

# Work/life balance examined

The prestigious Annual Work/Life Benchmarking Survey has recently been completed for the fourth time. The formal report on the Survey has now been released and was the subject of recent national seminars.

Conflicts between work and family commitments are part of everyday challenges for many Australian employees. In the last few years more and more employers have come to understand this as an issue that impacts directly on the profitability and efficiency of most industrial and service organisations. The Survey canvasses initiatives and policies developed by Australian organisations to address the subject. Organisations are

ranked according to the approach they have taken to balancing work and family issues for their staff.

ALIA's National Office took part in the Survey this year and was ranked at the 31<sup>st</sup> percentile. Its procedures for assisting employees to balance work and family responsibilities were rated 84<sup>th</sup> from a field of 300 participating organisations. This means ALIA is among the top third of organisations in terms of enlightened approaches to work/life initiatives.

Further information on the survey can be obtained from: Managing Work/Life Balance, PO Box 394, Artarmon NSW 2064. ■

## Enhanced access to Australia's colourful corporate history

The TransData Corporation announced recently that it will donate its vast collection of more than 30 000 Australian public company annual reports to the National Library of Australia.

The donation will assist the National Library to provide a comprehensive annual reports collection to the public. According to Meredith Batten, National Library serials manager, 'the collection will be useful to many people including independent researchers, company employees,

business and political journalists, economists, accountants and students'.

The agreement between the two organisations involves cataloguing and preserving of the collection by the National Library of Australia after TransData Corporation has digitised their collection. Readers will be able to access the physical reports in the National Library's public reading room.

Both parties will benefit from the agreement. The library will have an enlarged

collection of public reports many dating back to the 1970s and 1980s. The advantage for TransData Corporation is the provision of safe and secure storage for their documents while making them available to the public for research and academic studies.

The library has received the first consignment of 900 annual reports for the years 1999 to 2000. The library is organising and cataloguing the annual reports which will be made available to the public shortly. ■



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**24-25/9 Encoded Archival Description (EAD) workshop.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au, <http://cpd.sistm.unsw.edu.au>

**2/10 CAVAL training activities.** *E-Books for libraries mapping a new world.* Rick Lugg and Ruth Fischer will present an overview of the emerging e-book market with an emphasis on scholarly publishing and libraries. Sydney University of Technology, 9:30-5pm. Cost: \$418. Register online at [http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego\\_form.html](http://www.caval.edu.au/Services/rego_form.html)

**5/10 Competitive intelligence and internet resources.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au, <http://cpd.sistm.unsw.edu.au>

• **16/10 ALIA NSW.** *Council meeting*, all welcome. Sumitomo Room, Level 11, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 6pm. *RSVP for catering purposes to:* Jo-anne Fuller, local presence co-ordinator, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, [jojo1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jojo1@ozemail.com.au)

**22/10 Clare Burton Memorial lecture series.** University of Technology, Sydney, evening. Contact: Richard Gilzean, ph 02 9514 2923, [richard.gilzean@uts.edu.au](mailto:richard.gilzean@uts.edu.au)

• **26/10 NSW CYSS.** *On the shelf and online: collection management in the children's library.* Burwood Council Chambers, Conder Street, 9-4:30pm. For more information contact: Mylee Joseph, ph 02 9777 7900, [mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mylee.joseph@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

**29/10 Designing eye-catching brochures and newsletters.** University of New South Wales, School of Information Systems, Technology and Management. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 7128, fx 02 9662 4061, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au, <http://cpd.sistm.unsw.edu.au>

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• **Sept Pathways to CPD.** Team relationship skills Speaking up — when & how to effectively participate in teams & committees — Warren Horton, retired director, NLA. DPI Auditorium 1. Contact: Sue Rigney, [sue\\_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au)

• **4/9 Pathways to CPD.** *Information services: Conference capers* — Specials, Health & Law Librarians Conference. Central BCC Library Theatre. Contact: Sue Rigney, [sue\\_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:sue_rigney@justice.qld.gov.au)

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