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## Branch President's Column



### Lisa Read White MRMA

As the year draws to a close it's worth reflecting on the year that's been. 2009 has been an interesting year with the financial markets in turmoil and consequently many of our workplaces have reacted by either contracting, reducing employee hours or driving staff to deliver more by working smarter and harder. Of course some companies have used the opportunity to buy out competitors and expand.

Earlier in the year we took the opportunity to encourage everyone to use the economic crisis as an opportunity. I hope you were able to find a way to use it to your advantage, and didn't find yourself on the unemployed list.

The events we ran this year were once again well received by members. Please remember to put forward any suggestions you may have for topics or speakers. If you have a project that you would like to talk about at an event please let us know. It's always interesting to hear what you've been achieving. Council is putting the 2010 calendar together as we speak.

Lyn Kickett was the lucky recipient of the WA branch competition of free registration to the RMAA conference in Adelaide "Striving for Balance". I believe she had a good time, which is reflected in her article.

Kylee Williamson was the well deserving recipient of our WA Outstanding Student Award. Pauline has kindly provided an article below.

Mentoring has seen another successful year with lots of new participants.

As you wind down for Christmas this year take some time to reflect on your achievements and plan your goals for the New Year. If you're looking for particular professional development opportunities let council know so we can take them into account. The change management and marketing event proved to be topical and timely for many. Perhaps this coming year it will be about how to increase productivity.

Merry Christmas to everyone, I hope it's been a good year for you. See you in the New Year.

Lisa

## Upcoming events

Your council is busy planning next year's activities – stayed tuned for news about state events! In the meantime, suggestions for themes and speakers are welcome: please contact any of the councillors (see details in left column).



# Outstanding Student Award 2008 by RMAA WA Branch

**K**ylee Williamson from Curtin University of Technology was the winner of the RMAA WA branch's Outstanding Student Award for 2008.

Kylee is currently enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Records Management and Archives, at Curtin University of Technology.

A cheque of \$250 and a student membership to RMAA for a year were part of the award.

The recipient of this award was chosen based on a best student essay on a records management topic in 2008.

Kylee's essay titled "[\*The Paperless Office and Recordkeeping – An Entwined Circle\*](#)" met this criterion. Kylee's essay outlined how the records management systems of the future support the notion of the paperless office.

Thank you to the RMAA Qld Branch for presenting the award on behalf of the RMAA WA Branch to Kylee in Queensland, in 2009. – *Pauline Joseph, Education Co-ordinator RMAA WA*



*Chris Simpson (Vice President, RMAA Qld), Kylee Williamson & Peta Sweeney (President, RMAA Qld)*

## RMAA Adelaide Conference September 2009

*Prepared by Lyn Kickett ARMA*

I was the winner of the RMAA Western Australian Branch's competition of free registration to the RMAA conference in Adelaide. "Striving for Balance" was the conference theme and it effectively covered the topics I was interested in.

To make the most of my time there, I researched each presenter as I wanted to ensure I was attending the workshops and presentations that affected my current role at Curtin University of Technology, and also the developing trends of the future. Although after some sessions I believe I went into 'information overdrive,' as there was a lot of information to retain in a short time.



The welcoming ceremony was beautiful at the Zoo. Staff guides were informative professionals with a passion for animal welfare. After the walk around the animal compounds, delegates enjoyed drinks and the finger food, then the opening ceremony was very well done and the networking began.

I had the opportunity on the Monday to attend the Adelaide Museum and attend the tour on preservation of medium types, including paper, material and motor cycles. The attention to detail in preserving the heritage and cultural of our Community was just wonderful. I can fully appreciate the passion this industry has in their role of preservation and conservation to return artefacts to their original state. I would recommend everyone involved in Information Management to do this tour within their own jurisdiction, and consider their roles and how the Community will evaluate our preservation methods in 100 years time.

The formal conference dinner was again the highlight – we talked, danced and drank the night away and how lovely it was to acknowledge all the award winners in such a formal setting. Well done to the RMAA Board to bring these awards within the official dinner proceedings.

