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Library and Information Week 2002

Libraries change lives!

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.

- Sidney Sheldon

Kerry Smith Testimonial

Dear Colleagues

This note is to thank the many of you who have sent me your best wishes and congratulations on my receipt of an ALIA Fellowship. At last, I have become a falia! I would also like to thank the WA cheer squad who were present at the ALIA AGM in Sydney on May 20th, 2002 when the award was formally presented and fellow West Australian Imogen Garner who read the abridged citation. And thank you to the WA Forum for, what was for me, a fun night on Friday 24th May, when a number of us truly celebrated and shared in a camaraderie some of us thought was a thing of the past. We should celebrate more often. I do hope that your Library Week activities were as much fun, too.

With best wishes

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City of Swan Libraries

On Saturday 18th May, the City of Swan libraries held a "Monster Book Sale". During the afternoon we sold used items, offered face painting for children, offered tea and coffee, as well as a colour-in corner for children. The afternoon was a great success.

As the Young People's Services Librarian, I wanted to offer a programme for young adults. I organised for artist, Beba Hall, to conduct art workshops with teenagers. We visited 3 high schools in our area. The aim of the programme was for the students to design an image which reflected "Libraries change lives". Prize money will be awarded for the best image, as well as the opportunity to have the artwork placed on stickers on bags.

I also held an art workshop at the Altone Park Library for teenagers, with an artist, with the same concept in mind. All the workshops were very inspiring, and the teenagers gained a lot from having “an artist in residence” visit them. The competition closes on June 28th - so I will keep you informed.

The City of Swan libraries put up displays to celebrate “Library and Information Week”.

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City of Swan Libraries
9267 9020

SWELL – South West Library Link

Kerry Jeffreys, one person Librarian at The Department of Agriculture Bunbury office, hosted the SWELL group (South West Library Link) on Saturday afternoon 18th May. Kerry spoke about her role as a part-time one person Special Librarian after giving a tour of the building. She was so passionate about her position there were offers to fill her shoes!

Following on from Kerry, Kaye Carvosso and Marion Griffin gave their impression on the recent stimulating Children’s Book Council Conference. Marion brought along some books from which both Kaye & Marion gave an insight into the authors and their work.

Afternoon tea out in the garden was a relaxing way to “network” on a sunny autumn afternoon.

Thank you to the Librarians who were able to attend.

Kerry Jeffreys kjeffreys@agric.wa.gov.au
Librarian
Dept. of Agriculture
BUNBURY

More news from Bunbury

If you have a room I thought that I would let you know that the Bunbury Public Library has purchased and installed a colour Clearview Spectrum Close Circuit Television (CCTV). This device comes complete with full colour 17” tilt-adjustable monitor, auto zoom focus and contrast, fingertip controls, three viewing modes including reverse video and photographic, a laser positioning guide and a mobile table reading and writing surface. It is for use by visually impaired people and works by using a camera to magnify printed text and images; these images are then presented many times larger on to a monitor.

This is the first time a CCTV has been available at the Bunbury Library and we are very excited to be able to offer this service to the public.

Julie Coxall JulieC@bunbury.wa.gov.au
Special Services Librarian
Bunbury Public Library



***Library and
Information
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LIW 2002
Committee
(a.k.a.
“The Bridesmaids”)

ALIA May Board of Directors meeting

During Australian Library & Information Week I attended my first Board Meeting in Sydney. The agenda was wide and varied and there are many projects/initiatives, which I would like to briefly highlight.

MEMBERSHIP

The new look Membership forms will be out soon and membership is due for renewal in July and yes there has been a rise in membership fees in line with the CPI. The National Office is still investigating the purchase/development of a web based membership system. At present current systems available do not meet ALIA's security of personal information requirements.

FINANCES

A group-funding proposal for Local Presence Officers was approved by the Board that will result in significant change in the role of the LPO. For some states & groups there will be changes in the distribution their newsletter as the preferred distribution options are either electronically or via an insert in Incite, and changes affecting the practice of payment for newsletter editors. Some editors have in the past, received payment that ALIA will no longer fund. ALIA has paid mortgage on ALIA House and is currently operating a small financial deficit.

