

# TechTalk

Christmas Edition 2009

Wishing all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful 2010

## The NSW Contingent at the ALIA National LT 2009 Conference in Adelaide



### From the Convenor:

It was good to catch up with fellow Libtechers at our Christmas Get-together. If all the absentees who replied had joined our group that evening we would have made nearly 50 attendees! We love to hear from you even if you sometimes cannot make it.

A big thank you to all those who participated in our events during this past year. Our Committee worked hard to bring you quality professional learning and we have more in store for 2010. Our committee for the coming year is as follows:-

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We would really appreciate more volunteers to help us with our activities. We are all busy people but if you are prepared to help out a little, then your assistance would be gratefully received. Similarly, if you know of anyone who would like to be updated when we announce our events, please let me know and I will put their name on our database.

### 2010

To start off our year Michael Swire from Wollongong Uni is kindly organising an exciting day in the ‘Gong’ commencing from Central Station, first stop Thirroul District Community Centre & Library then Wollongong Uni. So if you are interested in *Living Libraries* and *RFID* and at the same time seeing these libraries (and having

a day out in Wollongong!), keep an eye out for the date in February. We will confirm it as soon as we can. It would be great to see you again and if you have any interested friends in the Wollongong area, please let them know too.

Just to name a few more of our proposed activities: Rob is organising another **UnConference** and Kevin is planning to hold more **Leadership for Library Technicians** workshops. If you have attended our Workshop 1 and would like a follow-on, keep an eye out for Workshop 2. We hope to have a day where we can enjoy the presentations of those from NSW who gave talks at our National Library Technicians Conference last September, so those who missed out on attending the conference can have the opportunity to hear them. Don't forget you can now look up the papers at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/programs.php>

A **Resume Writing Workshop** for our Library TAFE students, and an **Acquisitions Seminar** are two other areas that have been suggested. ALIA is holding a conference in Brisbane in September 2010 (see <http://www.alia.org.au/events/2010wiki/pmwiki.php>) and of course we have our annual social occasions of **National Library Technicians Day**, **TouringTechs** and our **Christmas Get-together**. If you work at or know a suitable venue for any of these activities let us know so that we can keep our costs to a minimum.

We would also like you to suggest anything else that you are particularly interested in. Please pass on your ideas whether you are a library student, technician, officer, assistant, SAO or an interested person – all are welcome to join us. It is for your professional learning that we hold these activities so that you can be more competent in the workplace and, at the same time, find others with similar interests.

I hope you all enjoy the coming festive season and trust that the New Year will bring lots of new learning and opportunities to make new friends. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

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### My Rural Conference Experience

Two days at Leeton at the RIVPAT (Riverina Professional Association of Teacher Librarians) Conference on 12th and 13th November last was a wonderful experience. No sooner had we arrived on the Thursday afternoon, after my husband and I drove the 7 hours from Sydney, that Peta Newsam, Teacher Librarian, Leeton High School, took me to meet the Deputy Principal and tour their high school library. Other libraries are always worthwhile visiting to get ideas and see how their workplaces run.

The Conference Dinner, held at a local restaurant, was a good start to meeting old and new acquaintances before the conference on the Friday. My conversations with people at my table from the local public library and Wagga Wagga Catholic Diocese made very interesting networking.



Our very comfortable heritage style accommodation was at the Historic Hydro Motor Inn, one of Leeton's most prominent and

original landmarks. Built in 1917-19, its original purpose was to accommodate government employees of the Water Conservation & Irrigation Commission during development of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme and later to serve as temporary accommodation for intending soldier settlers post WWI.



Its stained glass windows and murals depicting the history of the area, set amongst the period furniture was spectacular. (It must have looked like the Taj Mahal in its day!)



