

# ALIA Top End Garden Party

More than 40 ALIA members and friends attended the ALIA Top End Garden Party on 25 July at the Chinese Gardens of the Charles Darwin University Casuarina Campus.

The balmy dry-season evening in beautiful and serene surroundings of the Chinese Gardens provided a great opportunity for networking, helped just a little by the wine and nibbles. It was good to see a number of library studies students attend the evening as well. A good time was had by all.

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Sue Chilman (Deputy Convenor)*

## WA Library Unconference focuses on new technologies

Western Australia's first free Library Unconference was held on 3 August 2007 at the State Library of Western Australia (SLWA). It was facilitated by a group of volunteers from all library sectors, and was sponsored by the SLWA, Murdoch University Library, Curtin University Library, ALIA West and the Local Government Librarians' Association of Western Australia (LoCLib)

It attracted about 80 attendees, representing the university, special, TAFE, school and public library sectors. Based on the unconference concept, where the content of sessions is determined by the participants, the event was designed as a series of informal presentations and discussions, and it proved to be extremely successful. As an open space event, all participants were responsible for the day

The day focused on the use and implementation of Web 2.0 technologies in libraries, and included a Second Life walkthrough, wiki use, Web 2.0 for knowledge management, and the use of Twitter as a professional development tool.

The day-long event provided a good forum for discussions on the impact of new technologies and new ways of thinking about our profession. There was certainly no lack of enthusiasm among participants, and feedback indicated that similar events in the future would be highly valued. This experience has certainly shown that all we need in WA to hold an unconference is a suitable venue and support from library management — we have more than enough expertise, enthusiasm and interest to foster sharing and learning.

**Kathryn Greenhill, Murdoch  
University Library  
Hoi Ng, Town of Victoria Park Library  
Sue Cook, CSIRO Library  
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