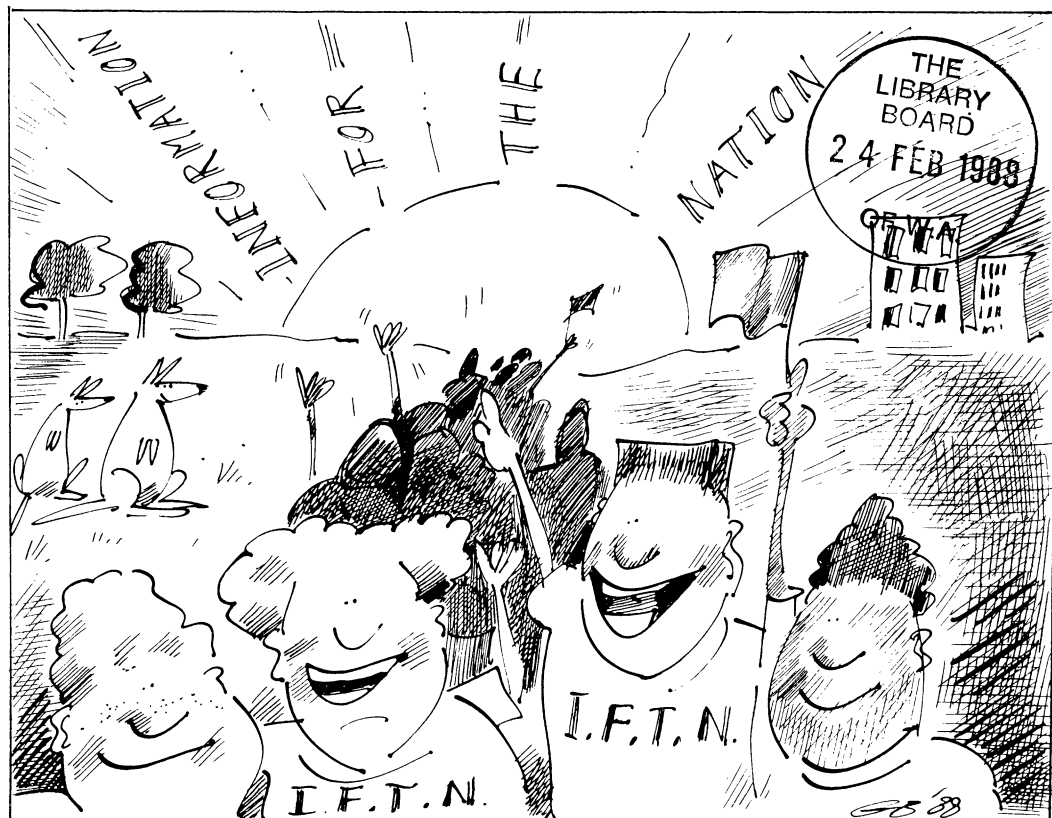


Information For The Nation

Australian Libraries Summit



The Australian Libraries Summit will be held in Canberra during 17-19 October. Over the last few months the Summit's Steering Committee has progressed in its planning. The Summit's mission statement and objectives have been established and a paper summarising the issues felt to be the major concerns underlying the objectives has been drafted.

The Committee has also established a schedule for the preparation of a brief background paper on each issue. This will be available for discussion in mid February. State and Territory Librarians, LAA Branch Presidents and the Chairs of the AACOBs State Committees have been asked to set up a mechanism for consultation on the issues to be raised by the Summit. Feedback in the form of comments and proposals is sought by mid June and then the Summit's agenda will be drafted. Input at the State level is seen to be important and should complement input gained from individual institutions and various other sectors.

Mission statement and objectives

The Summit's mission statement is 'to determine and reach agreement on the most effective structures and processes for delivering library and information services throughout the nation'. Its objectives are to:

- explore the present pattern and possible alternative structures for library and related information services
- explore ways of co-ordinating collection development to create the most comprehensive possible national collection and of establishing agreements to achieve this process
- consider proposals leading to a plan for improves access to the national collection
- identify the roles of various kinds of libraries and related information services in achieving the second and third objectives
- explore ways of improving public awareness and capacity to use information resources available through the nation's

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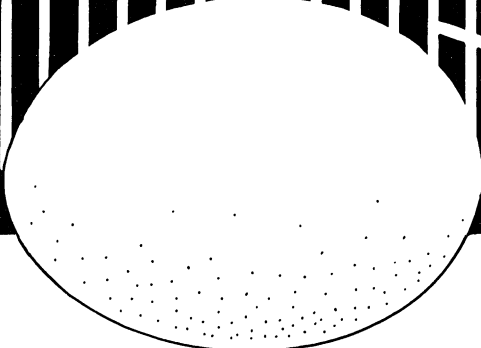
This issue of *InCite* features the first of a series of short articles intended to emphasise the dimensions of the national library network; to convey developments and concerns in different types of libraries; to provide a reference for students of library and information science; to provide a snapshot of Australian libraries in 1988 (the articles may be collected together in a booklet); and last, but by no means least to demonstrate the substance for a library-based national information plan.

Anne Hazell heads off the series with an article on school libraries. Other articles commissioned will cover TAFE, CAE, university, and state libraries; public

libraries; parliamentary libraries; theological libraries; joint-use libraries; special libraries; medical libraries; library networks and co-operation; and the National Library. A contributor for an article on prison libraries is sought. Is your area of librarianship missing from the list? If so, and you are willing to contribute please contact me c/- SACAE Library, Holbrooks Rd, Underdale SA 5032 (08) 354 6260, fax (08) 43 6226.

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