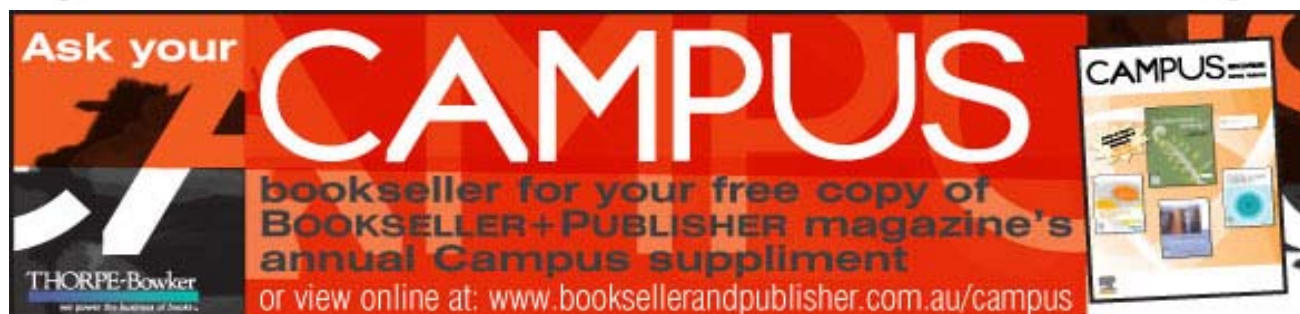


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## Plan to privatise Auckland libraries

A group of Auckland City Councillors has attacked a proposal to privatise a range of the city's key cultural and civic facilities, including its libraries.

New Zealand media is reporting that officers from Auckland City have floated the idea of using businessmen instead of councillors to run the city's libraries, parks, swimming pools and the zoo.

The officers reportedly expanded the proposal for a holding company to manage the council's interests in Auckland Airport and Westhaven Marina to include community services.

'Officers have accepted that the plan would be a sensitive issue with the public and would create a perception of maximising profits and a step towards privatization,' the *New Zealand Herald* reported on Thursday.

'But they are firmly of the view that professional, business-focused directors would bring improved governance and increased commercial focus, lacking from the likes of Mayor John Banks and councillors.'

However, City Vision-Labour Councillors said they were deeply concerned that Citizens and Ratepayers (C&R) Councillors, who commissioned the initial report, had paved the way for taking key council activities and assets out of council's democratic controls.

'This has been sprung on the Auckland public,' Councillor Cathy Casey said.

'While there was some prior discussion about a holding company for the airport shares, there has no warning to the public that this is coming for other council activities and assets.'

'This is will be a shock to the people of Auckland who still remember the sales of Auckland Airport shares and pensioner housing under the last C&R Council.'

Councillor Richard Northey said the holding company would have a commercial focus which may lead to the axing of free library membership and books.

'Successive councils under all political persuasions have recognised that these activities should be carried out in an effective, efficient, business-like way, but both the left and the right have recognised that it is in the best interests for the public of Auckland that they remain in control of democratically elected councillors,' Northey said.

In the report to a finance and strategy committee meeting, officers said a key benefit from a holding company would be a separation of commercial decision-making from political decision-making where appropriate.

Finance chairman Doug Armstrong said his Citizens and Ratepayers colleagues favoured a holding company to look after commercial assets such as the council's airport shares and Westhaven Marina.

However, he said C&R would have to give the matter a great deal of thought before considering moving social services such as libraries across to a holding company.

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## NEWS

### LIANZA announces recipients of awards for 2008



The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) has announced a series of awards to be presented at the LIANZA Conference in Auckland from November 2-5.

The Fellowship (FLIANZA) is an honorary award by peer nomination and is the highest professional award within the New Zealand library and information profession.

Six Fellowships have been awarded in 2008, to Rosalie Blake, Alan Edwards, Alison Fields, Beverly Fletcher, Geraldine Howell and Michaela O'Donovan.

The Associateship (ALIANZA) is the highest professional attainment a member of the profession can attain by application.