NATIONAL POLICY CONGRESS

The NPC will be held 2 November in Canberra with a policy focus this year.

LISEKA

The LISEKA paper focusing on the education of library information professionals has been prepared and circulated. This paper's suggestions will have a major impact on Library education, continuing professional development and membership of the Association and will affect all members. I urged everyone to read the paper and provide comment by 21 June 2002.

<http://www.alia.org.au/education/liseka/>

ALIA'S KEY INITIATIVES

KEY INITIATIVE 1 - Develop & market new services for students/new professional members

The March 2002 Board meeting approved the development of several new services that will be announced and launched once the services and packages are finalised.

KEY INITIATIVE 2 - Develop & market new services for senior professional members

Start date for the initiative is July 2002.

KEY INITIATIVE 3 - Achieve favourable purchasing agreements for institutional members for products & services, including licence agreements

Discussions have commenced with Proquest & Oxford English Dictionary Online. ALIA is to convene a forum meeting August/September on this issue.

KEY INITIATIVE 4 - Devise & implement a Library & Information services promotions campaign

ALIA & the Board are continuing to investigate the potential use of the @yourlibrary promotional tools for Australian libraries. "Libraries bring you the world" is the theme for Library & Information Week 2003.

KEY INITIATIVE 5 - Establish a national for a cross sectoral collaboration

A Peak Bodies Forum was held in February 2002 and a statement "Principles of Mutual Support" between ALIA, CAUL & CASL has been developed.

KEY INITIATIVE 6 - Develop strategic action program for special libraries

Initial work has focused in the ALIA/CAL project to develop a model licence for special libraries.

KEY INITIATIVE 7 - Develop strategic action program for public libraries

Initial focus has been on Library & Information Week.

KEY INITIATIVE 8 - Develop a strategy for career long education for the knowledge age

The LISEKA paper has been prepared and circulated for comment by 21 June 2002.

KEY INITIATIVE 9 - Identify central role of ALIA in the development of a research culture for the library & information sector

The report "Promoting research & information sharing: report of the ALIA Research Initiative Project" was accepted by the Board and a policy statement outlining ALIA's involvement in research will be implemented.

Please contact me on 9429 4580 or email dbarrett@wairc.w.gov.au for further information or to raise any particular issue.

Deanne Barrett

Indexing Courses

Endorsed by the Australian Society of Indexers!

Monday 8th July	Book Indexing	9.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 9th July	Database/Pictorial Indexing	9.30am – 4.30pm

**Venue: Centre for Business Solutions
Training Room B312
140 Royal Street
EAST PERTH**

Despite predictions that computers and search engines would make indexing obsolete, quality indexes are here to stay as readers, researchers, publishers, librarians and others admit that quality indexing adds context and integrity to a world otherwise populated by disorganised information.

CAVAL Collaborative Solutions is happy to offer the following training courses for those responsible for the provision of indexes to assist locating information.

Indexing Books – an introduction

This back-of-book indexing workshop provides an introduction to the theory of indexing and the opportunity to apply this in practical exercises.

Authors, editors, indexers, librarians and technical writers who are responsible for providing quality indexes will benefit from this workshop.

Indexing Databases and Pictorial Materials

Most organisations devote time and energy to database building, and then neglect to provide enough assistance to find the resources. Pictorial materials, such as maps, photographs, charts, etc. comprise rich sources of information, but their non-textual (i.e. pictorial) nature, can make them particularly difficult to manage, store, and access.

This workshop provides the opportunity for those responsible for the management and access of databases and pictorial materials to learn and practice indexing fundamentals such as writing abstracts and selecting index terms.

All courses are developed and presented by **Max McMaster** who has been a freelance indexer for the past 9 years. Although he has mainly worked on back-of-book indexing, he is also highly experienced in database indexing, journal indexing and web-indexing. He arrived at indexing after spending 19 years in the library and information fields, mainly involved with scientific disciplines in State government departments and CSIRO. He has in excess of 900 indexes to his name. Max lectures on indexing to editing and publishing students at RMIT, and runs indexing training courses for the Australian Society of Indexers and others all around Australia. Max has been awarded the prestigious Australian Society of Indexers Medal on three occasions.