The subject presentations included International, National and Local speakers, and sessions were choice-driven and they were informative and professionally presented with a question-and-answer session after the presentation which allowed for further discussion between the delegates and presenters.

The vendors' display was packed with great knickknacks, new trends, enhancements on current systems and workflow, cloud environment, storage, digital preservation, scanning. I saw wonderful new applications which support the most popular datasets from SharePoint, HP TRIM, Objective, Hummingbird, Alfresco - all pretty exciting and challenging to be in this industry. The lucky vendor stand draws were a great highlight and delegates were impressed with the sit-down lunch during this time, so vendors and delegates could network.

Overall, I had a great time catching up with delegates from around Australasia, and I look forward to attending future Conferences, so thanks again to the RMAA Branch and Curtin University of Technology for your support in my attendance at the 2009 Conference.

## ECU Alumni Assist with preserving an important part of WA History

*Prepared by Sue Adams, Business Analyst Records & Archives Management Service, Edith Cowan University Joondalup Campus*

The Records & Archives Management Services (RAMS) from Edith Cowan University (ECU) has recently hosted graduates from ECU's predecessor institutions, in a volunteer project aimed at adding contextual information to some of the University's Archive collection.

Under the direction of the University's record keeping team, volunteers spent one full day per week over eight weeks in the University's Archives facility, meticulously recording data relating to photographs and memorabilia from their time at ECU's predecessor Teachers Colleges. During the project the volunteers were able to add their personal knowledge and anecdotes of what life was like as a student at the Teachers College more than 50 years ago.

Colin Meek, Manager of ECU Records & Archives Management Services says the project has been very successful.

"It has really helped to fill in the gaps between the official history, and the personal experience of the students," he said.

Vice-Chancellor Kerry Cox thanked the alumni volunteers for providing a valuable service to the University.

"With more than 100 years of history, ECU has a strong commitment to ensuring that artefacts are accurately documented and archived" he said.

The information the Alumni have shared is invaluable to ECU as an institution, to continue to contextually understand and pass on our history to future generations.



Graylands Teachers College, graduates Colin Mounsey, George Barrett and Ted Garden, going through old artefacts and photographs in the ECU collection to provide a meaningful context for archiving.



Graylands Teachers College Flag



Photograph - Graylands Teachers' College Students 1956

# Marketing Records in the Workplace & Successful Change Management



*Contributed by Megan Whittle*

This official RMAA event took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, in the comfortable setting of the Hyatt Hotel. Attendees were invited to meet in the early morning hours in the Traders Lounge to share a cooked breakfast and complementary refreshments.

Following the meal, Trissa Dent, the RMAA Federal Member, officially opened the event. The three Information Professionals that were specially invited to give enlightenment and direction on these topics were welcomed and introduced to the audience.

Firstly Mr. Brian Nielsen & Mr. James Price, both directors from the same Interstate Company, rose to give a joint presentation. Fortunately for the RMAA and the event coordinators these reputable professionals had recently been involved in leading a group of WA Executives from several Mining Corporations on this very concept. Now they were asked to share it with us too.

A comprehensive PowerPoint presentation titled: "Communication for Change – what we have learned" was successfully outlined to the attentive viewers. This presentation was based on the agenda that communication and communication skills are essential when implementing and inviting change into any situation. They elaborated their methods and ideas under two ancillary areas labeled:

- 10 things we have learned about change management
- 9 steps to implementing change communication

The presenters elaborated to the audience with evidence and analogies of change management in the "real" work environment with "real" life people. It was highlighted that people are humans and we are all different. If we are to succeed in communicating our plans, which means implementing change, we need to include all the involved parties and respect them as essential contributors in the process too!

