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Australasian Libraries in Emergency Services

Australasian Libraries in Emergency Services (ALIES) is a cooperative network of emergency service agency libraries that promotes and supports the information requirements of the Australasian emergency management community by promoting and facilitating the sharing of information across a diverse base of the emergency management services within Australia and New Zealand.

Prior to 1991, emergency services librarians in Australia were mainly located in isolated libraries that rarely communicated with each other or shared resources. With the advent of special library computer systems in 1991 contact between librarians became easier. Following a visit to the Australian Counter Disaster College library early in 1991, by librarians Coralie Jenkin, CFA and Nina McPherson, MFB with the ACDC librarian Rob Fleming, librarians began to look at ways they could pool their knowledge of other emergency services libraries and share information and resources. A committee, consisting of librarians from disaster, ambulance, police and fire disciplines was established to prepare a workshop.

The first Australian Emergency Service Librarians workshop was held at Mt Macedon from 8–13 September, 1991. This was the first workshop of its type in Australia and gave participants their first opportunity to meet, develop co-operative arrangements and gain an awareness of the resources of the libraries within the emergency service field.

Following the workshop, the Victorian emergency services librarians met quarterly at various libraries and shared information about changes and progress in the information services they provided to their respective organisations. This group continues to meet today. Large distances between libraries in other states makes this type of interchange difficult.

The second Emergency Service Librarians workshop was held at Mt Macedon from 25–29 October, 1993 and again focused on co-operation, management and enhancement of professional skills. At this workshop ALIES (Australasian Libraries in Emergency Services) was formally established.

The third ALIES workshop was held from 15–17 April, 2002 with recommendations that a directory of ALIES libraries be placed on the EMA website and a list server for the ALIES network be developed for more efficient exchange of information. The emergency management community across Australia can now visit the ALIES website at www.ema.gov.au.

ALIES received EMA approval to hold an annual workshop at Mt Macedon and the fourth workshop was held from 22–24 April, 2003. One of the requirements of the ALIES workshop was to showcase two case studies on knowledge management from emergency services organisations in Australia. Anne Pickles, Information Co-ordinator, NSW Fire Brigade provided a paper entitled "A knowledge management infrastructure for the NSW Fire Brigades" and Jenny Power, Library Manager, Australian Federal Police delivered a paper on the knowledge management and her organisation's Intranet website. *(Continues over the page)*

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At present, the ALIES workshop committee is working on the next workshop scheduled for 5-8 April, 2004.

Members of ALIES are:

- Australian Federal Police Library
- Australian Institute of Police Management Library
- Country Fire Authority Information Service, Victoria
- Emergency Management Australia Information Centre
- Emergency Services Library, South Australia
- Fire & Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia
- Metropolitan Fire Brigade Library and Resource
- New South Wales Fire Brigades Library Information Centre, Victoria
- New South Wales Police Service, Library Services,
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- Northern Territory Police, Fire & Emergency Services Library
- Queensland Department of Emergency Services Library
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NEW EMATrack ONLINE AT:

<http://www.ema.gov.au/disasters>

The Emergency Management Australia Database of Australian Disasters (EMATrack) is now available online. This database covers disasters within Australia, from earliest records to the present day. The data is fully searchable and its redevelopment and publication as an interactive resource is just the first stage in its renaissance. The next stage, due for completion mid 2004, will see the ability to generate complex reports and will provide options for loss assessment and costing calculations.

EMATrack

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- Loss Assessment Function
- Advanced Reporting Function

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