On the Friday morning we were greeted at the conference venue, Yanco Agricultural High School, Leeton, by the RIVPAT President, Liz Hammond (Teacher Librarian, St. Francis College, Leeton) and Peta where welcome refreshments were served by the hospitality students from the neighbouring St. Francis College. The Trade Fair was also there in their prime. It was pleasing to see a few familiar faces from ALIA and ASLA (Australian School Library Association) NSW members and Charles Sturt University.

Yanco Agricultural High School was built in 1899 as a mansion for irrigation pioneer Sir Samuel McCaughey and features stained glass windows and well-maintained gardens. The school, established in 1922, is one of three state residential agricultural high schools. All students

are boarders making the school the only public school in NSW that has no day students. As their speciality they offer a study of agriculture in Years 7-12 and a senior course in Equine Studies. The day's proceedings commenced with the keynote speaker, Paul Stafford, Author from Bathurst, who was very well received by all participants. Concurrent sessions followed after morning tea by Matt Ottley, Author and Illustrator, Helen Benacek representing the State Library of NSW, Hilary Hughes from the Centre for Learning Innovation and myself.

For my presentation titled "Building the perfect team @ your library: suggestions for team empowerment" there were 16 library technicians and assistants from Leeton and the surrounding areas of Griffith, Hay, Deniliquin, Culcairn, Finley, Narrandera and Temora covering DET primary and high schools, private/independent schools and public libraries. This representation of schools also continued after lunch to a network meeting which was my privilege to facilitate around a boardroom table in the McCaughey Mansion - a fabulous venue.



At this network meeting we discussed lots of current library issues, which happily were resolved. It was evident that this community sharing discussion had not occurred between this group before, it being the first time they had come together and, in some cases, the first time they had met each other. In city schools we often take our networking opportunities for granted - our South Western Sydney region Teacher Librarians and Library Assistants have conference days every term. It was wonderful to see the new camaraderie between these regional library employees take flight and allow new friendships to foster between their neighbouring peers. Being mindful of the fact that the distance between their schools is far greater than ours, contact with them will be encouraged through our library networks.

During the lunch break, while the RIVPAT AGM was being held, we were invited on a bus tour of the Yanco Agricultural High School grounds, set on 270 hectares between Leeton and Narrandera in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. As well as being taken around the outskirts of the property, we were shown their Murray Grey Stud, White Suffolk Sheep Stud, horticulture, irrigation and recycled sewerage systems, milking sheds, piggery, poultry, teaching orchard, farm equipment housing, show jumping arena, student borders' quarters and recreational facilities such as swimming pool, tennis courts, ovals and gymnasium. This was a wonderful opportunity to see first hand an agricultural high school in operation.

In the afternoon a conference panel comprising Paul Stafford and Matt Ottley (authors), Kerry Gestier (Education Officer, CSO, Wagga) and myself discussed issues and questions from the conference committee and the floor. This was a most daunting task for me, having never participated on a panel discussion before, but I survived!

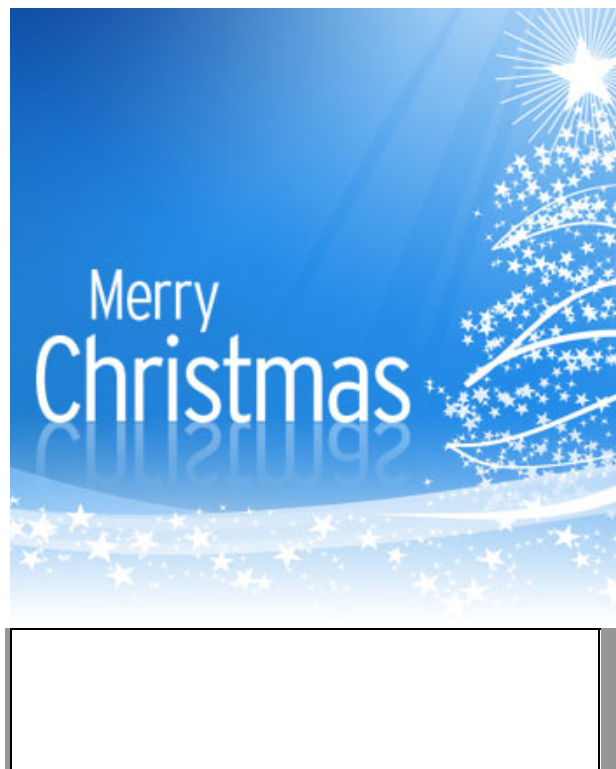
Afternoon tea concluded the conference, which was a very successful event for all concerned. The next RIVPAT Conference in 2010 is to be held in the Albury district.

