

Rivers of Knowledge

9th Special, Health & Law Librarians conference, Melbourne, 26–29 August 2001



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Phil Ruthven, founder and executive chairman of IBIS, Australia's best-known business information, forecasting and strategic services corporation, will give the opening address to conference delegates on Sunday, 26 August 2001.

As one of Australia's most respected commentators on business, economic and social issues, Phil has enormous optimism for Australia into the 21st century and insight into the role of the knowledge and information industry, which will challenge delegates and set the scene for 'Rivers of Knowledge'.

The opening welcome will be held at the Convention Centre, 3.30pm, and will be followed by the welcome reception planned to



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be held at the Melbourne Aquarium 5.30–8.00pm.

Pre- and post-conference workshops

The Conference committee invites any group to submit details of proposed user groups/workshops/meetings to be held either side of the conference. This information can then be included in the conference registration brochure.

As this will be the largest meeting of the Special, Health and Law sectors in Australia, it is a great opportunity to capture these groups with your activity.

Submit your details, by the end of March, to Anne Docherty at The Meeting Planners, 91–97 Islington Street, Collingwood 3066 or adocherty@meetingplanners.com.au. ■

• **30/5 SA Branch.** *Mentoring group meeting.* Ira Raymond room, Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University from 6–8pm.

• **11/6 SA Branch.** *General meeting.* All members are more than welcome. PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5 for 5:15pm.

• **18/6 SA Library Technician section AGM.** Venue/time: tba. Contact: Jackie Williams, SALT secretary, ph 08 8226 2890, fx 08 8226 2199, williams.jackie@saugov.sa.gov.au

• **27/6 SA Branch.** *Mentoring group meeting.* Ira Raymond room, Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University from 6–8pm.

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• **22/3 CAVAL.** *Introduction to the information audit.* This full-day workshop provides an overview of the information audit process and discusses the practical skills needed to conduct an information audit in an organisation. Hobart [venue tba]. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$360, non-members \$400. Contact: Sue Henczel, sueh@caval.edu.au

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• **1/3 CAVAL.** *Introduction to the information audit.* This full-day workshop provides an overview of the information audit process and discusses the practical skills needed to conduct an information audit in an organisation. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$360, non-members \$400. Contact: Sue Henczel, sueh@caval.edu.au

• **5/3 CAVAL.** *Kinetica web.* Learn how to search the Kinetica database and add holdings using the web interface. 9:30–1pm. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$93.50, non-members \$115.50. Contact: Nicole Sinclair, nicoles@caval.edu.au

• **6/3 Vic Library Technician section University library visit and committee meeting.** Deakin University Library, Waterfront Campus, 3rd floor, 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong (parking available opposite library and in Gheringhap Street). *RSVP:* Pippa Read, ph 03 5227 8234, readp@deakin.edu.au

• **7/3 CAVAL.** *Competitive intelligence: an introduction for librarians.* A half-day introductory workshop conducted by David Tan. Topics include types of information sources, identifying CI needs, capturing and formatting information and using the web for CI. 9:30–12:30pm. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$148.50, non-members \$165. Contact: Nicole Sinclair, nicoles@caval.edu.au

• **9/3 CAVAL.** *MARC 21 for cataloguers.* Covering the most frequently used MARC fields, with an emphasis on monograph cataloguing. A recommended pre-requisite for Kinetica cataloguers. 9:30–12:30pm. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bundoora. Cost: CAVAL/ALIA CPD members \$88, non-members \$110. Contact: Nicole Sinclair, nicoles@caval.edu.au

• **15–16/3 CAVAL.** *Kinetica cataloguing client.* A two-day hands-on using the Cataloguing Client to search the Kinetica database, creating records, adding holdings, and authority work. 9:30–5pm. CAVAL Collaborative Solutions, 4 Park Drive, Bun-

Misleading copyright claim

Attorney-General criticises copyright agency

Attorney-General, the Hon. Daryl Williams AM QC MP, has criticised the annual report of the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) for making misleading claims.

The report, tabled in Parliament last month, states that the *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000* allows public and corporate libraries to sell an article or chapter online to an individual for research or study purposes, without paying a royalty, and that this allows a library to make a financial return.

The Digital Agenda Act, which will commence on 4 March 2001, extends the exceptions that currently allow users reasonable access to printed copyright material to the electronic reproduction and communication of portions of works and articles.

Users may currently request a copy of an article or a portion of a work for the pur-

poses of research or study. The Digital Agenda Act will simply allow a library to fulfil that request using new technologies such as e-mail. Any charge for such a user request may cover only the library's costs. According to the Attorney-General, if any library attempted to make a profit, as suggested by CAL, it would lose the benefit of the exceptions in the *Copyright Act*, and may be liable for copyright infringement.

CAL represents the creators of copyright material — authors, journalists, visual artists, photographers and publishers — as their non-exclusive agent to license the copying of their works to the general community. CAL has been declared by the Commonwealth Government as the collecting society to administer the statutory licence under Part VB of the *Copyright Act 1968*, for the copying of copyright material by educational institutions and certain institutions assisting readers with disabilities. ■

Internet tips and tricks #1

Make your web browsing happen faster with multiple windows. Many users of web browser software are unaware that, by opening new windows when following links, pages can download as you switch back and forth between them.

Whilst hovering over a hyperlink, control-click (Mac) or use the right mouse button (Windows) and choose 'Open in new window'. Get your page loading in a new window, and switch back to the original for further activity. The background window(s) will keep loading whilst viewing the foreground window. But be warned — MS Internet Explorer progressively runs out of steam as more windows open (Netscape Communicator and others do not suffer quite so badly with multiple windows). ■

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