In 2008 17 Associateships have been awarded to Louise Booth, Marlene Boyd, Helen Brownlie, Megan Clark, Julie Anne Farquharson, Elizabeth Finnie, Sheila Ford, Bernard Hawke, Mark Hughes, Craig Murray, Samantha Searle, Cherie Shum, Andrea Simonsen, Kim Taunga, Janet Upton, Margaret Walker and Kris Wehipeihana.

Hilary Rendell, the library manager at the Ministry of Education Library has been awarded the award for Merit in Management for her leadership during a period of transformation at the Ministry.

'Hilary has met the criteria for leadership, excellent management skills, customer communications and relations, and significant improvement of the library service,' the LIANZA judges said.

The judges acknowledged Rendell for the transformation of the Ministry of Education's library services, including the bringing together of a number of separate libraries into a cohesive service.

The LIANZA Award of Merit – Marketing is awarded to Anne Thompson, Mercine Davidson and Chelsea Hughes from the National Library of New Zealand for the 'Be Heard, Forever' campaign.

The innovative approach to marketing the new legal requirement for music publishers to submit their music for legal deposit met the criteria for building public awareness of the organisation, which had a direct impact on a designated customer group.

### Shortlist announced for SLV's 2008 Inky Awards

The State Library of Victoria's youth reading website, [insideadog.com.au](http://insideadog.com.au), has announced the shortlist of 20 youth literature books in the running for the second annual Inky Awards.

Voting has opened to determine the winners of the 2008 Inkys Awards – Australia's only teen choice book awards, reflecting what teenagers want to read rather than what they are told to read.

Votes are registered by readers online at [insideadog](http://insideadog.com.au).

There are two awards – the Golden Inky for an Australian book and the Silver Inky for an international book.

The winner of the Golden Inky will receive a trophy and \$2000 in prize money. The winner of the Silver Inky will receive a trophy.

This year a new award, the Inkys Creative Reading Prize, will be awarded to a reader who develops the best creative response to a book on the Inkys long-list.

The response can come in any form, be it short-stories, songs, poems or video – anything goes.

The Inky Awards were created by the State Library of Victoria's Centre for Youth Literature to encourage reading for pleasure amongst teenagers.

Last year more than 3000 teenage readers voted for their favourite Inky book.

The winners will be announced at the State Library of Victoria on November 6.

### Quote of the Week

'There were two free public libraries within walking distance of my home; I remember taking six books home from every visit, the limit set by the library.'  
Martin Lewis Perl – US physicist (1927-)

### Fellow returns to National Library to talk about book



Historian, writer and 2007 National Library of New Zealand Fellow Dr Joanne Drayton has given a talk at the National Library to introduce her latest publication, *Ngaio Marsh: Her Life in Crime*.

In introducing the author to the audience, national librarian Penny Carnaby said having ‘someone with Joanne’s depth of scholarship’ helped foster a research culture, ‘which is the essence of the National Library of New Zealand’.

During the celebrated 1930s and 40s Ngaio Marsh was probably New Zealand’s first million-copy author with her tightly written, stylish whodunits rating alongside Agatha Christie and Dorothy L Sayers.

She was also in love with the theatre and her triumphant return to New Zealand to establish the Court Theatre in Christchurch saw her honoured with the title dame of the British Empire.

Dame Ngaio dominated the New Zealand performing arts scene for many years before her death.

In responding to a question regarding the national identity of Ngaio Marsh, Drayton pointed out that Marsh wrote four books which were based in New Zealand in which she explored the relationship between New Zealand, the landscape and biculturalism.

Drayton is the author of books on a number of famous New Zealand artists, namely Edith Collier, Rhona Haszard and Frances Hodgkins.

*Ngaio Marsh: Her Life in Crime* is published by HarperCollins and is on sale from October 1.

*Pictured (l-r) are Penny Carnaby, Dr Joanne Drayton and National Library Minister Judith Tizard.*

## ACADEMICS

### Cairns Library showing off PNG cultural works



James Cook University’s Cairns Library is presenting a collection of art by Papua New Guinea poet and artist Purago W Marabe.

