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• **1/12 Qld Public Libraries section. AGM.** For further details please contact: Robyn Gattera, minutes secretary, ph 07 3403 4104, fx 07 3403 9969, sbispo@brisbane.qld.gov.au

SA

• **14/8–11/12 SA Branch. Meeting dates 2000:** 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12. Please note that all meetings held at: PLAIN, 8 Milner Street, Hindmarsh, 5.30pm. Contact: Amanda Nixon, ph 08 8201 2577, amanda.nixon@flinders.edu.au

• **15/11 SA Special Libraries section. AGM.** Further details: to be advised.

• **22/11 SA Information Science section. AGM.** Further details: to be advised, 5:15 for 5:45pm.

VIC

• **7/8 Home Library Service SIG. General meeting.** St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda, 10am. Contact: Kinta Walker.

• **14/8–11/12 Vic Special Libraries section. Committee meeting,** all members and students are welcome as observers. CSIRO Health Sciences and Nutrition, 343 Royal Parade, Parkville, 5:30pm, unless otherwise advised. 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12, (second Monday of each month — except Public Holidays). Contact: Danila Durante, ph 03 9662 7246, danila.durante@hsn.csiro.au

• **19/8–14/10 Vic School Libraries section. Committee meeting,** all members welcome. Statewide Resource Centre, 217 Church Street, Richmond, 9:30am. 19/8, 14/10. Contact: Anne Girolami, ph 03 9851 1550, fx 03 9851 1555, mareeanne@bigpond.com

• **5/9 Vic Library Technicians section. Committee meeting.** State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, meet 6pm in foyer. *RSVP to:* Patricia Murray, ph 03 9925 2063, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **21/9 Ballarat Regional Group. State Library Victoria visit,** will include a tour, highlights of a Special Collection, and a question and answer session. Meet in foyer of the Swanston Street entrance, 3–7pm. *RSVP by 14/9 to:* Liz Hartmann, ph 03 5327 9591, l.hartmann@ballarat.edu.au or Kerry Matheson, ph 03 5327 9588, k.matheson@ballarat.edu.au

• **2/10 Home Library Service SIG. General meeting.** Caulfield Public Library, Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, 10am. Contact: Julie Thomas.

• **14/10 Vic Library Technicians section. Information session with the TAFE's.**

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Prize for excellence

Congratulations Margo Till

Celebrating academic achievement in librarianship, Insight Informatics has awarded Margo Till with the prestigious Libero Prize for excellence. Margo achieved a grade point average of 6.75 out of a possible 7 while completing a Master of Information Technology at the Queensland University of Technology.

Currently employed as liaison librarian at the University of Queensland Library, Margo expressed her surprise and delight at receiving the award. She also commended Insight Informatics for supporting new graduates in the information profession.

Margo said that she was first attracted to the field of librarianship while studying for her Master of Arts at the University of Queensland. She said that she saw the library as a place of change and growth and felt that a career in librarianship would offer her a wide range of opportunities in a number of areas, including teaching, technology and research.

Managing director of Insight Informatics, Sam Patane, said the Libero prize was devel-



Alison Theaker and Margo Till, award winner, after the presentation

oped as an opportunity to encourage and celebrate young people entering the library profession. He said it was also a great way to put something back into the industry that has supported Libero over the years. ■

Tour of three special libraries in Adelaide

A successful walking tour of three specialised libraries on 14 June was attended by more than thirty library workers. The three libraries were the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Library, the History Trust Library and the Housing, Environment and Planning Library. All three libraries are located within the city of Adelaide.

The tour started from the Foyer of the Commonwealth Centre. Our first host was Pam Balfour, the librarian from the ABS library. The ABS library's catalogue has more than 40 000 titles, with access to numerous CD-ROMs and databases. The library also provides internet training for ABS staff. The library is involved in a library extension program. This program essentially involves placing in libraries a core collection of ABS publications which can be accessed by the community at large — thus extending access to and availability of statistical data.

The second part of the tour stopped at the History Trust in Edmund Wright House. This building is probably more known to the people of Adelaide, as the 'old' Birth, Deaths and Marriages building. Lynn Drew, the History Trust librarian, then led groups of librarians up flights of wooden stairs to the History

Trust's library. The library services History Trust staff and interested history practitioners.

Of special interest is the Glass Negative Photographic Collection. Within the collection are recorded ceremonial events, the day-to-day progress of major public works, the growth of ports, industry, trade, townships, people at work and people at play: in short, everything that interests governments. After viewing the library, we climbed down the stairs to a well earned cup of tea and biscuits!

The last stop of the tour was the Housing, Environment and Planning Library in Roma Mitchell House. Library manager Wendy Bromell explained the function of the library, its contents and staffing arrangements. The library has a generous collection of books, and journals, plus a workroom for library staff.

The ALIA Special Libraries Branch, South Australian committee would like to thank Pam Balfour, Lynn Drew and Wendy Bromell for their assistance, acceptance and patience with the numerous special librarians and library technicians visiting their libraries!

Geraldine Wardle, Motorola Library;
Jackie Williams and Salena Murray,
Premier's Department