Next, Jo Hutchinson a Consultant and Manager for a WA Company spoke. This presentation was titled: "Marketing and Branding – Your Project for Change". Ms Hutchinson spoke on the specific Business Management skills & methodologies required in effective Change Management. Some of these skills & business tactics she elaborated on included:

- Motivating Change
- Create a vision of change
- Developing Political support
- Managing the transition
- Sustaining Momentum
- Project Branding: the proven Marketing tool for implementing change

At the end of their presentations the official presenters opened up the floor for a discussion and encouraged feedback from the audience. Due to the comprehensive talks given by these speakers this event quickly progressed to its conclusion. The two and half hours timetabled for this event seemed to some extent restricted but fortunately several issues and questions were still able to be openly raised by the audience and suitably responded to.

It was evident, at the end of this event; there were over 40 satisfied attendees from differing industries and professions seated around this hotel board room. As people departed from the venue Words of gratitude were openly expressed with the RMAA authorities. Luckily, the Event organizers arranged for original copies of these PowerPoint presentations to be sent out to all the attendees for future reference and a reminder of what was discussed here. This RMAA event was a success for all the parties involved. Thank you!

## Know your councillors – Here's Megan Whittle

In 2008, I graduated from Curtin University of Technology with a Bachelor of Arts (**Double Major Librarianship & Corporate Information Management**)

. While completing 4 years of fulltime studies I also spent the past two years working and gaining experience in the Information Management Industry. Recently I have been awarded a fulltime Records Management position within the Corporate Services Division of a State Government Department.

Initially my working career started in the Banking Industry. I progressed quickly to a supervisory level within the main Banking framework. My core responsibilities lay with managing critical bank records and the relevant metadata. It is commonly understood that precise and accessible data is an essential element in fulfilling the Bank's major goal of good customer service. Yes I believe my experience here is what triggered my primary interest for Information Management and I realized my Business skills that would assist me in my future work endeavours.

In the mid 90's I took a leave of absence from my career aspirations due to maternal commitment. This extended break meant that I had time to spare so; I volunteered my skills to the local community. I recognized an opportunity for an Archiving project in my local primary school. I had attended this school as a child myself and now my children were enrolled into it too. I had a personal attachment to this educational facility as well a professional obligation as a parent. I was inspired to instigate the key framework needed to create, support, promote and maintain a local school's unknown historical collection. I was keen to make a Primary School's History available to the public.

I wanted to make a difference so I individually took on this task to bring about change and growth into this small, close-knit community. The foundation for this project was essentially based on my own key research of the local and state government's Archiving procedures and legal obligations. At this stage, of my life, I hadn't considered in returning to tertiary studies so, I was partially ignorant of Information Management and its protocols but this did not stop my ambitions to introduce the need for preservation of this school's historical records.

Next I sought the approval and support, for this venture, from the school's Administration along with the school's P&C committee. This was achieved through several discussions and official presentations to these various individuals and official boards. Following on from these meetings were endorsements and words of encouragement. Also the Archiving committee was initially established.

In addition it was recognized that we needed the local community's support in what we were wanting to achieve. Consequently, I authored several official letters, seeking financial support and written commendation from local authorities' for this project. Directly from these contacts made we received monetary donations and numerous letters of appreciation for the promotion of the City of South Perth's history keeping plan.

From all my time and efforts given directly to this project; I was not only rewarded with words of praise but the perception that I had helped make a difference within my local community too. It can be stated that I experienced firsthand the fact that good recordkeeping is essential and a local school's history project brings people together with a passion.

Resulting from this event I recognized my desire to pursue a career in this field, so I investigated various Academic institutions' websites as to what studies were applicable and required to pursue a career in Information Management. After an informative discussion with a well known Curtin University Humanities Division Lecturer; I became inspired to acquire myself a tertiary qualification in Librarianship and

Corporate Information Management. I then jumped into fulltime studies at Curtin University with zest for the next 4 years.

In conclusion I would like to state that now that I have an official degree and I am working fulltime in this specialized field; that I am keen to stay involved in the Information Management Industry professionally. I know that being a RMAA Board councillor is this opportunity for me to support the industry in WA and to keep abreast of the skills needed to be a good Information Manager in today's dynamic work environment.

So, like myself, come and join us on the RMAA WA Branch Council. You can make a difference too!