The hosting by this conference committee, especially in my case by Peta, was exceptional. The friendly atmosphere was electric and my visit to the rural NSW region was beyond all expectations. Even after the conference our hosts continued to entertain us. Peta and her regional library friends at Griffith entertained my husband and me on the Friday night at the Ray Martin Book Launch. This was a very entertaining evening and it was also interesting to be driven on our way there through the surrounding countryside and see the lush vineyards and orange trees in their prime. This hospitality even continued on Saturday morning where Peta took Helen Benacek and myself to the newly built Leeton Public Library and we then departed Leeton after morning tea, spending the rest of the day and evening with a friend in Wagga Wagga before the journey home.

Being given the opportunity to see first hand how rural NSW libraries operate was a tremendous experience (even if it was nudging 43 degrees every day and the car air conditioning broke down just after we left home). We can all learn from these opportunities, not only to appreciate our own environment, but hopefully enrich the lives of

other library cohorts as we work toward the same endeavour of serving our library clients.

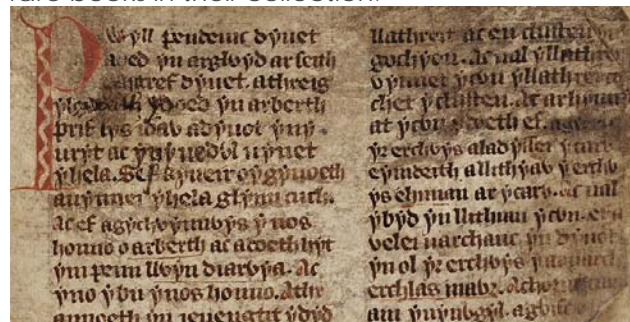
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### Library Visit

<http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=2>

While I was in the UK during September – October this year, my wife and I visited the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth. This Library is regarded as one of the great libraries of the world and is one of the very few National Libraries not to be housed in the national capital of a country. My wife was chasing down her ancestors and was able to access the 1910 UK Census while we were there while I went off and explored the building. At the time we were there they were having an exhibition of some of the rare books in their collection.



Amongst the collection were books such as The Black Book of Carmarthen:

<http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=blackbookofcarmarthen>

The Black Book of Carmarthen, so called because of the colour of its binding and its connection with the Priory of St John the

Evangelist and Teulyddog, Carmarthen, is now thought by modern scholars to be the work of a single scribe writing at different periods of his life before and about the year 1250. This makes it one of the earliest surviving manuscripts written solely in the Welsh language. It was designated one of the 'Four Ancient Books of Wales' by William Forbes Skene (1809-92), although he believed it to have been written much earlier in the twelfth century.

There was also a copy of the Latin text of the Laws of Hywel Dda. The 'Laws of Hywel Dda' is the term applied to a system of native Welsh law named after Hywel Dda (died 950) who is credited with its codification. None of the surviving Welsh law manuscripts, however, is earlier than the second quarter of the thirteenth century. Although they contain law that is of twelfth and thirteenth century origin, scholars are agreed that these manuscripts contain a core of matter that is much earlier in date.

Considering the history of book burnings and wars of invasion and occupation seeing these ancient texts was quite amazing (there were over a dozen of these manuscripts). The Library is well worth a visit if you are in West Wales – especially on a rainy day! (It poured down while we were there!) We also got Reader's Cards, which expire in 2012 – so now we have another reason to go back!

