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Well once again welcome to the latest edition of Biblia. Last month the library and information sector lost a colleague - Dr L. Anne Clyde. Dr Clyde was a wonderful inspiration to our sector. I had the great benefit of meeting Anne last year at her workshop on web logs in libraries, which I found thoroughly interesting and which challenged me to think about blogging in a different light.

On behalf of Bonnie and myself we wish to send our sympathies and condolences to Anne's family and close friends on this tragic death.

For those who would like to attend, there will be a memorial service for Anne on the 18 October 2005 at 5pm at St George's Cathedral in Perth.

Thank you to all that provided articles for this edition of Biblia.

Regards
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Australian Library and Information Association

Dr L. Anne Clyde (Laurel Anne)
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Dr Anne Clyde was Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Iceland, and Adjunct Professor within the School of Computer and Information Science at Edith Cowan University.

In Australia, Dr Clyde held academic positions in three states, as Lecturer in School Librarianship at Townsville College of Advanced Education (now part of the James Cook University of North Queensland); as Lecturer in Librarianship at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga; and as Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Library and Information Studies, as it then was, at Edith Cowan University. In 1990 she accepted an appointment as a visiting faculty member at the University of Iceland for a year, then in 1991 moved to the University of British Columbia in Canada as Associate Professor with responsibility for Teacher Librarianship programmes. After two years in Canada, she returned to Iceland. She was also Visiting Scholar at the Graduate School of Management at the University of Western Australia in 1996 and 1999.

Professor Clyde's research interests related to the use of the Internet and online information services in a range of settings, investigating the ways in which they are understood and measured. She also studied the characteristics of research and researchers in the field of school librarianship.

Her most recent books were *Weblogs and Libraries* (2004) and *An Introduction to the Internet* (1994, twelfth edition 2004). She wrote a regular column on "InfoTech" for the North American journal *Teacher Librarian* and was Webmaster for the International Association of School Librarianship; the Web site, *School Libraries Online*, may be found at <http://www.iasl-slo.org/>

The information above was taken from Anne's own website which is still available at <http://www.hi.is/~anne/>.

Anne championed all sectors of our profession: librarians, teacher librarians and library technicians and worked hard to develop a research culture in librarianship. She was mentor and friend to many colleagues around the world who will miss her personally as well as professionally. A great communicator she inspired many individuals and worked as a catalyst for change and forward thinking in the profession. She will be sorely missed, both professionally and personally by all who knew her or were influenced by her.

Karen Anderson
Edith Cowan

There will be a memorial service at 5.00pm on 18th October, 2005 at St George's Cathedral in Perth Western Australia for Dr L. Anne Clyde. All are very welcome to attend. Please join us to remember Anne and to celebrate her life and the wonderful contribution she made to our profession. St George's Cathedral is at 38 St George's Terrace, Perth, opposite the Perth City Council building.

Australian natural resources and agriculture information online

If anyone was wondering whatever happened to Streamline, ABOA (Australian Bibliography Of Agriculture) and ARRIP (Australian Rural Research In Progress) they haven't disappeared, they have all been combined into a free online resource called AANRO, Australian Agriculture and Natural Resources Online, at <http://www.aanro.net/>. The databases are also available as online subscriptions from RMIT Publishing <http://www.rmitpublishing.com.au/products.asp?type=io> but the free site has additional material and features, such as data collections from organisations which fund the system and the ability for researchers to add their projects online.

A lot of development work has gone into AANRO recently. The formerly separate databases are now all searched together, along with selected websites and full text publications. Of course it isn't Google and the search syntax may be unfamiliar, but the advanced screen offers a variety of options for refining and limiting searches, including controlled terms. Results are presented in two main groupings: research projects and publications, with further subdivisions according to how old citations are and whether the full text is available online.

For people who prefer a graphical interface Geosearch enables the searcher to locate records relevant to a geographic area by clicking on a map and homing in on specific regions via drainage basins, agro-ecological regions or states and territories. Search terms can be used in conjunction with the maps.

