

PLA Ltd: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LIBRARIES ALIVE!

- 1. Project Opportunities.** Following background research and information gathering, both Lynne and Ian came to the conclusion that the most expeditious method of securing Federal Government funds was to seek a grant under the Department of Transport and Regional Services Regional Solutions Programme. The project for which funding is sought will involve libraries from remote and rural Australia combining to access high quality Australian information with community building potential. Lynne and Ian are currently clarifying project details, including participants and content providers, as a preliminary step to lodging a formal application early next year. Ian is to produce a checklist of tasks and responsibilities to assist with reporting and overall project management.
- 2. Relationship with ALIA.** On 26 November Ian participated in a teleconference of ALIA's Public Libraries Reference Group (Vicki McDonald (State Library of Queensland), Beth McLaren (Hornsby Shire Council), Kerry Smith (Curtin University), Janice Nitschke (Wattle Range Library), Peter Richardson (Launceston Public Library), Chris Payne (Mitchell Library Service), and Susan Magnay from ALIA). The meeting discussed the relative roles of ALIA in representing individuals, and PLA in representing organisations, and it was agreed that the activities of both PLA and ALIA should be complementary, and that ALIA would support PLA's project proposal. Next step is for ALIA to draft a memorandum of understanding to formalise the relationship with PLA.
- 3. Corporate Identity.** Ian has had further discussions with Brian Sadgrove on refining the 'computer book' logo. The logo has first been designed in black and white, and the next step is for Brian to send colour options, including options for Web appearance, early next week.
- 4. Relationship with ALGA.** No action on this to date - pending further progress on 1-3 above. We want to have something for them, when we do approach them, and crystallising options in 1 above, receiving the ALIA MoU, and being closer to a finished design are all seen as prerequisites for formalising the relationship with ALGA.

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