There is also a brilliant tour you can do through the collection:  
<http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=59>

Rob!



### Fancy Canada?

Any Library Technicians willing to do a job exchange with me? I would love to spend some time in Australia. Thanks Jill

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## Dates for Your Diary

- 9 – 11 Feb VALA2010 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference: "Connections. Content. Conversations."  
<http://www.vala.org.au/conf2010.htm>
- 10 – 12 March IDEA10: Learning futures: technology challenges  
<http://www.linkaffiliates.net.au/idea10/>
- 24 – 28 May ALIA Library & Information Week
- 25 May ALIA National Library Technicians Day
- 26 May ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime
- 2 – 5 June 65<sup>th</sup> Canadian Library Association CLA/ACB National Conference, Edmonton, Alberta  
<http://www.cla.ca/conference/2010/>
- 13-16 June Special Libraries Association 2010 Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana USA  
<http://www.sla.org/neworleans2010>
- 18-19 June Children's Book Council of Aust. State Conference, Menzies Hotel, Sydney
- 24 – 30 June American Library Association 2010 Annual Conference, Washington DC USA  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm>
- 13 – 16 July Impact 2010 – Public Libraries NSW Country Conference, Albury  
<http://www.impact2010.com.au/>
- 2 – 3 Sept ALIA Access 2010 Conference, Brisbane  
<http://www.alia.org.au/events/2010wiki/pmwiki.php>
- 27/9 – 1 Oct SLAQ/IASL Librarianship Conference - Joint School Library Association of Queensland / International Association of School Librarianship Annual Conference, Brisbane

More Conferences here:

<http://library2.usask.ca/~dworacze/CONF.HTM>  
 (If you're planning a holiday this year this is a great place to check and see if there's a conference you can attend while you're there – Tax refund, people!!) And don't forget Library Folk in the Pub:

<http://www.lfip.info/>

Last Wednesday of the month

Shhh!!



## MayDay UnConference

1st May 2010

More Information Coming Soon!

\*The Soviet Propaganda poster above translates to say, "Keep your tongue behind your teeth" or Keep quiet!

**The Touringtechs visit to City of Sydney's New Surry Hills Library and The NSW Teacher's Federation Library Saturday, 24th October, 2009**



Matthew Griffiths and Jennifer Dyer did a marvellous job organising this tour, the weather was lovely as well to kick off a great day. We all met at the new "Sexy" Surry Hills Library (Sydney Morning Herald's description).

There to greet us at the City of Sydney Council's, new Surry Hills Library & Community Centre, was Team Leader, Mr Paul Garbin. Paul shared his knowledge about the history of the Surry Hills Library and Community Centre, first built in 1956; it was then a small and modest building. Since then, the community of Surry Hills has continuously changed. Diverse cultural groups

and businesses have ebbed and flowed over time.

The need for a new community facility was recognised in 2004. The City Council viewed this as an opportunity to deliver a new facility that was iconic and reached a high level of sustainability and design standards. In 2005 architects FJMT, headed by Richard Francis-Jones, were awarded the project.

This Library and Community Centre sets new benchmarks for the sustainable design of public buildings. Look at [behind the scenes](#) with the architect, Richard Francis-Jones.



Community consultation contributed to the design concepts and in 2007 the old community centre was demolished to make way for an innovative hybrid building containing a new library, community centre and childcare facility.



Clover Moore opening the Library June 2009

This building is very different to any library I have seen: all natural materials and utilising nature to offset the use of electricity and water; a very unusual native grass roof which collects its own rain water for toilet flushing. [More here ...](#)



Our next stop was a short distance away at the NSW Teacher's Federation Building. The NSW Teacher's Federation Librarian, Mary Schmidt, was there to greet us and before we entered into the library, we were all fascinated with the largest collection of school badges at the entrance to the library. Nearly every school in NSW was represented.