The collection incorporates a display of traditional string-bags (bilums) from his homeland of Okapa (pictured).

The paintings and artefacts were collected by PhD candidate Dawn Glass during her research in Okapa, where she lived for more than 12 months.

Purago’s art depicts scenes from his North Fore (pronounced foray) cultural roots, ranging from daily village life, including origin narratives, totems, and political statements. The collection includes paintings from 2001–08.

Bilums represent one of the most colourful features of traditional PNG culture and are necessary items of everyday life with traditional designs reflecting the surrounding environment, for example snakes, mountains, and trees.

Some of the newer patterns include ‘highway to paradise’, ‘maggi noodle’ and ‘computer’.

The exhibition runs until October 14.

### Students tour ECU as part of enhancement program



Twenty high school science students (pictured) visited the Perth-based Edith Cowan University Joondalup Library as part of their Year 10 academic enhancement program.

The students were from Irene McCormack College, Mater Dei College, Prendiville College and Sacred Heart College.

Campus librarian Greg Bates introduced the students to the library before they had a brief tour of the building.

Dr Christine Ormond, lecturer in mathematics education, wanted the students to get a feel for the university study environment available in the new purpose built library.

The students accessed the library catalogue, searched for material and used the library study spaces to research their science projects.

The culmination of the enhancement program was the presentation of their topic to an audience including ECU academics, their families and friends on Monday.

### Development of new library at Blacktown gets underway

The development of the Dennis Johnson Branch Library as part of the \$8.9 million second stage of the Blacktown Leisure Centre at Stanhope Gardens in Sydney's west is underway.

In addition to the 1200 square metre Dennis Johnson Library, new facilities and services are also being developed to form the overall redevelopment of the BLCS and include an extension to the existing gym, squash court, parents' room and extended car park.

Dennis Johnson served as Blacktown City Council's town clerk from 1984-93 and as council's inaugural general manager 1993-96.

The Dennis Johnson Library will feature an integrated community foyer, a children's storytelling area, youth lounge, technology area, a drive through book drop off point, forecourt and plaza area.

Mayor of Blacktown City Leo Kelly said the new library was well positioned to service the increasing needs of the rapidly developing area of Blacktown City.

'Stanhope Gardens is at the centre of an area that is continuing to rapidly expand,' he said.

'Areas like Rouse Hill, Kellyville Ridge, Acacia Gardens, The Ponds, Glenwood, Parklea and Schofields will benefit a great deal with the addition of the new library.

'I am particularly pleased that the development will also utilise environmental design aspects, with the library utilising sustainable design principles such as low energy light fittings, use of rainwater in the amenities and irrigation, and maximum use of natural light and ventilation.'

The overall development is expected to be completed in mid 2009 and is being undertaken in stages to enable the centre to continue to operate with minimal inconvenience to patrons.

### Christchurch wants people to help reveal the past

Christchurch City Libraries has launched a photography competition for this year's Heritage Week 2 with the aim of revealing Christchurch's post-war history.

The libraries' Heritage Week theme is 'Retrospective: Christchurch Life, Architecture and Design 1940s-70s' and people are being asked to enter their photographic memories of the era.

Christchurch Central Library's Aotearoa New Zealand Centre team leader Annette Williams said the overall winner would receive a digital camera, while the winners of each decade would collect a photography voucher.

'We want to get a real sense of the spirit of the era – what Cantabrians were wearing, how they were travelling around, what events they were going to, sports they were playing, what they did for a job, and the type of buildings they liked,' Williams said.

The photos will be exhibited in libraries throughout Christchurch in the build up to and during Heritage Week, taking place from October 17-27.

They will also be displayed on the libraries' online photo album at [flickr.com/photos/christchurchcitylibraries](http://flickr.com/photos/christchurchcitylibraries).

Photos can be entered into one of seven categories – fashion, transport, buildings and streets, sport and recreation, occupations, events, and everyday life.

The overall winner and the winners of each decade will be announced on 28 October.