COST: \$440.00 (\$396.00 for CAVAL & ALIA Individual Members) includes lunch

For further information please contact Eve Cornish (evvec@caval.edu.au)

Register online at http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html

CAVAL is a Registered Training Organisation

Happy LIW! I hope that you had the chance to attend some of the activities that were held to celebrate Library and Information Week, particularly the Library Technicians Breakfast at the Boatshed.

Many thanks to Joanne Comerford for her informative tour and the use of the meeting room at the Murray Street Library of Curtin University on the 14th of May. This library is primarily to support the students and staff of the Graduate School of Business.

We have a few events coming up in the next few months notably the AGM on the 24th of June, when we will need to form a new executive committee. All positions on the committee become vacant at this time. I will not be renominating as Convenor and Karen has indicated she will not be renominating as Treasurer.

This is an opportune time to recap the events we have planned for the rest of this year, as well as the ongoing programs that operate under the umbrella of WALTs.

First and foremost is the Graduate Library Technician Mentoring program, which has been restarted this year and which is gaining in momentum. A professional organization can only grow through the enthusiasm of the younger members coming through, and it is vital that the WA Library Technicians Group offers support and cpd opportunities to the new graduates who are just starting their careers.

Secondly there is the Student Conference Grant – this grant is made possible by the generosity of the Fremantle Library Technicians Conference committee and is a grant for a student to attend a National Library Technicians Conference.

Thirdly, there are the events we have planned for the rest of this year – the metadata seminar coming up in July, and the South West Forum to be held in Bunbury in September.

A lot of work has gone into organising the South West Forum, and I am sure it is going to be a very successful event.

It is essential that we have an executive to keep the WA Library Technicians Group active, so I would like to encourage our members to think carefully about nominating for one of the positions. Should you wish for more information about any of the positions please contact myself (b.bruce@curtin.edu.au) or Brenda Ellen (b.ellen@sro.wa.gov.au)

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

Until next month...

Bonnie Rae Bruce

Convenor, WA Library Technicians Group.

At the ALIA 2002 Conference, Dr Alan Bundy gave an address entitled “Only connect” which argued the need for greater connection within our profession. The professional silos that exist prevent the sharing of knowledge and resources which could be of benefit not just to a particular group but to the profession as a whole. Dr Bundy pointed out that geese flying in a V formation boost the flock’s flying range by 71% because the geese can use the uplift of the birds in front. WA groups could certainly benefit from the uplift of greater collaboration. The ALIA group application lends itself to this as the advance planning of activities (next year’s events must be included in the application due by November 1) gives the opportunity to liaise and discuss with other groups possible joint functions.

Now is the time to connect to your profession as WA Forum, the CPD Committee, WALTG, and KISWA are looking for members to serve during the 2002/03 year. Serving on committees develops many useful skills which you can also apply to your job: planning, running functions, publicity, public speaking, budgeting, time management, and so on. CPD members will know that it counts as activity G in the CPD scheme but it also develops professional and social networks. You can read about committee roles and responsibilities in the updated Office Bearer’s Guide on ALIANet.

ALIA has called for feedback into the LISEKA (Library and Information Science Education for the Knowledge Age) Project so the professional reading group meeting on June 12 will discuss the papers on this (available at <http://www.alia.org.au/education/liseka/>). The focus of the project is to develop a national approach to career-long education for library staff. This is the only meeting in WA to discuss the implications of the models so we would like as many people as possible to attend. Remember that it is your future that will be affected by the results of the LISEKA Project so take the opportunity to have your say.

Camille Peters

CPD Coordinator

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A LIBRARIAN

or

WHAT I DID FOR AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY WEEK

By Kim Grace

What a week...

It began with breakfast with author Anna Jacobs, and ended with morning tea with Elle (the Body) Echidna. In between these two events the City of Bayswater Library & Information Service offered an absolute plethora (I always wanted to use that word!) of activities for the young, the young-at-heart, and the just plain curious.