The library has a specialised collection of fashion and design while also housing a large Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender collection. There are 16 public access computers, a local history section (temporarily out of action - a freak flood occurred soon after opening) plus a coffee area where you can sit and read or take advantage of the free WiFi.



This specialised library and its staff support the trade union members of the NSW Teacher's Federation, which includes TAFE, public schools, sport and recreation and prison teachers.

Since 1922 the Federation has offered a library service to its members. Today the the services and resources cover:

- Educational Policy
- Campaigns
- Industrial work
- Equity and professional development issues.
- Education related Fact sheets
- Meeting and training rooms

A lot of thought has been given to the décor of this library – all black and white with 2 full walls of glass and greenery bringing the outside atmosphere into the library. 700 people utilise this space every day. Open display shelves of DVDs surround the entrance and circulation desk and the fiction and non-fiction books are housed downstairs on another level. The latest in technology is showcased throughout the whole building. This is a unique complex, which will set a new point of reference for future ecological library function and design.

The library has an archival collection of rare books and material associated with the early educational development of NSW.



A postal service also supports regional members with book and DVD services, while all members have password protected electronic access to resources via the Internet, intranet and databases. Currently there are 300 active borrowers.

Mary enlightened us on the not so long ago unjust employment conditions of women teachers, the "Married Women's Act" of 1895. Before this was repealed, women teachers had to resign to get married, which sounds unimaginable today. Another fact was that the Headmaster's wife was expected to be the sewing teacher of the school with the Headmaster receiving the payment for her services!

Next we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Strawberry X Café. Much discussion was had about what we had seen and discovered about these two very different libraries, and also a bit about each other's roles in our own libraries.

Thank you again, Matthew and Jennifer, for a fascinating day and the opportunity to meet some great people.

Report compiled by **Michael Swire**, ALIATec (CP)

I wish to thank, the City of Sydney Council and the NSW Teacher's Federation, and their friendly staff, for the opportunity to view their collections and learn about the history behind their buildings.

Much of the information contained in this report was extracted from these websites: [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) and [www.nswtf.org.au](http://www.nswtf.org.au)



The touringtechs on tour!

## ALIA Library Technician Research Award 2009



Hi my name is Janette Telford and I was awarded the **ALIA Library Technician Research Award** at the ALIA National Library & Information Technician Conference held in Adelaide this year. I have been involved with ALIA for a number of years and currently hold positions on both the NSW Library Technicians Group and National Library Technicians Group.

The topic of my research project is: **Is there a career path for library technicians?** In order to accomplish this I hope to be visiting various institutions both in Australia and overseas to assist with my research. So far I have visited Mount Druitt TAFE (2 classes) and have also

visited Ultimo TAFE. There are a number of issues I would like to explore including

- A survey about library technicians. If you would like to participate in the survey please email [janette.telford@acu.edu.au](mailto:janette.telford@acu.edu.au) and I will send you a copy.
- Constructing and updating a wiki page
- Finding out what the current students expect to find once they have graduated
- Networking with students about what ALIA can do to assist with their career
- Next year I hope to visit the majority of capital cities in Australia to listen to students, lecturers and staff regarding these issues.

Since receiving this award I have been very privileged to be accepted to present at the Canadian Library Association Conference at Edmonton, Alberta in June 2010. The topic of my presentation is "following career path from Certificate III to Advanced Diploma and perhaps even a Degree".

The wiki is located at: <http://ltcareerpath.wikispaces.com/> and monthly updates will be posted there.

Within my wiki I have compiled a list of conferences in Australia, Canada and USA. This is to alert Library Technicians and others of the conferences in their area. It is important to increase their awareness of current technology and social networks.