## Karen Anderson 2 October 2009 breakfast

*Contributed by Julie Coxall*

The RMAA hosted a post convention breakfast on Friday 2 October 2009 at ECU, Mount Lawley campus with special guest Dr Karen Anderson. Karen commenced employment in 2006 as a Senior Lecturer in the School of Computer and Information Science at the Mid Sweden University. Karen is an Associate Professor and Guest Researcher with colleagues in the archival education program in the School of Information Technology and Media to develop research partnerships.

Karen spoke about her latest project - The Centre for Digital Information Management. This is a three year research and development program funded by the EU and is managed by the Mid Sweden University in cooperation with the county board of Västernorrland and the municipalities of Sundsvall and Härnösand.

The project aims at developing models for effective and long-term information management within mainly public organisations but also within private organisations. Two Ph.D students have been employed for the research. The project will also establish a centre for digital information management and a laboratory for testing systems within archives and information management. Furthermore, there will be Dissemination and communication of experiences, knowledge and results.

The project extends over a period from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2011.

## “Sustainability and the LIS profession – where to from here?”

*Contributed by Leith Robinson*

On Thursday 3 December the last of the 2009 InfoSci evening seminars was held at ECU's Mount Lawley campus. These periodic events address topical Library and Information Science issues and also provide a networking opportunity over refreshments. For this night, with the theme “Sustainability and the LIS profession – where to from here?” a 6 member panel had been formed, and the presentation of their views was to be followed by questions and an open discussion.

The first speaker was Paul Genoni from Curtin University, who stated he has an optimistic outlook. He pointed out that though some library and records schools have closed, others have opened, like at Charles Darwin University. Paul sees the critical problems facing as the lack of current research activity and the greying of the profession. He spoke at length on the latter, and provided the example of 3 recent retirements in the Information Studies Department at Curtin. Paul noted the difficulty in attracting people to academia: A Ph D is required to teach, and the people that enter tend to be in their 40s, therefore it is a career change, lasting only a short-to-medium time, with a recognised heavy workload and usually means a drop in salary from their other job.

Next Carol Newton-Smith (ALIA Liaison Officer for Perth) reported the workforce changes she has observed in her 40 year career, such as changes in LIS building design and layout, and the move from an attitude of preventing access to granting access. Carol suggested 3 principles in relation to planning for the sustainability of the profession:

1. Employers to target the right sort of people (flexible and innovative)

2. Individuals to undertake CPD
3. Educators to continue expanding delivery modes (distance, online etc) and training should be specialised (e.g. for health libraries and medical records) as well as broad.

The third speaker was Mark Brogan (ECU lecturer) who began by acknowledging the huge impact of the Commonwealth-government commissioned Bradley Report on education. He suggested that LIS sustainability would be enhanced by adopting a C-[Collaborative]-Commerce model, whereby students do units and courses through a consortium of institutions. For example, ECU and Charles Sturt University could teach their strongest areas. The benefits from such a model would be strategic (resources freed up, possibly for research) and tactical (economies of scale achieved).

He was followed by Vivienne Conway, a higher degree student. She had found roles in the profession were unclear, such as between a technician and a librarian, and that sustainability would be boosted if students received better communication as to the variety of job types and possible. Vivienne upholds the importance of a mentoring program, with possible work placements whilst studies are being completed.

Marilyn Graham was the fifth presenter, representing TAFE, and the sixth and final speech was given by Val Baird, who is a Teacher-Librarian. Both women reiterated the panel's concern with ageing staff and the blurring of tasks, and support stronger advocacy and seek better recognition by employers of what talents relate to what qualifications. Marilyn agreed with Carol's speech about wanting staff with good people skills, and she felt the profession should reduce its fragmentation – for instance, there are so many SIGs and e-lists!

Questions posed by the audience included what is being done to encourage CALD [Cultural and Linguistically Diverse] people into LIS? Carol agreed WA is less successful than other states, and that when diverse-backgrounded people are present, it tends to be in lower-level positions, whilst Vivienne noted apart from her IT units, most in her course were Westerners. A solution offered was having young and non-stereotypical presenters at careers expos.