For example, how does a session on Feng Shui in the tool shed, or learning how to make bright green slime appeal to you? Yes, bright green slime, and yellow, and blue, and red. Perhaps you might have preferred a trip around the World in 60 minutes, compliments of the Internet, or an hour discovering the secrets of drawing Bart Simpson, Pikachu and slightly wobbly circles. In fact, the kids were well catered for, with regular story times at all three libraries, an evening bedtime story sojourn complete with pyjamas, and a visit from Two Tall Tale Tellers. OK, they weren't that tall, but they could certainly spin a tale or two.

For those slightly longer in the tooth there were celebrity librarians to issue your books, page counting competitions, morning and afternoon teas, free pizza, visits by the Positive Ageing Foundation and the up-and-coming band, Fourth Floor Collapse, to talk about the highs and lows of rock and roll. And no, I *don't* know how they came up with that name.

We had one-on-one Internet sessions with pre-Australian Library Week technophobes who are now happily using expressions like "Take me to cyber-surfer city, dude" and "Your URL or mine, baby?" We had a book sale that scared the pants off Amazon.com and saw people come all the way

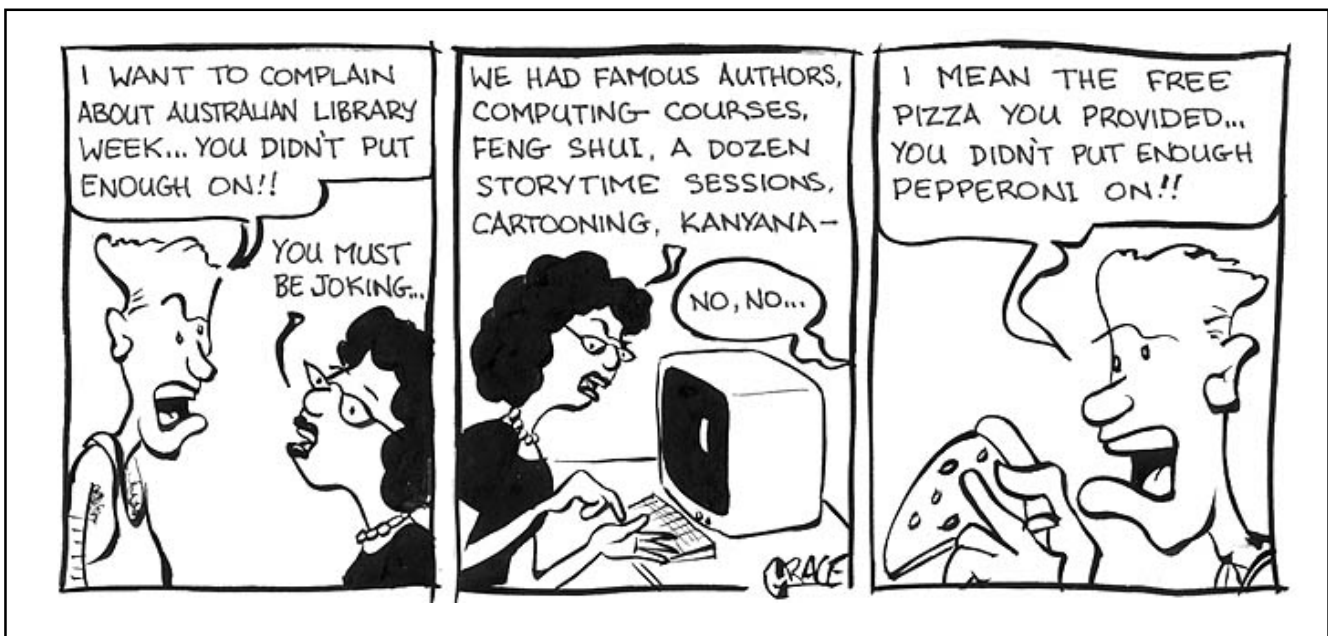
from Moora to purchase our old and weary Marbles Monthly magazines. All right, maybe they *were* visiting relatives in Perth as well, but you can see what I mean. It was huge! Big. Would you believe largish?

Yes, by the end of the week a lot of happy, satisfied and slightly more educated people had been in and out the doors of our libraries, and that was just the staff! Australian Library Week was an opportunity to say, "thank you for using our service, and please come again". It was a time to celebrate public libraries and what they mean to the community.