One of my reasons for researching this area is my curiosity in the career paths for Library Technicians from the past and what direction they may take in the future. I hope to interview Library Technicians that are not in the normal mainstream of library work but who still have Library Technician qualifications. In my case my career has been varied and I have been lucky in the positions I have had in the past. These positions included:

- Working overseas in Tonga for 2 years at Atenisi University
- Working for over 8 years in government departmental libraries
- Volunteering in the Paralympics Library in Sydney 2000
- Working in customer service roles
- Currently working in an academic library for over 15 years

Janette Telford



**Trish D'Arcy – National Library Technician of the Year with Janette Telford ALIA Library Technician Research Award 2009 recipients.**

The **ALIA Library Technician Research Award** (previously the Dunn & Wilson scholarship) provides the recipient/s with an opportunity to undertake a particular project of relevance to the role of a library technician in the broad library and information profession. Charles Sturt University and Blackwells proudly sponsored the award this year.

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All the ALIA National LT of the Year's together

Scenes from the one8nine UnConference:



Rob opening proceedings (or reciting a poem!)



Coffee, tea, food, and more networking



Eager one8niners



Amy Luscombe our Opening Speaker



Tag teaming

Remember, for more on the one8nine UnConference visit the blog at <http://one8nineunconference.wordpress.com>

The day began with a coffee/tea break upstairs at the ACU North Sydney Library staff dining room before we went downstairs to our rooms for the 'official' opening of the one8nine UnConference. After a brief welcome, explanation and introduction to the day we were introduced to Amy Luscombe from Banarra (<http://www.banarra.com> - a sustainability assurance and sustainability advice company located in Sydney) who gave an entertaining and informative talk on 'Sustainability' and what that means to those of us who work in libraries. Amy's talk was very informative and interactive and provoked lots of great questions which continued over morning tea.



Networking over morning tea

From the 25 people who were expected, we had 21 participants on the day (some people had been called into work on the Saturday). 16 participants were ALIA members and 5 were new to ALIA NSW Library Technician events.

After morning tea we broke into 4 workshop groups to examine a wide range of subjects:

Google Docs; Libraries and Web 2.0; Virtual Libraries; and Flickr, Social Networks and Education. We then retired for lunch with some people staying in the staff dining room, others going to Greenwood Plaza, while the rest of us went to the Rag and Famish hotel for some excellent crispy topped pies!

The afternoon sessions saw workshops on Koha; Libraries and Social Media and Web 2.0; Google Analytics; a view on Web 3.0 and highlights of the American Library Association (ALA) Conference this year in Chicago, USA, before we concluded the day with a video of the five finalists of the Book Cart Drill Teams competition at the ALA Conference.

A great day of interaction, collaboration and information sharing and networking! Lots of food, coffee and tea were on offer and a great opportunity to see the potential of various Web 2.0 applications and technologies. 'UnCertificates of Participation' in the first NSW Library UnConference were handed to all participants at the end of the day which concluded at 4.40pm.

Thanks again to the ALIA NSW LibTec committee and everyone who came and participated with such great enthusiasm and energy. Evaluation forms were circulated and collected at the end of the day and these indicated a few areas where we can improve, mainly in allowing more time for networking opportunities.

Rob!



## Report on the ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference

It was chilly weather in Adelaide for the **ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference** in September last but the networking and camaraderie at the conference was anything but that. Old friends, lots of new faces, inspiring speakers and great food made the total package well worth the visit. Set

amongst the pristine architecture of the "**City of Churches**", the conference setting gave everyone an opportunity to explore this great city with its friendly infrastructure at the ready.

National conferences are times of great uplift for me. I thoroughly enjoy the school tours to update me on what others are doing – there's always something that takes my eye that can also be done in my library.

Kevin Dudeney's "**Leadership for Library Technicians**" workshop that I assisted was another success story – more people turned up than had enrolled and we invited them all! It was encouraging to see the attendees so eager to participate.

Another bonus was being able to attend the **ALIA Library Technicians National Advisory Congress** meeting in the evening and discuss with other passionate library technicians from the other states our views on "**Lobbying and Advocacy: working together to make a difference**".