Another query was the possibility of having industry experts in tandem with academics teaching information studies students, to which the panel seemed receptive. Later, an attendee urged greater firmness on CPD requirements, and for it to mean more to employers and hirers (he likened it to the distinction between an accountant and a Chartered Accountant).

The seminars will resume in 2010, with all information professionals invited, and notifications will be posted to various listservs. For further details please contact Barbara Combes, ECU School of Computer and Security Science Lecturer, at [b.combes@ecu.edu.au](mailto:b.combes@ecu.edu.au).

## FIRK Farewell to Josette

*Contributed by Dianne Harley*

On 30 November 2009, members of the WA Branch Councils of RMAA and ASA and FIRK joined together for a breakfast at Kailis Café to farewell Josette Mathers who leaves WA for the eastern shores.

Josette has made an invaluable contribution to the state of records management in WA by serving on both WA ASA and RMAA Branch Councils and as a member of the State Records Commission State Records Advisory Committee, (SRAC). In addition Josette has presented papers at ASA and RMAA conferences. Josette has been a regular attendee at the FIRKS sessions and on many occasions using her immense wealth of experience and knowledge solved many records management problems discussed at these events.

Marg Pember, another vast contributor to WA records/archives management spoke engagingly about Josette's contribution to records management in WA, the gap her departure will create and how much she will be missed by us all. As a partner in the WA based firm Integrated Records Information Solutions, (IRIS) Josette will return regularly to WA, to quote her business partner, Gaynor Deal – 'she'd better' and has promised to retain ties with her WA records colleagues and friends.

Farewell to Josette from WA, we look forward to again meeting up with you whenever chance decrees

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# SRO update of activities

Contributed by Martin Fordham

## **Review of the General Disposal Authority for Local Government Records**

The review of the *General Disposal Authority for Local Government Records (GDALG)* is progressing. The SRO has produced a first draft of the revised GDALG and formed a Working Group of local government representatives to assist with the development of the GDALG. Two meetings of the Working Group have been held and good progress is being made. Further meetings of the Group are arranged and the aim remains of finalising and publishing the document by June 2010.

## **Compliance Monitoring**

During October – November 2009, the first part of the second phase of compliance monitoring was conducted. In this part, 20 local government organizations were surveyed about the creation and keeping of records associated with the licensing of caravan parks and camping grounds. A report on the survey is being prepared and will be submitted to the State Records Commission early in 2010.

The second part of the compliance monitoring program, to be conducted during the first half of 2010, will likely focus on 'Management Plans' required to be created or kept by government organizations.

## **Online Retention and Disposal Application (ORDA) Project**

The SRO is making good progress with its project to develop a web application to manage Disposal Authority processes. This application has been named ORDA and is intended to facilitate:

- The drafting and online submission of Disposal Authorities by government agencies/consultants;
- Online collaboration between government agencies/consultants and the State Records Office to progress draft Authorities to a state of finalisation; and
- State Records Office management functions (Disposal Authority workflow, version control, reporting, etc)

A key concept underpinning ORDA is a shift from thinking of Disposal Authorities as documents and considering them in terms of linked data (e.g. a business function linked to a business activity linked to a record class linked to a retention period/disposal action, all of which are linked to a government agency). To this end, during 2009 the SRO has worked closely with State Records NSW who have conducted ground-breaking work in developing an XML Schema for Disposal Authorities (i.e. representing the structure and entities of a Disposal Authority in XML). The SRO has also been liaising with other recordkeeping jurisdictions on ORDA via the Australasian Digital Records Initiative ([www.adri.gov.au](http://www.adri.gov.au)).

Although ORDA will be web-based, the application is intended to also provide offline capability for drafting Disposal Authorities, as well as import capability to address Disposal Authorities prepared using 3rd party software. ORDA will also provide print/report functionality so that a Disposal Authority can still be represented (and printed) as a document at any stage from the underlying XML.

