

SA Water puts pictorial history online

Historians, business people, academics, publicists and members of the public are accessing photographic records dating back to 1856 at SA Water's library in Adelaide, since the organisation upgraded its Spydus library software to make this possible.

Those among the utility's 1200 staff who have terminals on their desk can also access the 4000 images, which include records and photographs of constructions such as dams and pumping stations.

'The collection offers a comprehensive record of how things were done and represents a valuable historical resource for South Australia,' says librarian Mike Spencer, who had all the images scanned and catalogued over a six-month period last year. He looks after the collection together with fellow librarian Sandra Morrison.

SA Water migrated its library system, including the new pictorial records, to Sanderson Australia's latest version of Spydus, which offers a web-based interface allowing enquiries to access content. Although the organisation does not offer external internet access to the historical records, the internal web access functionality made it easy to link the image database to a catalogue system. Non-SA Water people are able to select images via public access terminals in the library at 77 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. According to Mike Spencer, the collection is in steady demand from a wide range of users including engineering-related businesses, people using it for publicity and promotional work, researchers and the general public.



One of the 4000 images now available

Most of the photographic records are available as 300 dpi .tif images, although some detail-rich 35mm negatives have been scanned in at higher resolutions.

Staff at the organisation's various centres throughout South Australia can also access the records, as the Spydus upgrade and new Compaq server are interfaced with the corporate computer network.

After the library's team had scanned in and catalogued the 4000-plus images, Sanderson Australia migrated the old Spydus software to the latest version, allowing the system to go live towards the end of last year.

'It is working extremely well,' says Mike Spencer. 'Access is remarkably fast and the database is proving very popular.' ■



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ALIA Annual General Meeting

The 14th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held at 5:00pm on Monday 20 May 2002 at the Harbourside Auditorium 2, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the 2001 AGM
- 4 Presentation of the 2001 Annual report and balance sheet, and income and expenditure account
- 5 Presentation of supplementary balance sheet and supplementary income and expenditure account to 30 April 2002
- 6 Election of Directors
- 7 Fixing of Auditors' fees
- 8 Reports
- 9 General business
- 10 Motions:
no motions were received

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box E441, Kingston ACT 2604 by **19 March 2002**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that due notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided), and delivered to the chair.
6. When addressing the chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the *Constitution*— item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box E441, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **5pm on 18 May 2002**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/meetings/agm/2002.proxy.html>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 8th ed, 1994. A parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

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The Annual General Meeting is followed by: Presidential Address and Presentation of ALIA Awards