

**13/5 Local Studies Library, Southport:** *Historical writing: the Quest for Facts* with profiled local author Robyn Burrows. 10:30–11:30am.

**13/5 Various Gold Coast libraries: R and R** — with *Gold Coast Writer's Association*. Reading and reciting poetry and short stories by local authors. 10–11:30am. For further details contact: 07 5581 6886.

**13/5 Burleigh Waters:** *How to get published*, with book publisher Di McGuinness. 10:30–11:30am.

• **13/5 Qld Library Technicians Annual dinner:** Guest speaker: Janet Poole, Logan City Council Library, Skyline Restaurant, Southbank Institute of TAFE, 6pm. Cost: \$33 ALIA members, \$40 non-members. Bookings by 2/5 to: Helen Trochoulas, PO Box 289, Morningside, 4170.

**14/5 Southport and Palm Beach Library:** *Power your mind and your PC* with Gerald Pauchman. Learn further tips & tricks of Microsoft Office, these include Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.

**14/5 Gympie Library:** *Writing workshop with author, Hugh Lunn*, 3:30–5pm. An evening with Hugh Lunn, 7pm, gold coin donation. Drinks and nibbles and entertainment, 7pm. Launch of Picture Book and Gold Rush Literary Competitions, 7:30pm. Guest speaker: Hugh Lunn, 7:45pm. Entertainment, tea and coffee and cake, 8:45–9pm. Gympie Library, 8–14 Mellor Street, Gympie.

• **15/5 Collection and Access Management (Qld):** *Seminar: Measure for measure: effective evaluation of electronic resources.* Four speakers. Room V714, Level 7, V Block, QUT Gardens Point, 1pm for 1:30pm. ALIA members: \$25. Contact: Paul Jensen, p.jensen@griffith.edu.au or Anne Loria, a.loria@griffith.edu.au.

**15/5 All Branch libraries at the Gold Coast:** *Pooches, pups & more doggie tales storytime*, including simultaneous reading of Bruce Whatley's *White Dogs Can't Jump* voted favourite by the children's services staff at the Gold Coast. 10–11am. For further details contact 07 5581 6886.

**15/5 Runaway Bay:** *Prue Theroux, the cool librarian* — a dramatisation of Gillian Rubenstein's picture book story by Benowa State Primary School. 10–11am.

**15/5 Rockhampton Municipal Library Service:** *'Just Walk It' library walking group for all ages to be launched.* Bring: a hat, a drink, walking shoes, and enthusiasm! Northside Library, 154 Berserker Street, North Rockhampton commencing at 11am, following Storytime. Contact: Community Information and Planning Office, ph 07 4927 0955.

**15/5 Local Studies Library, Southport:** *Discover the story of the Gold Coast, past and present* — join the local studies library staff and tour the resource collection, see behind the scenes and demo the latest photographic database Picture Gold Coast. 2–3pm.

**16/5 Various Gold Coast libraries:** *Cover to cover* — author and poet Mark Svendsen will talk to students and the general public about how to write poetry as well as share techniques and advice about writing. For further details contact 07 5581 6886.

**17/5 Robina Library:** *Power your mind* — hear the tales and bounce to the beat. take a cultural journey with African storyteller and entertainer Sam Derchie through music and traditional folktales

**17/5 School Library Assoc of QLD Sunshine Coast:** *Powering Your Mind: technology day for teacher-librarians, library technicians and teachers.* Immanuel Lutheran College,

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# Who's where

## Recent movements in the library and information sector

### Macquarie University appoints new librarian

Macquarie University recently announced the appointment of a new university librarian. Previously deputy librarian at the university, **Maxine Brodie** took up her new appointment in February after acting in the position since the end of 2002 following the departure of former librarian Penny Carnaby.

Prior to coming to Macquarie in 2002, Brodie was director of information technology/strategy and chief information officer at the State Library of New South Wales. She spent fourteen years before this working in a range of senior library management positions at the University of Technology, Sydney.

Brodie believes that in the current age of information technology and the World Wide Web, rather than becoming less relevant, libraries have an even more important role.

Brodie has always found the Macquarie University Library fascinating. 'The Library is physically located in the centre of campus ... acknowledging that the library belonged at the heart of academic endeavour,' she says.

Her tagline for the library's role at Macquarie is 'bringing information to life'.

'This means providing a shared context, both physical and virtual, for access to information and for interaction. It means providing information resources that are relevant to the Macquarie University community and providing services that meet the information needs of that community,' Brodie says.

With plans for a major extension to the library building and a review of the library's services, she is looking forward to a challenging and exciting year.

### University of Tasmania

**Linda Luther** has been appointed to the position of university librarian at the University of Tasmania.

Linda comes to the University of Tasmania from the University of South Australia where she is presently acting in the position of university librarian.

Linda completed a Bachelor of Arts Honours (Psychology) at the University College of North Wales, Bangor and gained a Registration Certificate with the Library Association of Australia. This was followed by a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration at the Queensland Institute of Technology and a Master of Science (Information Science) at Edith Cowan University.

She is an active member of ALIA and has a commitment to the professional development of librarians. Through work with the National Library of Australia, she has contributed to the development of the National Bibliographic Database and associated services. Linda has also undertaken research through an ALIA study grant to review services provided by libraries to Science Parks in the United States of America and England.

Linda will be based within the Morris Miller

Library on the Sandy Bay campus.

### Tasmanian heads up international marine libraries network

A Tasmanian librarian has been elected president of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers [<http://www.iamslc.org/>] for 2003.

**Denis Abbott**, who has been the librarian at CSIRO Marine Research since 1984, assumed the presidency at the organisation's recent annual conference.

The appointment includes a commitment to host the organisation's 2004 conference in Hobart, an event that will also attract representatives from specialist polar institution libraries.

In addition to its annual conference the association maintains an active e-mail discussion list that is also used for exchanging surplus journal issues, reports and books. Last year, a distributed library catalogue was developed for chasing up obscure journal requests for scientists. The computer catalogues of fifty member libraries have been linked world wide for simultaneous searching to find which library has the requested item.

### Dynix appoints new chief operating officer

Dynix has announced that **Julian Critchfield**, chief technology officer at Dynix since 2000, will assume the role of chief operating officer.

In his new role, Critchfield will be fully responsible for the entire operations of Dynix globally. This includes complete responsibility for implementation services, education services, and customer support in North America, Europe and the Asia Pacific.

An expert in software engineering and architecture, Critchfield has fifteen years of experience in the software industry. Prior to his arrival at Dynix, he served as chief technology officer and vice president of development at Hot Data, Inc and NewTek, Inc. Previously, he held software development positions at Microsoft and Reed Elsevier/Folio.

### Susan Hayes appointed ASA chair

Long-term campaigner for writers **Susan Hayes** has been elected the new chair of the Australian Society of Authors.

State literature officer for Western Australia for nine years and now director of the Australian National Playwrights Centre, Hayes has edited anthologies of Australian short fiction and critical essays for University of Western Australia Press, and has served on the program committee of the Perth Writers Festival. She was the inaugural administrator of the Centre for Studies in Australian Literature at the University of Western Australia and Director of the WA Writers Centre.

Susan Hayes replaces author Georgia Blain. The new ASA committee also includes James Bradley, John Dale, Hazel Edwards, Jeremy Fisher, Libby Gleeson, Anita Heiss, Ann James, Jane Messer, Garth Nix, Rob Pullan, Bruce Russell and Rosie Scott. ■