To sum up: screens are clear and uncluttered, the proportion of online information has increased significantly, searching and management of results has been improved and more help has been added. If you haven't tried it lately it is worth a look <http://www.aanro.net/>.

From Pauline Sawyer, Department of Agriculture
A/Coordinator Information Delivery

CLICK06 - ALIA 2006 Biennial Conference

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre

Perth, Western Australia, 19 - 22 September 2006

The countdown is on – less than one year to go to until Click 06!

The Conference will be held in Perth from 19 - 22 September 2006 in the brand new Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Click 06 Conference Organising Committee has been busy planning an array of amazing speakers, exciting site tours and fabulous functions.

Recent developments from the Conference Organising Committee:

- Website launched – <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2006/>
- Promotional postcards produced for distribution at conferences
- Exhibition & Sponsorship Prospectus to be out shortly
- Keynote speakers identified
- Seven satellite events and a number of Library Tours organised
- Range of social activities planned – Welcome Function, First Timers Breakfast, Conference Dinner

Put it in your calendar today and watch the website <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2006/> to keep informed about the latest Conference news, social events, Conference programme, pre- and post-conference tour details and, of course, to register your interest.

Hope to see you at Click 06!



National Library of Australia, Canberra Visit to Perth 20th September 2005



by the Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Jan Fullerton and Senior Staff was well received by approximately 100 colleagues and students who attended the presentations at the State Library of Western Australia. Both the NLA and State Library of WA are thanked for their hospitality.

It was a very full morning program and an ideal opportunity to catch in a nutshell, many of the current initiatives of this large national institution. Jan Fullerton opened the session by outlining the NLA's Strategic Directions - see: <http://www.nla.gov.au/library/directions.html> We were then treated to an entertaining and informative run down from Mark Corbould, Assistant Director-General Information Technology, on some of the ways in which the new Internet technologies might be used by NLA . We found out that the technology can work for live demonstrations most of the time and when it does not, then there is always something else we can try. Roxanne Missingham, Assistant Director-General Resource Sharing then outlined the planning behind and the Libraries Australia initiative - <http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au/apps/kss> and also the intricacies of reaching agreement on the free access model to this initiative. Marie-Louise Ayres, Project Manager, MusicAustralia ably assisted Roxanne and other NLA colleagues with some interesting demonstrations of this and other online products.

Dr Warwick S Cathro, Assistant Director-General Innovation is well known to many of us through conference presentations on many initiatives including Dublin core metadata, information architecture, the National Document and Information Service (NDIS) Project. It was exciting to hear him now outline ways in which the NLA might be improving access through national infrastructure in order to enable seamless access for library users throughout Australia. He was followed by Jasmine Cameron, Assistant Director-General Executive & Coordination Support who outlined the Digitisation for national access: Music Australia and Australian Newspapers Online projects. Music Australia is now well and truly up and running – see <http://www.musicaustralia.org/> with the Newspapers Online project in test form.

All of these initiatives are based on the extensive collections of the NLA and collaborating libraries, something which all speakers stressed. Pam Gatenby, Assistant Director-General Collections Management outlined how the NLA's collections made these projects possible and how their value as records for all Australians continued to be recognised. Much time is spent at the NLA properly documenting and cataloguing all of its holdings. The program closed with a short presentation on National Site Licensing from Roxanne Missingham who outlined actions resulting from a forum held on the topic in 2004 <http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/sitelicense/sitlic.html> We were encouraged to refer to the issues paper - <http://www.nla.gov.au/initiatives/meetings/sitelicense/nlproposal.html> for further information.

The NLA emphasised the value of the formal and informal collaborative arrangements that are the hallmark of Australian libraries. It is hoped that this event, “sponsored” by Information Studies @ Curtin, the State Library of WA and ALIAWest encourages renewed interest amongst the profession in WA for matters of professional interest.

Kerry Smith, Information Studies @ Curtin



Implementation of quality systems and certification in biomedical libraries.

EAHIL workshop. Palermo, Sicily. June 23-25 2005

I attended the European Association for Health Information and Libraries Workshop, held at the Palazzo dei Normanni in Palermo, Sicily in June 2005. To quote the EAHIL President, Arne Jakobsson “A central role for medical and health libraries is to improve the quality of lives by facilitating effective access to quality health information.”

I thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to listen to developments and ideas in other health libraries, and to put faces to some names whose works I've read. Over 200 delegates attended. Summaries of papers presented, reminiscences and information about related meetings can be seen on both the EAHIL website at <http://www.eahil.net/newsletter/newsletters.htm>. and on the workshop website at <http://www.pa.izs.it/eahil/>. Practical aspects of measuring quality in libraries were addressed, as well as papers on evidence-based librarianship, evaluating electronic resources and developing web-based tutorials. The bottom line could be said to be that libraries need to develop ways to show that they are indeed meeting or exceeding customer expectations. Speakers came from many countries including Germany, Italy, Norway, Poland, Sweden, UK, USA and Australia. There were also some excellent poster presentations and a small trade display, held in the courtyard of the historic Palazzo.

Anne Brice, from the UK, won the Oral Presentation Award, presented in memory of Luigina Lazzari, for her presentation on challenges in applying critical appraisal methods to health library literature. Vittorio Ponzani and Donatella Gentili, from Italy, won the Poster Prize for their poster titled “**E-Journals versus databases? An evaluation study on users' behaviour in a research library**”.

I enjoyed the wonderful opportunities to be wined and dined in the Mediterranean manner, on the terraces and courtyards of stunningly beautiful Palazzo's - all an integral part of attending conferences I assure you! The next conference will be held in Cluj, Romania, September 2006, and the call for papers is out now at http://www.eahilconfcluj.ro/call_for_papers.html. I highly recommend anyone participating or attending should the chance arise. I am happy to share my notes and other gems gleaned from the workshop, if you would like to contact me on 08 9224 2295 or jeanette.longwood@health.wa.gov.au

Jeanette Longwood
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DIARY DATES**OCTOBER**

DATE: 1ST (SAT)
 EVENT: Transforming Information and Learning Conference
<http://www.chs.edu.au/TILC/>
 VENUE: Building 17
 2 Bradford Street
 Mount Lawley
 COST: \$110 Early bird registration fee (closes 15 September)
 \$150 late registration fee (after 15 September)
 \$80 ALIA/ASLA member
 Free for SCIS students \$55 ECU students
 Registration closes 25 September

DATE: 11TH (TUES)
 EVENT: Academic and Research Libraries Group (WA)
 Research in Progress evening
 VENUE: Seminar room
 Library Building (No 8)
 Edith Cowan University
 2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley
 TIME: 5:30 for 6pm
 COST: \$6 ALIA members, \$8 non-ALIA, free for students
 RSVP by 7/10 to l.billingham@ecu.edu.au

DATE: 12TH (WED)
 EVENT: WA Region National Advisory Congress meeting
 VENUE: UWA Medical and Dental Library
 Cnr Thomas Street and Monash Avenue, Nedlands
 TIME: 5:30pm
 CONTACT: Kay Poustie 9382 1261
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DATE: 17TH (MON)
 EVENT: State Records office of Western Australia Sandwich Seminar
 TOPIC: Cultivating the sources: agriculture, horticulture and landscape in the State Records Office
 VENUE: South West Room; Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 12:30 - 1:30pm
 BOOKINGS: Book at the enquiry desk or 9427 3360

DATE: 28TH (FRI)
 EVENT: FIRK (Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping) breakfast
 TIME: 7:30am

DATE: OCTOBER
 EVENT: IIM Breakfast
 State Records Office Presentation

DECEMBER

DATE: 9TH (FRI)
 EVENT: FIRK (Fellowship in Information and Record Keeping) breakfast
 TIME: 7:30am

DATE: 9TH (FRI)
 EVENT: Jan Partridge's Retirement Dinner
 VENUE: Curtin on the Park, Curtin University
 TIME: 7:30pm

DATE: DECEMBER
 EVENT: State Records office of Western Australia Sandwich Seminar
 TOPIC: End of year review
 VENUE: South West Room
 Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 12:30 - 1:30pm
 BOOKINGS: Book at the enquiry desk or 9427 3360

