

AUGUST 7 to 13 is Information Technology Week 1983. The week is sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology and the Australian Computer Society, and its aim is to make people more aware of the developments in technology which are affecting their daily lives.

Lots of activities are to be held in all states, including displays of new and old technologies, films, seminars, hands-on sessions where people can try out the latest in computers and the huge range of equipment now in use. There will be open-house demonstrations by stock exchanges, captioning centres, suppliers of computer and communications equipment, and libraries.

Special programs are planned for schools — a primary school activities book, and a computer package containing a database with an antarctic theme for secondary schools.

In NSW attention will focus on displays and activities at regional shopping centres, and a major exhibition at the new Powerhouse Museum (to run until 11 September). A personal computer will be awarded to the winner of an ITW crossword competition.

Branches of the Association are supporting ITW and will be arranging special library-oriented activities and distributing leaflets and programs.

Activities are free, and everyone is invited to get with IT!

Special Libraries Conference Sept 26-29

THE THEME of this year's Conference is 'The Management of Resources in Libraries'. This takes up the management aspect of previous Conferences and applies it specifically to the sharing of resources. In present library conditions of shrinking book budgets and diminishing staff numbers, we hope that librarians will derive practical benefits from the discussions.

The programme includes a number of panel sessions (including one on standards which invite general participation, in addition to the usual lecture formats. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr Dennis Lewis, the Director of ASLIB. The Section is also sharing a speaker with the Information Science Section, whose own Conference is from 29-30 September. He is Mr Joseph Becker, of Becker and Hayes, Inc, California, USA.

The Section's Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon, and the Conference Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening. All meetings and social functions will be held at the Conference venue, the Parmelia Hilton Hotel.

Registration brochures can be obtained from: Ken Rawlings and Associates, 257 Adelaide Tce, Perth, WA 6000. (Tel (09) 325 4427.)

ALIC wants feedback

SINCE the last report on the activities of the Australian Libraries and Information Council (ALIC) appeared in *InCite*, the Council has finalised its working paper on Issues and Objectives to be addressed in the planning of national library and related information services for Australia.

In this paper ALIC first sets out the premises on which its establishment rests. It states what it sees as reasonable objectives and sets down the elements of a plan for the development of library and related information services in Australia. Finally, certain issues seen as basic to the development of such a plan are enumerated and discussed.

The Council is anxious to stimulate discussion that will assist it in carrying out its functions. To this end the working paper has been distributed for comment to major library agencies and groups of librarians, authorities responsible for library services, including departments of education and similar bodies.

In addition, any comments would be welcomed from other bodies or individuals. Copies of the working paper are available free on application to: The Secretary, Australian Libraries and Information Council, Box E12, Queen Victoria Terrace, CANBERRA ACT 2600. Responses would be preferred by 1 October 1983, though every effort will be made to consider comments received after this date.

At the June Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers with Responsibilities for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, ALIC made its first report to Ministers. While the major item was the work done on the Issues and Objectives paper, attention was also drawn to administrative arrangements, resources available to ALIC, and advice to governments.

Under the heading of Advice to Governments, ALIC noted, as well as the Issues and Objectives paper, the establishment of State advisory committees on library services in South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales and the setting up, in most States, and in the Northern Territory, of advisory committees on library services to the handicapped. ALIC reported that the separate questions of national information policy and library services to ethnic communities had

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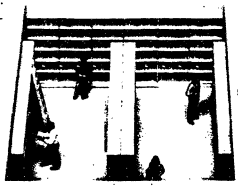
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