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## New library on cards after review

A library for Bayswater, and upgrades to services in three other Knox suburbs have emerged as the big wins from the Melbourne-based Knox City Council's major libraries review.

Planned upgrades and improvements are part of a new-look library model adopted by the council which are set to transform local services.

'We're really catching up with modern technology and making sure local library services keep pace,' Knox Mayor Jim Penna said.

'And we're being careful to match future services with future needs.

'Frankly, the new model will mean better library services for all users.

Penna said the new library would encompass much more than traditional services.

'Smarter, better library services do not begin and end with book shelves,

'They go beyond the current approach to one that offers more services, better targeted for all ages and easier to access.

'If we want to keep up with the times and offer adequate library services to our residents, we need to explore the range and type of innovative services available.

'Libraries play an important role as local hubs that support community development and promote lifelong learning.'

The updated model will see the Knox Library branch become the heart of council's local services.

Each of Knox's branches at the Ferntree Gully Reserve, Rowville and Boronia will also be upgraded.

Local libraries are likely to take on a more user-friendly approach, equipped with lounge and reading areas, internet access, music listening posts, satellite television, public meeting spaces, room for exhibitions and a café.

A new library in Bayswater will also be considered when council's Long Term Financial Strategy is next reviewed as part of the 2009/10 budget process.

Council will also consider a business case for the expansion of the Ferntree Gully Library in its current location as part of the 2009/10 budget process, and will investigate state government funding opportunities for refurbishment, expansion and IT equipment for the library branch.

Knox councillors will also:

- Consider an allocation of \$100,000 in the mid-year budget review for Rowville Library upgrades;
- Establish a Bayswater Library Reserve Fund in the Long Term Financial Strategy and place any funds created by the sale of council land in the Bayswater Activity Centre –not legally required for open space – into the fund; and
- Consider the feasibility of a future Mountain Gate Shopping Centre library service in a report due to come to council in March 2009.

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## NEWS

### A Liberal Government would reopen Griffith Library

The ACT Opposition said this week it would reopen the Griffith Library in Canberra if it won the election on Saturday.

The library was controversially closed by the current Labor government after the opening of the city's flagship library in nearby Civic.

Residents responded by opening a volunteer library, which has now been operating for over a year.

Shadow Minister for Urban Services Steve Pratt said the decision to close the library, taken without community consultation, was an example of the government's contempt for the community.

Pratt told media that many of the library's users were older and lacked access to private transport, meaning they had difficulties getting to the Civic Library.

He said reopening the library would cost \$3 million over the first term of a new government.

Pratt said ideally a new government would locate the library on the original site but it would search for another site in the area if this was not possible.

He told local media the library would be staffed and books and other equipment returned as well as \$400,000 spent on new books.

There would be \$1 million available for refurbishment and \$540,000 for ongoing operating costs.

### ALIA hosting one-day acquisitions seminar on Friday

The ALIA Acquisitions committee will host a one day seminar in Canberra on Friday in the Menzies Room at the National Archives of Australia.

The seminar, for which registration will be open on the day, has a theme based on the acquisition of cultural artefacts.

'Without artefacts our archives and library collections would be small indeed and without artefacts much of the information that researchers, publishers, the media and the public find most interesting about our collections, would not exist,' organisers said.

'But will artefacts continue to be important and will their acquisition, collection, housing and preservation continue to be regarded as a benefit?

'If so, how do we know what we should be collecting?

'Is a digital equivalent the same as the real thing? These are some of the questions that will be asked and answered in this very enlightening seminar.'

The program will include speakers Roxanne Missingham from the Parliamentary Library in Canberra, Dr Dawn Smith, fundraising consultant, Michael Richards from Old Parliament House, David Wells of the Bradman Museum, Dr Ian Coates of the National Museum's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program and Jane Greagg from the Cultural Gifts Program

For further details and the full program please contact [jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au](mailto:jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au).

### Quote of the Week

'I'm really a library man, or second-hand book man.'

John Le Carre – English author (1931-)

### Sod turned on new Macquarie University library



The Sydney-based Macquarie University turned the first sod on its new \$77 million library on Tuesday, which is for due for completion in 2010.

