

# In the News

## Are you coming?

'Where to?' you may well ask. Carolyn Cohn provides some answers

**T**HE ONLY POSSIBLE answer is to the ALIA Biennial Conference in Albury/Wodonga, 27 September to 2 October. This is the *first* non-capital city conference organised by ALIA and the only way to appreciate its uniqueness is to be there.

This is a conference with something for everyone. There is a large trade exhibit where you can meet and talk to representatives from all the major companies serving the Australian library community. Sessions range from developments in the Asia/Pacific region to papers covering a variety of personnel and management issues, to views of the future and where we are going. Not only do we cover the serious part of life, there is also a great social program which will allow you to catch up with friends and make new ones.

If you have not seen a conference registration booklet and completed your registration form, contact the ALIA Conference Manager and he will be pleased to send you one.

### Beyond the Program

There is a lot of interesting activity in Albury/Wodonga both before and during the ALIA biennial Conference. Many ALIA Divisions and others have chosen this time to hold meetings and dinners, which are listed separately in *inCite's* Events pages.

On Sunday 27 September UCRLS is holding a seminar on *Converging technologies divergent applications: the future of information services to the academic community*. The keynote address will be given by James Michalko, the Director of the Research Libraries Group in the USA. During the rest of the morning's session, speakers will address the 'Academics and the Publishers Perspectives'. In the afternoon session speakers will give the 'Intermediaries' perspectives'. Details are available from your local UCRLS group or Expert Conferences, PO Box 150, Lyneham ACT 2602, phone (06) 257 6970.

There are a number of annual general meetings being held during the week. Just to highlight a couple, the Specials Section AGM is at 6pm on Thursday 1 October at the Hume



Dr Marianne Broadbent

Inn and will be followed by dinner. The Asia/Pacific SIG will hold their AGM at 5.30pm on Thursday 1 October, also followed by dinner. The Acquisitions Section is having a dinner on the evening of Monday 27 September at the Commercial Club in Albury.

### Shuttle bus service

From the afternoon of Sunday 26 September to the afternoon of Friday 2 October a free bus service has been kindly sponsored by Faxon, Geac, General Automation and Swets. These buses will be available during the day, at scheduled times, to transport delegates between venues. A pick-up service will commence each morning, collecting passengers from accommodation sites and delivering them to venues, with a central meeting point at the main Conference venue in the centre of Albury. Weary, satisfied delegates will then be returned to their accommodation after the last session of the day.

A local bus company is making available an evening service which will make it easy (and safe) for you to attend the main Conference social functions. The service will operate on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, linking accommodation sites with function venues. A book of

tickets, covering all the evening trips will be available at the Conference Information Centre for \$15.00 per person.

### Women, Careers, Priorities, Information Values, Cultural Heritage!

All of these topics, and many more, will be discussed during the Conference. The Program Subcommittee has presented us with a stimulating variety of sessions and it is often going to be hard to choose between them.

Invited speakers will present papers on a variety of issues. On Monday 28 September, Professor Stuart Macintyre, the Ernest Scott Professor of History at the University of Melbourne, will speak on *Libraries, information management and cultural heritage*. Professor Macintyre has written on British and Australian history and is currently working on a history of communism in Australia. He is a member of the Councils of both the National Library of Australia and the State Library of Victoria and regards this involvement with libraries as the best sort of a busman's holiday.

*Demonstrating information service values: linking priorities, benefits and performances* is the topic of Dr Marianne Broadbent's paper on the same day. Dr Broadbent is Program Director at the key Centre for Strategic Management at the University of Melbourne. She has undertaken research in the information services area on issues like the value of information systems and services, information management education and training and the alignment of information and business strategies.

Two speakers look at women and the profession on Thursday 1 October. Dr Gabrielle Baldwin's paper is entitled *Reading women: gender roles in libraries*.

Associate Professor Lorraine Dennerstein has recently completed research on the roles and achievements of male and female medical graduates for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Melbourne. Her paper is titled *Women, careers and family life*. ■