

ACT

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NSW

11 Sep 2009: What does 21st century Learning look like? A one day seminar showcasing leading edge technology in education. 9.00am – 4.00pm. \$295 includes morning, afternoon and lunch. Contact Erika Dauner, 08 8334 3207, edauner@education.nsw.gov.au

NT

19 Aug 2009: Committee Meeting. 5pm for 5:30pm start. Casuarina Library. Contact Warren Winship, ph 08 8922 0752, w.winship@darwin.nt.gov.au

2–4 Sept 2009: ALLA Evolution Conference <http://www.alla.asn.au/>. Contact Frieda Evans, frieda.evans@nt.gov.au

QLD

18–21 Aug 2009: Australian Copyright Council's 2009. Copyright Council runs a training program on a range of issues such as websites, moral rights, recent developments, education, libraries and governments. <http://www.copyright.org.au/training/training-2009/training2009.htm> Contact Hannah Roberts, ph 02 8815 9772, hannah.roberts@copyright.org.au

SA

18 Aug 2009: ALIA-SA Meeting. 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm for 6:15pm. Cafe Amore on Hindmarsh Square. Contact Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

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14 Sep 2009: Acquisitions continuum: from source to supply and beyond The seminar cover acquisitions, access and control, supply and demand, storage and preservation. Keynote speaker will be Derek Whitehead. Full rates: \$110.00 ALIA members, \$143.00 non-members Contact Bev Lindqvist, ph 08 8302 6734, beverley.lindqvist@unisa.edu.au

15 Sep 2009: ALIA-SA Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month. 6:00pm for 6:15pm. Cafe Amore on Hindmarsh Square. Contact Helen Kwaka, ph 08 8397 7454, kwakh@cttg.sa.gov.au

TAS

26 Aug 2009: ALIA Tas Committee Meeting Last Wednesday of every month, Feb-Nov, usually 5.00pm. Contact Ian Morrison to confirm time and venue, ph 03 6233 7474, ian.morrison@education.tas.gov.au

VIC

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WA

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Conferences

23–27 Aug 2009: World Library and Information Congress 75th IFLA General Conference and Council, Milan, Italy, The Congress Group, wlic2009@congrex.com.

15–18 Sep 2009: ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference 2009, Adelaide. *Technology Technique Unique*, <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/>

12–14 Oct 2009: LIANZA Conference 2009, *He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata*. www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2009 Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand., Conference Innovators, ph 64 9525 2464, arna@conference.co.nz

PD opportunities

For a listing of this month's PD opportunities, visit the online event listing: <http://www.alia.org.au/events/>

CSU Library and Information Management Graduation, April

Around 150 students graduated earlier this year with either the BA, Graduate Diploma, or Masters degrees in library and information management from Charles Sturt University. In addition, 58 also graduated with teacher librarian qualifications. Many attended the ceremony on the Wagga Wagga campus and the celebratory dinner held afterwards at a local hotel.



Anne Lloyd (director of the program), with graduating doctoral students Mary Carroll, Jenny Bales and Joan Ruthven

A particular highlight of the day was the graduation of three doctoral students. Mary Carroll received a PhD award for her thesis considering issues relating to the education of library technicians, Jenny Bales was awarded a PhD for her thesis on supportive online learning environments for primary students, and Joan Ruthven received a Doctor of Information Management award for her research into public library users and factors affecting their use of the internet.

Currently, CSU has 22 doctoral students enrolled, researching a wide range of topics. Examples include looking at the role of organisational culture in helping manage successful change in academic libraries; exploring the use of the internet for campaigning across the Australian political spectrum; examining the role of web 2.0 tools to online learning; information practice in the workplace; information literacy in cross cultural and educational settings; and information behavior of the oldest old.

With the growing importance placed on research within the profession, there has been an increasing interest shown in the CSU PhD program in recent years. With strong support provided by a school of 17 academic staff (the largest LIM program in Australia), students are provided advice and assistance from day one in order to help them succeed in this long term, and often seemingly daunting, endeavour. However, the end result is very satisfying and for many of these students, whose focus has been on an issue relevant to their own work place, it provides the opportunity to undertake in-depth research with a practical application, based upon clearly articulated theoretical underpinnings. Undertaking doctoral studies can be a powerful tool for professional and personal development.

Anyone interested in finding out further information can check out the CSU website http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/doctor_philosophy_education/.

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