

CONFERENCE NEWS

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT and computer topics will form two of three strands in sessions preceding the LAA-NZLA Conference in Brisbane from 27-31 August.

Focusing on the immediate information needs of teacher-librarians, teachers and students, these sessions are being organised by the School Libraries Section of the LAA for the afternoon of Saturday 25 and all day on Sunday 26 August.

The management strand will adopt a case-study approach and include interpersonal-relationship and time management topics.

Because the potential educational value of computers is of vital concern to teachers and parents, and as the interest in computer seminars by teacher-librarians is high, the computer strand will include:

- school library administration for beginners and the advanced;
- computers as a teaching tool;
- evaluating computer software; and
- future planning for schools with computers.

The third stream, a practical strand, will encompass areas such as display and graphics, and the formation of local history collections.

It will also feature Maurice Saxby, senior lecturer in English at Kuring-gai CAE and widely acclaimed authority on children's literature, on the value of fables, fairytales and other traditional literature for children.

Walter McVitty, for many years senior lecturer in the Department of Librarianship at the Melbourne CAE, will talk on the subject of literature for exceptional children — the gifted and the less able.

Organisers say that sessions will provide the expected 100 local, national and overseas participants with an opportunity

to exchange views and information, and to socialise.

The School Libraries and Children's Section will host a combined dinner on Sunday 26 August at Earlstreet Historical Village, one of Brisbane's historic venues. Dinner is to be a village-style beef hot pot and damper, much in keeping with the surroundings. Suitable musical entertainment is also planned.

Social events

A COLONIAL pub-style dinner, a lively bush dance, and a gala evening at one of Australia's leading entertainment resorts are among the choices for delegates' relaxation at the 1984 LAA-NZLA Conference in Brisbane from 27-31 August.

Each LAA Section will host a dinner or other function to which everyone is invited, and the UCLS will host a dinner in the Presidential Ballroom of one of the Conference's main venues — the Crest International Hotel.

Dinner at the Earlstreet Village, hosted by the School Librarians and Children's Sections, will be based on a colonial pub theme with bush music and hearty food provided.

By contrast, the Conference opening function will be at Sibyl's, a large, modern nightclub booked exclusively for the occasion.

Sea World, a popular entertainment centre on the Gold Coast, has been booked and coaches will be arranged to take people there for a fun-packed evening.

Conference Social and Hospitality Committee Convenor, Helen Routh, said that delegates would need to book early to ensure a place at functions of their choice.

The Conference registration brochure, now being printed, will give details for reserving tickets for section dinners and other main functions. It will be distributed with *InCite* as soon as it is available.

Reading and the age of electronics



Richard Hoggart MA LIHD D Univ DesL.
Photograph by Peter Balstow

'Why read in an electronic age?' This is the subject on which well-known English lecturer and broadcaster Richard Hoggart will speak at the LAA/NZLA Conference in Brisbane.

Richard Hoggart's lively style will be familiar to many LAA members and no doubt large audiences will be attracted to hear him speak on this interesting and controversial topic.

Richard Hoggart's writings on literacy and reading are widely known. He also served on the Pilkington Committee on British broadcasting and television (1960-62) and was Assistant Director-General of UNESCO from 1970-75.

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