Who's where

New NSW state librarian

The new state librarian and chief executive of the State Library of New South Wales is **Regina Sutton**. She will formally take up the position on 10 July 2006. The appointment follows a comprehensive search by the executive search firm, EgonZehnder, following the retirement of **Dagmar Schmidmaier** AM in April. Regina spent 14 years with the Eastman Kodak Company where she held senior business leadership roles.

'She has a strong background and experience in online services, information technology, sales and marketing, document imaging, business planning and management which makes her well placed to lead the future development of the Library's online services through the atmitchell.com project,' said Belinda Hutchinson, president of the Library Council of NSW.

Rae to remain at Central Highlands

We reported in June that **Julie Rae** had accepted the CEO position at Yarra–Melbourne Regional Library Corporation. Following the announcement that the Melbourne City Council has voted to withdraw from the corporation, Julie opted to withdraw from the appointment. She will remain chief executive of Central Highlands Regional Library Corporation.

Move in WA publics

Michelle Brennand is moving to the City of Wanneroo, as of 26 June, to take up the position of manager, library and heritage services. The new job includes the management of 5 libraries plus the heritage service for a population of 107 000 people. The City of Wanneroo is one of the fastest growing local government populations in Australia so her new role will have quite a few challenges. Michelle was previously manager, library services for the Town of Cambridge.

Swets new chief commercial officer

Swets Information Services have announced the appointment of **Thomas Snyder** as Swets' new chief commercial officer. In his role as chief commercial officer he will be responsible for global marketing, sales, customer relations and product development activities. ∎

Beyond the OPAC: future directions for web-based catalogues

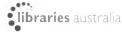Registrations are now open for the 'Beyond the OPAC' seminar to be held from 9:30am to 5:00pm on 18 September 2006 at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre. The seminar is organised by the Australian Committee on Cataloguing and is a Click06 satellite event. It will be of interest to all librarians and those responsible for the development of library catalogues and systems.

Although online catalogues have migrated to the web environment, their scope, functionality, and displays have undergone very little change in recent years. If OPACs do not evolve in order to meet the expectations of the next generation of users, they run the risk of being bypassed for search engines like Google. This seminar will explore the ideas and issues to take the web-based catalogue into the next stages of its development.

The seminar will feature a keynote address by Dr Martha Yee from the UCLA Film and Television Archive. Martha will also provide a presentation on applying FRBR principles to library catalogues. Other speakers will discuss various aspects of OPAC development including alternatives to the OPAC.

Registration fees are $125.00 (ALIA student members), $180.00 (ALIA members/students) and $240.00 (non-members), including morning and afternoon teas and lunch. The seminar is being held on the day before to the start of ALIA's Click06 Conference, so if you are travelling to Perth for the conference please consider coming a day early to attend the 'Beyond the OPAC' seminar.

Full details of the seminar including the program and a registration form are available at: http://www.nla.gov.au/lis/stndrds/grps/acoc/acocseminar2006.html.

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