## SPECIALS

### Queensland archives offering exhibitions for loan

Queensland State Archives is offering three exhibitions available for loan to interested institutions throughout the state.

The exhibitions have been created using the records of Queensland State Archives in distinctly multicultural themes – At Home in New Holland: The Dutch in Queensland, Citizens of the World: The Greeks in Queensland, and Chinese in Queensland: Stories From the Records.

#### **At Home in New Holland: The Dutch in Queensland**

Since free settlement commenced in Queensland in 1842, many Dutch people have made Queensland their home.

The connection between Queensland and the Netherlands started with the landing on Cape York of the Dutch vessel Duyfken in 1606.

The exhibition contains photographs, immigration records, examples of land records as well as numerous other items pertaining to the Dutch presence in Queensland.

#### **Citizens of the World: The Greeks in Queensland**

Explore the contribution of Queensland's Greek community to the economic and cultural life of Queensland.

Since the arrival of Lady Diamantina Bowen in 1859, Greek culture has featured as an important part of Queensland life.

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The Citizens of the World: The Greeks in Queensland exhibition includes photographs, newspaper clippings and documents relating to the 1953 Greek earthquake appeal and many other items which illustrate the Greek presence in Queensland.

### Chinese in Queensland: Stories from the Records

The Chinese community has contributed to many aspects of the current cultural landscape in Queensland.

Some of the first Chinese in Queensland arrived in Moreton Bay on the Nimrod in 1848 as indentured labourers.

Since this time, Chinese settlers have worked on the goldfields, pioneered agricultural industries such as sugar cane, established businesses in many centres and positively influenced the development of Queensland cultural traditions.

The exhibition includes examples of government records which tell the story of Chinese settlement in Queensland including documents such as court and land records, naturalisation documents and photographs.

These three exhibitions are available for loan and are presented in the format of three pull-up banners approximately 1000 x 2200mm in size and weighing about seven kilograms each.

They are easily transportable by car.

## TAFES/POLYS

### MSIT takes out top Queensland training award

Brisbane's Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT) has been named Public Training Provider of the Year at the Queensland Training Awards.

The awards, now in their 47th year, are held to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations in the vocational education and training sector.

The Public Training Provider of the Year Award, which MSIT has won for the first time, is awarded for outstanding contribution to the delivery of vocational education and training in Queensland.

MSIT has four libraries, at Alexandra Hills, Loganlea, Mt Gravatt and Yeronga.

Institute director Linda Brown said the award was a tribute to the enormous amount of work the staff had put in since MSIT's creation in 2006.

'This is such a wonderful accolade for MSIT,' she said.

'To have won Public Training Provider of the Year in only our second year of operation is a testament to our wonderful teachers and staff.

'Since the creation of MSIT all of us have worked towards making our institute a world class training provider of creative TAFE solutions, and winning the Public Training Provider of the Year shows that we are well on the way to achieving that goal.'

## SUPPLIERS

### Serials Solutions announces partnership with HCN

Serials Solutions has announced that it has partnered with Health Communication Network (HCN) in a reseller agreement in Australia.

The partnership facilitates the sale of Serials Solutions 360 e-resource access and management services and Ulrich's Global Serials Intelligence services to Australian medical organisations.

HCN CEO John Frost said the partnership delivered a good opportunity for HCN's customers in the health library sector to enjoy the benefits that the Serials Solutions technology offered.

'The partnership and products are complementary in all aspects,' Frost said.

Serials Solution regional sales manager David Sidebottom said Serials Solutions saw HCN as an ideal partner.

Serials Solutions 360 services are completely integrated with Serials Solutions KnowledgeWorks, the e-resource knowledgebase, and with one another.

HCN will supply Serials Solutions services to Australia's medical community, including medical associations, hospitals, government health departments and medical libraries, but excluding universities.

The partnership offers advantage pricing to medical consortia and other groups.

'Serials Solutions is proud to provide the medical community with better e-resource access and management through HCN,' Serials Solutions general manager Jane Burke said.