The new library will achieve a Five Green Star environmental certification and will also incorporate Australia's first automated book storage and retrieval system, which will allow library staff to focus on improving service delivery for university staff and students.

With an open collection of high-use teaching and research materials and 24-hour access to study spaces, the new library will offer an enhanced dedicated learning and research

environment.

'Macquarie plans on becoming a truly great teaching and research university, so we want our students and staff to have the very best library possible – one that's impressive architecturally and environmentally sustainable, but that also incorporates state-of-the-art technology and learning spaces designed for the 21st century,' vice-chancellor Professor Steven Schwartz said in a statement

'The efficiency of the book storage and retrieval system will free up space for interactive learning and allow our librarians to spend less time retrieving books from shelves and more time helping students learn how to access, evaluate and use information.'

### Flinders puts South Australian acts online

The first 43 years of South Australia's lawmaking can be viewed and searched online by researchers thanks to an initiative by Flinders University.

With funding from the Law Foundation of South Australia, Flinders has set up an online database that allows researchers free access to digitised versions of all South Australian Acts of Parliament from 1837 to 1880.

The statutes offer insights to the early legal and social history of the colony.

Aborigines, for example, were exempt from the laws regulating fishing and hunting, while women with sufficient property had voting rights in 1867, long before female suffrage.

The database was demonstrated at its launch in the Noel Stockdale Room of the Central Library by Justice Tom Gray of the Supreme Court of South Australia on Wednesday.

Flinders University's law librarian, Helen Culshaw, who worked on the project with Flinders law academic Professor David Clark, said that the two or three full sets of the legislation existing in hard copy were difficult for researchers to access and were increasingly fragile because of their age.

The project saw each of the statutes scanned and converted into a PDF file, and the creation of a database that has the capacity to be searched by date, title and by key words.

'The statutes will be relevant to all people interested in legal-historical research, but also to anyone interested in the early history of the state,' Culshaw said.

### Lecture discusses historic photographs held in CSU archives

A rare collection of photographs capturing life in the inland New South Wales city of Wagga Wagga throughout the 1950s and '60s were the subject of a free public lecture by Charles Sturt University academic and historian Dr Nancy Blacklow on Wednesday.

The photos were taken by the first full-time photographer at *The Daily Advertiser*, Tom Lennon.

The lecture, *Beyond the Family Album: A Photographic Documentary of Wagga Wagga Life in the 1950s-60s*, discussed the search for aspects of Lennon's life and tried to reconcile the eccentricities of Tom Lennon with his photographs of traditional conservatism of the 1950s and social changes of the 1960s.

Blacklow worked as a journalist for *The Daily Advertiser* before joining CSU.

'The collection of 50,000 prints and 80,000 negatives is one of a kind,' Wayne Doubleday, the manager of CSU Regional Archives, said.

'It captures all aspects of life from social occasions to sporting events, local politicians to everyday street scenes and school children to performing animals.'

The prints and negatives have been stored at the CSU Regional Archives.

### Maori place names reach major milestone

The National Library of New Zealand has announced what it is calling a major milestone in the international recognition of New Zealand's English/Maori place names.

The US Library of Congress has agreed to accept New Zealand dual language place names for inclusion in Library of Congress Subject Headings, the de facto international standard for subject headings.

These headings will now be in bibliographic records available on the National Bibliographic Database and for use worldwide.

'This is a fantastic achievement for the National Library and we are very proud of the people who made this happen,' director of content services Alison Elliott said.

'This success is testament to our commitment to the recognition of our Maori place names at an international level.'

The place names are mostly the result of the Crown's settlement with Kai Tahu in 2003, when 88 South Island place names were changed to dual language place names, the majority to joint English/Maori names.

In April 2006, after much discussion, the Library of Congress agreed to accept the New Zealand Geographic Placenames Database on the Land Information New Zealand website as the authority for New Zealand place names.

Since then, guidelines for these subject headings have been developed in consultation with the Library of Congress.

'This is a world first – it brings key te reo Maori kupu (search terms) into library search engines and desktops around the world,' the library's John Mohi said.

The first group of dual language place names submitted are mainly changes to existing subject headings, resulting in changes to bibliographic records on the National Bibliographic Database.