"**Technology**", "**Technique**" and "**Unique**" were the conference topics for each day. A mix of keynotes, workshops and presentations gave us an insight into how we can take up the challenge and influence other library staff in our organization. Topics covered and presentations can now be found at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/programs.php>

Congratulations to Trish D'Arcy who was awarded the "**2009 Library Technician of the Year**" (sponsored by Edith Cowan University) and Janette Telford, the "**ALIA Library Technician Research Award**" (sponsored by Charles Sturt University & Blackwell's) - see Janette's article in this newsletter on how you can assist in her research.

It is not too early to think about the next **National Library Technicians Conference in Perth in 2011** and start saving. If you have not presented at a conference before, now is a good time to think about topics that you could talk on - work towards building on them in the next 12 months so that you will be better equipped when the **Call for Papers** is announced.

Thank you Adelaide for your hospitality and we look forward with anticipation to Spring in Western Australia 2011.

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Participants at the "Leadership for Library Technicians" workshop at the ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference in Adelaide



Line dancing? More LTs participating in the "Leadership for Library Technicians" workshop



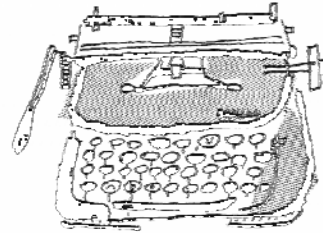
LT's networking at the "Leadership for Library Technicians"



The publication of this edition of TechTalk is the culmination of my time here at BlueScope Steel. Due to cost cutting and 'rationalisation' my role here at the Research Library has been made redundant and I finish my (almost) 18 years with the Library and 31 years with BHP/BlueScope on Christmas Eve.

In the next edition of TechTalk I hope to advise you of my new surroundings and new Library environment.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS!



Jennifer Dyer was invited to the Professional Teachers' Council NSW (PTC NSW) Annual Presentation Evening and was presented with an **"Outstanding Professional Service Award"** by the NSW Minister for Education, Verity Firth! This award was the result of a nomination by the Australian School Library Association (NSW) who is a member of the PTC NSW as are 45 other member associations. Jennifer was the only recipient who was not a teacher, so feels very honoured to be included. Her citation reads:

"Jennifer Dyer has given outstanding service to the Australian School Library Association (NSW)

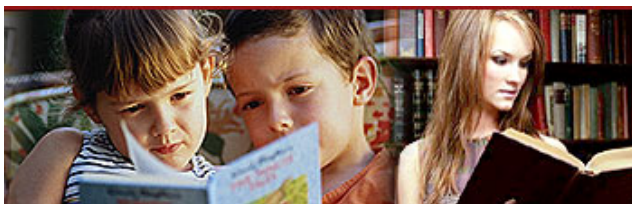
over many years as Committee member and Secretary. She has promoted professional practice for school library staff by presenting and publishing on a number of subjects across NSW and Australia. Her particular topic on the recruitment and training of volunteers has gained her stature as an effective innovator and communicator.

Jennifer's ability and skill as an organiser and record keeper is exemplary. In her role as team member she has helped ASLA (NSW) deliver professional development and conference events to the highest standard. ASLA (NSW) is grateful to Jennifer for her remarkable devotion to all aspects of administration in the organisation and as a role model in the workplace"

Jennifer said "my whole aim since I have been working in libraries over the last 10 years is to do what our school motto says - "reach for the stars" - my interpretation being to achieve goals as a Library Assistant that aren't normally recognised by the hierarchy (whoever they be - school, region, professional associations); to show that Library Assistants can also achieve what teachers achieve and not be put in the corner to just cover books! In other words I want to pave a pathway for others to follow in my footsteps for when I retire (not that I'm retiring just yet!); and give Library Assistants career pathways that they can pursue while, at the same time, enjoy their work while so doing".

Big congratulations to Jennifer – an amazing honour!

Rob!



This edition of TechTalk has been another production of the

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Rob Thomson - Editor



**Wishing you all a Wonderful and Successful 2010!**

**Support the ALIA NSW LT Group and be a part of a vibrant organisation.**