'We are committed to helping further medical research and development by providing a strong foundation for libraries.

'We hope to create many lasting relationships as a result of this partnership.'

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### OCLC announces acquisition of Amlib

OCLC has acquired Amlib, the Australian software development company specialising in library management solutions.

The Melbourne-based Amlib serves school, public and special libraries in Australia, as well as some libraries in Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

As a result of the acquisition, 11 Amlib staff members will become part of the OCLC Australia office under the direction of newly appointed regional manager Chris Thewlis.

OCLC will continue to maintain the Amlib Support and Development office in Perth to support customers throughout Australia and will provide support for other locations through its established distributor and customer service network.

'The acquisition of Amlib will help to expand OCLC's range of products and services available to libraries in Australia and other parts of the world,' OCLC vice-president Asia Pacific Andrew H Wang said.

'The addition of Amlib staff to the OCLC Australia office will offer an opportunity for all to share knowledge and expertise and ensure that Australian libraries can benefit from an expanded collection of services available through OCLC.'

### UpToDate goes to Wolters Kluwer

US-based medical information provider Wolters Kluwer Health has announced plans to acquire UpToDate, a leading evidence-based electronic clinical information resource.

The acquisition is projected to strengthen WK Health's portfolio in the growing point of care and electronic medical record markets by expanding its product and services offerings.

While the terms of the acquisition were not disclosed, the transaction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2008 pending regulatory approval.

UpToDate collaborates with about 3800 physician experts, who use their clinical experience and review of the latest research to create recommendations on how to diagnose and treat thousands of conditions in 13 medical specialties.

Nearly 320,000 clinicians in 130 countries, thousands of patients and the majority of academic medical centres in the US look to UpToDate for clinical guidance, practice guidelines, peer-reviewed articles, photographs, and X-ray illustrations.

UpToDate specialises in physician-driven products designed to improve healthcare at the point of care and integrate smoothly into Electronic Medical Records.

Accessible through the web, desktop and PDA, UpToDate is an electronic information resource designed to provide clinicians with practical and reliable answers to clinical questions at the point of care.

All of UpToDate's content is original material written by a faculty of more than 3800 authors who are practicing physicians and leading experts in their specialties.

## CATALOGUED

### Monash names Runner to electronic role



Monash University has appointed Donna Runner as its new manager, electronic resources to oversee provision of electronic services to library users.

Runner brings to the role five years of experience as digital environment manager at Deakin University.

She joined Monash two years ago as the document delivery librarian.

Runner's extensive experience in libraries in Australia and overseas is supported by her academic qualifications, which include a Master of Professional Education and Training.

Monash is currently investigating the implementation of an e-resource management system as a module of the integrated library management system.

This will make it easier to provide information to users of electronic resources and to respond more quickly to requests.

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There are 147 Australian (mostly NSW) editors listed with three SocEdsNSW members (all internet connected) listed living overseas; they reside respectively in New Zealand, Japan and the United Arab Emirates.

The directory has many useful features—freelance editors listed by services offered; by types of published material they have worked on; by their subject (or genre) specialities; together with a directory entry for each freelance editor of up to a page.

Send cheque/money order (made out to Society of Editors NSW) to SocEdsNSW, PO Box 2229, Rose Bay North NSW 2030. Credit card (Mastercard/Visa only) details may be faxed to (02) 9337-4126.

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### Head of Library and Information Services

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Caulfield Grammar School is a coeducational day and boarding school with five campuses – four in Australia and one in Nanjing, China – and is associated with the Anglican Church. It is well known for its provision of innovative, specialist programs for girls and boys from Kindergarten to University level. Teaching staff are supported by an extensive professional development program. Our diverse learning community welcomes committed, passionate and inspirational educators who bring a range of life experiences and a belief in their ability to make a difference.

#### Head of Library and Information Services

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The successful applicant will have a strong desire to impact on the Teaching and Learning programs in a K- 12 learning environment and will have the skills to match, including excellent management and administration skills and strong knowledge of Information Communication Technologies in the teaching and learning program.