The SRO also intends to develop a similar web application for the drafting and submission of Recordkeeping Plans although budget constraints may require this application be developed at a later stage.

The SRO will be holding a briefing for government Records Managers and consultants early in 2010 on this project (further information to be posted via the RMAA list-serve). Project information will soon be available on the SRO website.

ORDA will be built over 2010 with a pilot program for its use scheduled for later that year.

## **Maps Online Project**

Through funding made available by the Friends of Battye Library Inc., the SRO has been able to make some improvements to its AEON catalogue for the display of digitised archives. These improvements put in place a solution for any digitised record to be displayed through AEON. At this stage, the SRO's focus is the loading and display of its digitised map and plan collection. A schedule of what records can be viewed online as well as what records will be loaded over 2010 will be posted on the SRO website soon. In the

meantime, and for a sneak preview, several hundred early townsite maps of WA can now be viewed at [Record Series No. 235](#) via AEON ([www.sro.wa.gov.au/aeon](http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/aeon)).

### The 2009 Geoffrey Bolton Lecture



Professor Lyn Beazley delivers the 2009 Geoffrey Bolton Lecture

*Image by Bohdan Warchomij, Courtesy State Records Office of WA*

Each year the State Records Office of Western Australia hosts an annual lecture in honour of the distinguished Australian historian, Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton AO. The Lecture recognises Professor Bolton's long period of use of archives, his service and overall contribution to the State through the promotion of Western Australian history and the use of Western Australia's archives across many disciplines. The aims of the Lecture are to encourage the expression of ideas and debate about the meaning and nature of history and society, grounded in archival research; and to provide archival and historical context to national debate on contemporary issues. Since its inception the Geoffrey Bolton Lecture series has been held in the historic Government House Ballroom in St George's Terrace, Perth and this year occurred on the evening of 10 November 2009.

This year's lecture "*The Evolution of Scientific Records and Challenges in the Digital Universe*" was delivered by Professor Lyn Beazley AO, Chief Scientist of Western Australia. The impetus in choosing this year's topic and speaker were the anniversaries of the birth of Charles Darwin and the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*, and also the recognition that there are great similarities in the management and preservation of scientific data and records and other types of records.

Introduced by the Hon. John Day MLA, Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts, Professor Beazley's lecture commenced with a journey through the history of archival records and later explored some of the issues facing the management of records, with particular attention to scientific records, especially since the onset of the digital age. In her address, Professor Beazley made the point that for scientists, the elements they study, be they "coral and ice" or "air to graveyards and lots in between" can be considered as archives. Importantly the data collected by scientists and the interpretations of that data are also records that need to be preserved and made accessible for posterity. There are very large challenges for scientists, archivists, record keepers and record managers, in preserving scientific data in that scientists are currently creating them in increasing complexity, to the degree that these records that can place the researcher inside the record through the use of holographic technology. For example, those researching the drilling of oil fields can enter the holographed record and move the imaged items in it 'virtually', so that the best area in which to drill can be ascertained. This kind of digital record, while exciting and extremely useful, presents difficulties for those charged with preserving and making them accessible for future use.

Professor Beazley also spoke about the use of archives in determining and predicting global warming. The historical records of weather and climate have been invaluable in supporting current research and deliberations into climate change and provide a strong basis for predicting the future of the world's climate systems. This information has been repurposed over time and through use as scientific data it has now been transformed into electronic formats of increasing complexity, thereby reiterating the challenges involved in preserving them.

Cathrin Cassarchis, State Archivist and Director State Records said that "it is a privilege to have Professor Beazley deliver this year's Geoffrey Bolton Lecture, given the importance of the sciences in WA and also her leadership in WA's bid for the Square Kilometre Array. These records hold critical information about the development of Western Australia and decisions affecting us now and in the future. One of the roles of science is that it can provide a rational, testable view of the universe and scientific records are the basis of this view. Therefore strategies must be developed and in place for their preservation."

Following the Lecture a cocktail reception was held for 250 guests, who included many people from WA's Science community, records managers, archivists, historians and State Records Office stake holders.



