a comprehensive tender document. The key criterion for a new system was functionality, from both the public and staff points of view.

Port Phillip staff are looking forward to going online, convinced during their training that the system will introduce new efficiencies. They have been impressed by Spydus' functionality and look forward to using the system.

Port Phillip Library will run Spydus on its Sun Solaris server, through Council's Novell local area network. The library's five branches will communicate via a 64k link. Spydus will be accessible via thirty-five staff terminals, sixteen public catalogues and the world wide web.

A forward-thinking, widely used community facility, Port Phillip Library has 50 000 borrowers and 250 000 items on its catalogue. It issues about one million items a year. The library is keen to promote the accessibility of its diverse offerings and relishes the challenge of providing new services. ■

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