Imagine a community without these crucibles of the soul; Without a place to sit for hours in a warm spot with a magazine full of juicy goss; Without a place where the staff treat you like a friend and know when your next dental appointment is, even if you don't; Without a place where you can borrow a book, CD, cassette, video, comic, newspaper, or 60 cents for the bus fare; Without a place where you can e-mail a friend, type out your resume, have a conversation with a total stranger, search for a place called Popokabaka, and keep out of the rain for a couple of hours without being asked to "move on"; Without a place where you can meet famous authors, pat small smelly furry Australians (no, I am *not* referring to other patrons!), draw imperfect circles, learn how to find harmony by rearranging your cutlery, gasbag with a guitarist, or listen to librarians making complete twits of themselves as they attempt to sound like gorillas, aeroplanes and wailing sirens. And all for free.

What a week it was. Sort of makes you feel proud to be a part of libraries, part of the celebration. Maybe we should do it again next year.

But first I need a holiday.



Launching Library and Information Week 2002

Many thanks to Sam Hughes and her amazing team for organising such a splendid start to the week. Verity James proved, as usual, to be a great speaker.

The Special Librarian Award for 2002 was presented by Ms James to Ms Cheryl Hamill, as you can see from the photo below, there was quite a catalogue of previous laureates to help Cheryl celebrate too!



Verity James and Sam Hughes at the launch of LIW 2002



Cheryl Hamill
Special Librarian of the Year 2002

Verity James and seven Special Librarians

(from left) Trudy Parker, Bobbie Bruce, Verity James, Cheryl Hamill, Ini Campbell-Fraser, Ruth McIntyre, Benadette Waugh and Deanne Barrett.

Missing laureates are Ross Membrey, Brigitte Glockner and Kerry Smith



WA Forum Diary Dates

JUNE

DATE: 10TH
EVENT: WA Forum meeting
VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 11TH
EVENT: ALIA (WA) Mentoring Committee
ALIA Mentoring skills training workshop
VENUE: Tom Dadour Community Centre, Bagot Road
Subiaco
TIME: 5:30 for 6pm start, 7:30pm finish
COST: \$11 ALIA, \$13.50 others
RSVP by 7 June to Susan Marie 9381 5084
susanm@subiaco.wa.gov.au

DATE: 12TH
EVENT: CPD Professional Reading Group
LISEKA Project
VENUE: Dome Café, 149 James St, Northbridge (cnr Lake
Street)
TIME: 5:30pm
COST: free, buy your own refreshments
RSVP by Mon 10 June to Jeanette Hill
jeanette.hill@landcorp.com.au
(08)9482 7466

DATE: 13TH
EVENT: WA Society for Computers & the Law
Legal Documents: Electronic Archiving and Retrieval
PRESENTERS: Tony Caravella and Carolyn West (National
Archives of Australia)
VENUE: Telstra Theatre, Stirling St, Perth
TIME: 5:15 for 5:30pm
COST: \$20 WASCAL, ACA, NAA members
\$30 non-members
RSVP to WASCAL, Suite 4/88 Walters Drive,
Osborne Park 6017

DATE: 13TH
EVENT: Kinetica Document Delivery Course
VENUE: Training room, Level 4
Alexander Library Building
Kinetica Document Delivery manual provided
COST: \$220
CONTACT: Jane Jones 9427 3273
jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au

DATE: 19TH
EVENT: Institute for Information Management Breakfast
TOPIC: If you build it will they come?
SPEAKERS: Dr Phil Hingston, Janine Douglas, Ross Colliver
VENUE: WA Club, 101 St George's Terrace, Perth
COST: \$24 IIM members and students, \$34 non-members
RSVP by 12 June to Beth Ratering 9485 0999 (10am-3pm)
bratering@towertechnology.com.au

DATE: 19TH

EVENT: Developing a Record Keeping Plan
Information Enterprises Australia Pty Ltd and IMS
Consultancy Pty Ltd
VENUE: Training room
Information Enterprises Australia Pty Ltd
201 High Street, Fremantle
TIME: 9am - 4pm
COST: \$275
CONTACT: Rachel Moylan 9335 2533
training@iea.com.au