Cathrin Cassarchis,  
Director of State Records  
and Professor Lyn  
Beazley, Chief Scientist of  
WA.

Image by Bohdan Warchomij, Courtesy State Records Office of WA

## NAA News

Sent by Marjorie Bly, Assistant Director, Access & Communications, Perth

Forthcoming events are:

- **Shake your Family Tree open day**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, 10am – 4 pm

Find out how to start your family history at our national open day on 23 February 2010. If members of your family migrated to Australia in the 20th century, served in defence forces, or had any dealings with the federal government, we're likely to have something to interest you. Visit us to participate in a range of talks, preservation workshops and introductory research training that will get you started on your family history journey.

More information will be available on the NAA website closer to the event at  
<http://www.naa.gov.au/whats-on/events/shake-your-family-tree-2010-WA.aspx>.

Bookings for talks and tours will be essential (08) 9470 7500

- **Defence records for family historians**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 10.30 am – 12 pm, National Archives, Perth.

This free and informative seminar will introduce you to the wonderful collection of military records held by the National Archives of Australia. Come and discover records on the military exploits of your ancestors and the effects of military service on their families. Find out how to access WWI dossiers online and to request copies of WWII dossiers. View facsimile service records, pay cards and war gratuity claims, and get free advice from experienced staff.

Bookings essential: (08) 9470 7500

- **Making Australia Home, Immigration records for family historians**

12<sup>th</sup> May 2010, 10.30 am – 12 pm, National Archives, Perth.

A free and informative event to introduce you to the fascinating Immigration records held by the National Archives. Investigate the arrival of your family in Australia (after 1898) and discover how to access their records. See original and facsimile records and receive advice from experienced archivists. Enjoy a free tour of the Perth NAA repository.

Bookings essential: (08) 9470 7500

## Records management in the news - Did you see these stories?

**Compiled by Leith Robinson** – If you would like a copy of any article please <mailto:ltkrobinson@bigpond.com>

“Washington letter fetches \$3m”, *The Sunday Times*, 6/12/09, p.53.

At an auction of manuscripts, letters and books in New York a letter written by US President George Washington urging support of the constitution sold for \$A3.45m

“The minister is protected, but from what?” *Inquirer* [liftout], *The Weekend Australian*, 21-22/11/09, p.8.

The main part of legislation to overhaul FOI has yet to be introduced to Parliament and this meant a request for information about the emissions trading scheme prevented the disclosure of document prepared by the minister in the Department of Climate Change.

“Publishers try to get into our good e-books,” *Inquirer* [liftout], *The Weekend Australian*, 21-22/11/09, p.5.

The Australian Publishing industry forecasts the market for electronic book reading might reach 10% of sales with a year.

“300 reasons for high book prices,” *The Nation* [liftout], *The Weekend Australian*, 21-22/11/09, p.4.

Former NSW premier Bob Carr says the Australian book market has yet to have import restrictions lifted in order to protect jobs [300] at a printing plant in Bendigo.



“Jackson drugs sourced”, *The Sunday Times*, 22/11/09, p.47.

Search warrant records released by a Nevada judge show Michael Jackson’s physician bought batches of sedatives that contributed to his death.

“Armed forces on high”, *The Sunday Times*, 22/11/09, p.7.

Documents obtained by *The Sunday Times* under FOI reveal more than one soldier is sacked weekly by the ADF due to drug use.

“Stories from the next generation”, *Subiaco Post*, 21/11/09, p.68.

The Open Book Project (part of the Awesome Festival for Bright Young Things) asked children what is the contemporary notion of a book?

“Treasures from State Library’s nooks and crannies”, *Subiaco Post*, 21/11/09, p.52.

The exhibit Our Stories, Our Treasures exhibits unusual items like an 1549 bible and the world’s smallest dictionary (27mm x 18mm)

“Name that library and win!”, *Subiaco Post*, 21/11/09, p.3.

A competition is being held to name the merged Cottesloe-Peppermint Grove- Mosman Park library.