Written applications with the names of three referees should be forwarded to Mr Paul Runting, Head of Wheelers Hill Campus, Caulfield Grammar School, PO Box 4041, Mulgrave 3170. Applications close Friday 19 September.

Enquiries: Mrs Della Coady on 8562 5300 or [dellacoady@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:dellacoady@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au)

## WHAT'S ON

## CONFERENCES

**SLAQ 2008: Take Flight**

September 21-23

All Hallows School, Brisbane

[http://www.slaq.org.au/Conferences/SLAQ%202008/slaq2008\\_home.htm](http://www.slaq.org.au/Conferences/SLAQ%202008/slaq2008_home.htm)

**ACEC 2008: Australian Computers in Education Conference**

September 28-October 2

National Convention Centre, Canberra

[www.acec2008.info](http://www.acec2008.info)  
[enquiries@acec2008.info](mailto:enquiries@acec2008.info)

**Cultural Connections: MySpace is an ArtSpace: ARLIS/ANZ Biennial Conference**

October 9-10

State Library of Queensland

[conference@arlis.org.au](mailto:conference@arlis.org.au)

**Rivers of Opportunity 5**

October 25-26

Mantra on Northbourne, Canberra

Libby Brackenridge

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**Poropitia Outside the Box: LIANZA Annual Conference**

November 2-5

Skycity Convention Centre, Auckland

[Beverly.fletcher@rodney.govt.nz](mailto:Beverly.fletcher@rodney.govt.nz)  
<http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2008/index.html>

**New Librarians Symposium**

December 5-6

CQ Functions, Melbourne

<http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

**10th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML) 2009**

August 31-September 4

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

[www.icml2009.com](http://www.icml2009.com)

## AUTHOR LIBRARY VISITS

**Barry Maitland – *Bright Air***

Tuggerah Library, NSW

September 24, 10.30am

**Amanda Hampson – *Two for the Road***

Hornsby Library, Sydney

September 26, 10.30am

**Liz Deep-Jones – *Lucy Zeezou's Goal***

Rockdale Library, Sydney

September 30, 2.00pm

**David Hill – *1788***

State Library of Queensland

September 30, 6.00pm

**David Hill – *1788***

Stanton Library, North Sydney

October 2, 1.00pm

**Rochelle Jackson – *Inside Their Minds***

Lilydale Library, Melbourne

October 6, 12.30pm

**Christine Manfield – *Fire***

State Library of Queensland

October 9, 6.30pm

**Geoffrey Blainey – *Sea of Dangers: Captain Cook and his Rivals***

State Library of NSW

October 20, 6.00pm

**Peter Goldsworthy – *Everything I Knew***

Stanton Library, North Sydney

October 28, 1.00pm

**Peter Goldsworthy – *Everything I Knew***

Mosman Library, Sydney

October 29, 6.30pm

**Michael Connelly – *The Brass Verdict***

Stanton Library, North Sydney

November 6, 1.00pm

**Chris Patten – *What Next?****Surviving the Twenty-First Century*

State Library of Victoria

November 11, 7.30am

**Michael Connelly – *The Brass Verdict***

Takapuna Library, Auckland

November 12, 6.00pm

**Maggie Beer – *Maggie's Kitchen***

Stanton Library, North Sydney

November 18, 1.00pm

## EXHIBITIONS

**Padre Antonio Vieira**

Charles Brasch Court

Central Library

University of Otago

Until September 22

**Freestyle Books**

slg Gallery

State Library of Queensland

Until October 12

**Studio: Australian Painters Photographed by R Ian Lloyd**

State Library of NSW

Until October 12

**Sport and War**

State Library of Victoria

Until October 26

**Cautionary Tales – William Hogarth**

National Library of New Zealand

Until November 6

**Grimm Stuff: Folktales and Fairy Stories**

National Library of New Zealand

Until November 6

**The Opening Chapter: Building the National Library**

Visitor Centre

National Library of Australia

Until November 16

**A Modern Vision**

Exhibition Gallery

National Library of Australia

Until November 16