

• **8/5 ACT Library Technicians.** Celebrate 25 years of *Library Studies in the ACT*, at the TAFE or CIT, Hellenic Club, Phillip, 7 for 7:30pm. Cost \$30 (3-courses, tea and coffee). Partners and colleagues welcome. Further information: Ursula Macdermott, ph 02 6262 1448, umacdermott@nla.gov.au, or Marion Boyd, ph 02 6270 6912, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au

• **13/5 ACT Library Technicians** will celebrate *Library Technicians Day* with breakfast at the Crown Plaza, 7:30am. All welcome. For further details contact Beth at beth.clary@radford.act.edu.au or Lynn at lynn.bale@ea.gov.au

• **14/5 ACTive ALIA.** *International war for the control of information*, speaker Miranda Lee. Ferguson Room, Mezzanine Floor, NLA, 5:30pm. Contact: Judy Brooker, ph 02 6230 2266, judith.brooker@alianet.alia.org.au

• **16/5 New CYA Group.** Meeting to formalise the proposed ACT, Southern NSW and Riverina Children's and Young Adult ALIA interest Group and meet each other. Caph's Restaurant and Coffee Lounge, Franklin Street, Manuka, 6pm. Please join us for a meal or just coffee. RSVP by 14/5 to: Judy Brooker, ph 02 6230 2266, judith.brooker@alianet.alia.org.au

• **23/5 ACT URLS.** *Saddling the octopus: critical success factors for the Information Literacy Program at the ANU.* Speakers: Margaret Henty and Karen Visser. McDonald Room, Menzies Library ANU, 12:30pm. Bring your lunch. Inquiries: Nancy Clarke, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au

16/6 PEARLS. Come along and join us for coffee, cake and conversation. All people with library connections who have retired and those about to retire are welcome. BOOKPLATE at National Library, 2:30pm. Contact: Eileen Mills, ph 02 6262 4105, warndon@optusnet.com.au

• **25/6 APSIG.** *Janette Condon will speak on the AWM collection and Rob Hurlie on his research in the National Library of Vietnam*, both illustrating the theme of 'Propaganda at times of conflict'. Theatre, Australian War Memorial, Anzac Parade, Campbell, 5pm. Refreshments will be served. More details soon. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6247 7795, msexton@netspeed.com.au

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• **7/5-1/10 Hunter Regional Group (NSW).** Committee meeting: 7/5, 14/5, 4/6, 30/7, 1/10. Contact: Dianne Schofield, diane.schofield@hunterlink.net.au

9/5-14/6 Newcastle Region Public Library. *Treasures of Hunter Libraries: a selection of printed materials, art work and artefacts of international, national and local significance.* Libraries in the Hunter region have contributed their most valued items such as a musical score signed by Puccini. Lovett Gallery, free entry. Contact: Sue Ryan, <http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au>

• **10/5 Library Technicians [NSW].** *Career skills workshop.* Fisher Library, Sydney University, 9:30-4:30pm with Della Aynsley, the library's staff development and training co-ordinator. Contact: Kevin Dudeney, kdudeney@graeae.unilinc.edu.au *Places will be limited.*

14/5 Newcastle Region Public Library. *Library week dinner:* join with fellow library professional of the Hunter Region to celebrate & promote Australian Library and Information Week. Special presentation by Paul Brunton, senior curator, State Library of NSW. Lovett Gallery, \$65. Contact: Carol Edmonds, ph 02 4974 5324, <http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au>

• **21/5 Hunter Regional Group (NSW).** *Preservation seminar.* Further details: tba. Contact: Dianne Schofield, diane.schofield@hunterlink.net.au

Generosity recognised

In February this year the Australian National University Library recognised the exceptional generosity and support it has received over the years from Robert Barnes. The library held a celebratory function on the occasion of Robert's retirement from the university. Former university librarian Colin Steele told the gathered audience that the estimated monetary value of Robert's donations to the library was \$720 000, which must rank as one of the largest individual benefactions to any university library in Australia.

Before the computer catalogue was introduced in 1976, records show 5000 bookplates being placed in material donated by Robert. Since that time the library has recorded more than 10 000 gifts. At the same time, Robert has also regularly subscribed to and donated fifty-eight journal titles, twenty-three of which he intends continuing to donate in retirement.

In appreciation of more than thirty years of devotion and generosity, the library presented him with David Stam's

two-volume folio, *International dictionary of library histories*. Colin Steele gave him, from his own collection, the 1842 American edition of the *Pickwick Papers*, which belonged to, and was signed by, Anthony Horden in 1848.

Robert's donations to the library began not long after his arrival at ANU in 1969 when the then librarian, Jack Graneek, called on Mr Barnes seeking input for collection areas that needed to be built up. Robert's support of the library goes beyond his financial support: he succeeded Jack Graneek as the secretary of the Friends of the Library, came to know many librarians, and even gained an understanding of the mysteries of cataloguing.

Robert's generosity has not ended with his retirement. His most recent gifts to the library have been items from his own collection to replace works on Josephus and his era, which were lost when a PhD student's house was destroyed in the recent Canberra bush fires. ■



Robert Barnes, Colin Steele and Adam Shoemaker

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