These are:

- Aoraki/Mount Cook (N.Z.), formerly Cook, Mount (N.Z.);
- Southern Alps/ Ka Tiritiri o te Moana (N.Z.), formerly Southern Alps (N.Z.);
- Stewart Island/Rakiura (N.Z.), formerly Stewart Island (N.Z.);
- Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park (N.Z.), formerly Mount Cook National Park (N.Z.); and
- Westland/Tai Poutini National Park (N.Z.), formerly Westland National Park (N.Z.)

The new subject heading is Ashburton River/Hakaterere (N.Z.)

### Pittsworth library moves to bigger location

The Pittsworth Library in Queensland has outgrown its old home and is ready to move to new premises thanks to a Toowoomba Regional Council budget allocation.

At a capital cost of \$105,000 and by allocating an additional \$40,000 to the operating budget, the library will relocate to vacant space opposite the Pittsworth Service Centre in Yandilla Street.

The fit-out of the old supermarket site will include reverse-cycle air conditioning, new floor coverings, more shelving and additional books.

Library goers will appreciate the extra room, with the refurbished complex to be three to four times the size of the present library and the fresh design creating a more user-friendly appeal.

There will be a specially designated areas set aside for children and a local history section.

The expansion will also provide an increased capacity for internet use with more computer terminals included in the fit-out.

As well, council has allocated \$130,000 to an integrated software management system accessible by all regional libraries giving expanded access to library materials.

### Government website among the world's top 10

The Victorian Government eGovernment Resource Centre website has been voted one of the top ten sites changing the world of internet and politics.

Shortly before he stood aside, Victorian Information and Communication Technology Minister Theo Theophanous released a statement saying the website made the Top Ten Who Are Changing the World of Internet and Politics awards, run by PoliticsOnline and the World eDemocracy Forum.

'The Top Ten Who Are Changing the World of Internet and Politics awards recognise excellence in eDemocracy and the innovators and pioneers who are bringing democracy online – we are delighted to be acknowledged in this way,' Theophanous said.

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'Attracting more than 20,000 visitors each month, Victoria's eGovernment Resource Centre provides a starting point to get more involved in government and the community with summaries of more than 12,400 external resources and 1490 articles on eDemocracy and eGovernment.

'The eGovernment Resource Centre is the only Australian website to be nominated for these prestigious awards and will compete for the top honour in Paris as part of the World eDemocracy Forum.

'It's a fantastic initiative, with the website's professional excellence and commitment to democracy demonstrating that eDemocracy is alive and well across Victoria.'

The eGovernment Resource Centre provides access to the Victorian Government body of knowledge on information and communications technology on a huge range of topics from cyber security, to podcasting, to wireless connectivity.

PoliticsOnline and the World eDemocracy Forum annually judge the best eGovernment initiatives, democracy think-tanks, bloggers and political thinkers around the world.

'To have a Victorian website nominated along with Barack Obama's campaign website, MTV's Choose or Lose campaign and beating out sites like the British Government's number10.gov.uk is an outstanding effort,' he said.

'The eGovernment Resource Centre complements the growing community activity online and connects citizens with the information they need to get involved in issues important to them.

'The site and it is continuing to evolve and change in response to the needs of Victorians.'

Theophanous said that he hoped the nomination would encourage more Victorians to use the eGovernment Resource Centre and make a difference in their communities.

## Exhibition showcases women in health



A major exhibition showcasing the contribution and changing role of women in the public health system has been officially opened in Melbourne.

The Ladies Have Come to Stay – Women of The Royal Melbourne Hospital is on show at the Queen Victoria Women's Centre.

The exhibition is being staged in the hospital's 160th anniversary year and also in an important year for the women of Victoria – the centenary of women gaining the right to vote.

The extensive display has been created by RMH Archivist Gabriele Haveaux, in conjunction with the RMH Heritage Advisory Committee and RMH Graduate Nurses' Association, and features historic photos, stories, uniforms and other memorabilia.

The exhibition documents the work of women, including many firsts, as doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, scientists, researchers, supporters and administrators, in caring for the people of Victoria since 1848.

While women have been dominant in nursing, allied health and other 'traditional' support roles, in the past there have been significant struggles for acceptance for women to work or train in medicine and surgery, or to take on senior decision-making roles.