DATE: 19TH
EVENT: Metadata Harvesting Workshop
VENUE: TBA
CONTACT: Jenny Millea jmillea@educationau.edu.au or
Kerrie Smith ksmith@educational.edu.au 8334 3210

DATE: 21ST
EVENT: KISWA AGM
VENUE: Villa Italia, corner William and Aberdeen St,
Northbridge
TIME: 7:30am
COST: \$15 ALIA, \$19 non-ALIA
RSVP and payment by 11/6 to Carmen Romano 9378 4403
cromano@lansupport.com.au

DATE: 24TH
EVENT: WALTG AGM and dinner
VENUE: LISWA for AGM
Dinner at Hans Noodle House, James St, Northbridge
TIME: 5:30pm
RSVP: Brenda Ellen bellen@sro.wa.gov.au

DATE: 25TH
EVENT: West Perth Information Professionals Lunch
VENUE: Chaplins, 1251 Hay St, West Perth
TIME: 5:30pm
RSVP by 21 June to Jane Edinger 9263 5610
Jane.Edinger@sog.com.au

DATE: 29TH
EVENT: New Norcia Studies Day
TIME: 10am
COST: \$30 adult, \$25 student
CONTACT: Wendy McKinley 9654 8018 archives_nn@hotmail.com

JULY

DATE: 8TH
EVENT: WA Forum meeting
VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 20TH-22ND
EVENT: Local Studies Group visit to Geraldton
CONTACT: Julie Zuvella 9330 5537
jzuvella@iinet.net.au

DATE: 29TH
EVENT: Storytelling Masterclass 2002
PRESENTER: David Snowden
CONTACT: Helen Hassan (02) 9922 1580 hhasan@ark-groupasia.com

DATE: TBA
EVENT: WALTG - Metadata - what it is and how it works
VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA
EVENT: Health Libraries - Psychiatric services
TIME: 5:30 for 6pm

AUGUST

DATE: 12TH
EVENT: WA Forum meeting
VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 20TH
EVENT: WALTG General Meeting
VENUE TBA

DATE: TBA
EVENT: Kinetica Web Course
VENUE: Training room, Level 4
Alexander Library Building
Kinetica Web course guide provided
COST: \$115.50
Contact: Jane Jones 9427 3273
jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au

DATE: August/September
EVENT: Kinetica Document Delivery Course
VENUE: Training room, Level 4
Alexander Library Building
Kinetica Document Delivery manual provided
COST: \$220
Contact: Jane Jones 9427 3273
jjones@liswa.wa.gov.au

SEPTEMBER

DATE: 9TH
EVENT: WA Forum meeting
VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 14TH-15TH
EVENT: WALTG South West Seminar - weekend seminar at Bunbury
CONTACT: Brenda Ellen bellen@sro.wa.gov.au

DATE: 17TH
EVENT: Australian Copyright Council
Libraries copyright seminars
1) Copyright basics 9:30-10:30
2) Using material in the collection 11am - 1pm
3) Internet, software, videos, CDS 2 - 3pm
VENUE: School of Isolated and Distance Education

164-194 Oxford St, Leederville
COST: \$66 per session (1 & 3)
\$88 session 2
CONTACT: sales@copyright.org.au or (02) 9699 3247
Cheque to:
Australian Copyright Council
PO Box 1986
Strawberry Hills 2012 Australia

DATE: TBA
EVENT: Health Libraries HIRS @ KEMH
TIME: 5:30 for 6pm

OCTOBER

DATE: 14TH
EVENT: WA Forum meeting
VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 16TH
EVENT: WALTG General Meeting
VENUE: TBA

NOVEMBER

DATE: 4TH
EVENT: Introduction to Metadata, CAVAL
TIME: 9:30am - 12:30pm

DATE: 4TH
EVENT: Informit, CAVAL

DATE: 11TH
EVENT: WA Forum meeting
VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 25TH
EVENT: WALTG end of year function
VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA
EVENT: Health Libraries Royal Perth Hospital
TIME: 5:30 for 6pm