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Investigators believe Firepower boss Tim Johnston forged a document from ASIC in order to gain London investors.

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The Write a Book in a Day competition raised \$12 500 for Princess Margaret Hospital.

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The new UWA Science Library has a Facebook fan club and a music video on YouTube.

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A letter to the editor states the lack of government funds for WA's cultural institutions – including the lack of room for State Archives – is not good enough.

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Bookstores using an APA program called "Titlepage" will be able to provide customers with eBooks over the counter from next year.

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The Amazon Kindle electronic book reader is now available outside the USA, costing approx \$A305.

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The RAC has donated its old maps, guides and photographs to the Battye library, to be made available to the public for research.

"Sex-watch on books," *The Sunday Times*, 13/09/09, p.24.

Some WA primary schools are removing the *Twilight* series from shelves.



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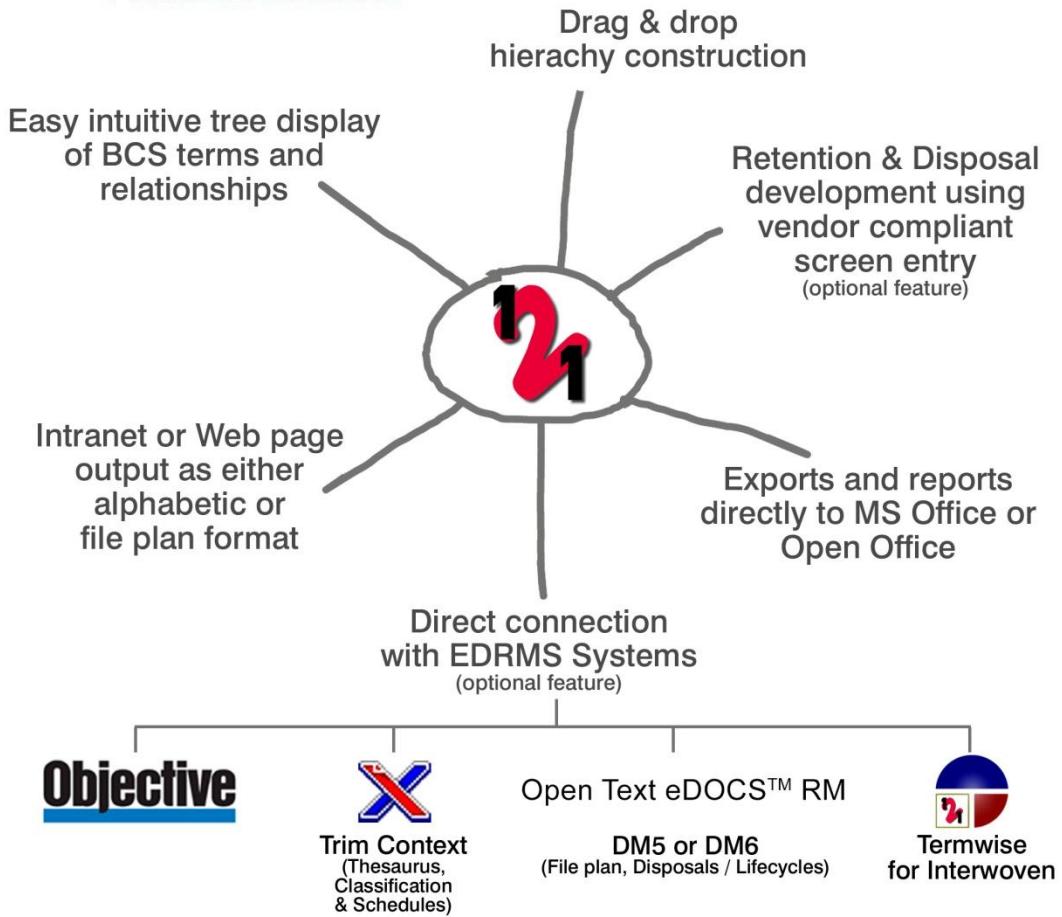
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