Today, the changing face of the public health sector has not only women involved in all disciplines and influential leadership roles, there are also opportunities for a career path that can take them to the very top of an organisation.

Linda Sorrell was appointed the first female chief executive of Melbourne Health (which includes The Royal Melbourne Hospital) in March 2007, after heading Southern Health for three years.

The former nurse and 2007 Telstra Victorian Business Woman of the Year is one of 10 women currently heading health services in Victoria.

The idea for the exhibition came out of the RMH Graduate Nurses' Association's 90th anniversary reunion held at Queen Victoria Women's Centre, which was the site of the former Melbourne Hospital for nearly 100 years.

The exhibition was due to close Friday, but has been extended to October 22 due to popular demand.

### New England TAFE launches service for external students

New England Institute of TAFE Libraries in New South Wales have launched an enhanced service for the specific needs of their distance students.

External students make up eight per cent of the institute's enrolments and that number is expected to grow as more courses are offered online.

Librarians Melinda Crowe and Graeme Harvey-Walker have been nominated as the first contact points.

The service embraces all the services normally available to students visiting the libraries in person.

However, it also focuses on identification and retrieval of information resources, especially through inter-library loan.

## SCHOOLS

### Melbourne librarian wins international award



Melbourne's Jane Viner has been awarded the IASL School Librarianship Award for her service in the development of International Baccalaureate (IB) school libraries in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Viner has been recognised for her significant achievements in the development of information services and education for teacher librarians in IB schools.

In announcing the award, IASL president James Henri noted that Viner had a range of skills that allowed her to provide high quality services to students and staff as well as sharing her expertise with regional, national and international colleagues.

Edward Lawless, professional development manager – IB Asia Pacific 'recognised Jane as a talented advocate for school librarianship' and acknowledged her 'invaluable assistance in the strategic planning to address the professional development needs of teacher/librarians in IB schools'.

IBAP Australasia representative Greg Valentine said Viner 'was instrumental in developing and coordinating IB Librarian networks in Australia, writing IB Librarian newsletters and when IBAP LIS (Library Information Specialists) was formed and she was appointed chair of that body, contributing significantly to the organisation of the first IB Asia Pacific Information Literacy Conference in March 2007'.

## CATALOGUED

### Financial journalist takes helm of MUP

Australian financial journalist Alan Kohler will be the next chair of the board of directors of Melbourne University Publishing Limited (MUP).

A director of Melbourne University Publishing since 2007, Kohler been a financial journalist, editor, publisher and commentator for 38 years.

Editor of *The Australian Financial Review* between 1984 and 1988 and editor of *The Age* from 1992 to 1995, he has twice been Chanticleer columnist for *The Australian Financial Review* as well as a columnist for *the Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*.

For seven years until 2002, Alan Kohler was also business editor of ABC TV's *7.30 Report* and for the past six years has been business and finance presenter on ABC's nightly news as well as host of *Inside Business*.

He has been a director of Melbourne University Publishing since 2007.

Kohler succeeds Robert McKay who will step down as chair of MUP in December.

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## AUTHOR LIBRARY VISITS

**Max Cryer – Love Me Tender:***The Story Behind the World's**Greatest Songs***Takapuna Library**, Auckland

October 17, 12.30pm

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

October 20, 6.00pm

**Susan Duncan – The House****Stanton Library**, North Sydney

October 23, 1.00pm

**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

**Rochelle Jackson – Inside Their  
Minds****Monash Public Library**,

Melbourne

October 30, 7.00pm

**Maggie Alderson – How to***Break Your Own Heart***Stanton Library**, North Sydney

October 31, 1.00pm

**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

**Richard Flanagan – Wanting****State Library of Qld**

November 13, 6.30pm

**Maggie Beer – Maggie's Kitchen****Stanton Library**, North Sydney

November 18, 1.00pm

**Amanda Tabberer – My Amalfi***Coast***State Library of NSW**

November 27, 6.00pm

**Camilla Nelson – Crooked****Kings Cross Library**, Sydney

December 3, 5.30pm

## EXHIBITIONS

**Sport and War**

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Until October 26

**Cautionary Tales – William****Hogarth**

National Library of New Zealand

Until November 6

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