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Adelaide 98: Pathways to knowledge

Adelaide is gearing up for the *piece de resistance* of biennial conferences, when it stages *Adelaide 98: Pathways to knowledge*, in October.

The conference, the last to be held in the 1900s, promises to be a momentous and thought-provoking event, that looks at the future but encourages delegates to examine past achievements, too.

'We wanted a program that was forward-thinking and focussed on a broad spectrum of the issues associated with working in today's information age,' says Di Booker, the conference convenor.

'At the same time, we wanted this biennial conference to acknowledge the closing of a century and take note of lessons we have learned along the way; so that, as a cross-sectoral profession, we can build a united strategy for the challenges that face us, rather than stumble reactively into the future.'

'I think our program has been successful in achieving that balance, and October cannot come soon enough!' Di said.

The conference is the premier conference event of ALIA, and an opportunity for broad-based and cross-sectoral exploration of library and information professional issues. The program features university, special, school, public and government sector librarians from every State and Territory. High profile library educators Mairead Browne (University of Technology, Sydney) and Michael Gorman (California State University, Fresno), prominent social commentators Phillip Adams and Don Edgar, communications law expert Victoria Marles, and the South Australian Small Business Advocate, Fij Miller (a librarian-bookseller), are also on the program.

The conference has been designed to offer delegates and speakers maximum opportunities to pursue discussions off the speakers' podium. A series of optional, low-budget *chew it over with a speaker!* dinners have been organised that showcase Adelaide's wonderful range of gourmet restaurants within walking distance of the GPO.

The Adelaide Convention Centre has won awards for its user-friendly design. It can accommodate a large number of people without the risk of the delegate being lost in the crowd. The extensive trade exhibition associated with the conference will provide delegates with a look at leading-edge products and technology, and also provide the



Adelaide 98 conference social program director, Irene Doskatsch (left) takes conference program convenor Anne Hazell on a lunchtime tour of the Adelaide restaurants that feature in the *Chew it over* with a speaker dinners during the conference. Here they are checking out the specials at the Fontana Di Trevi restaurant

perfect meeting place to catch up with a conference delegate or keynote speaker over coffee.

Adelaide 98: Pathways to knowledge is on target to achieve 2000 delegates for this end-of-century conference... make sure you are there! Earlybird registration closes 4 September.

For registration brochure contact: Louise Carnell, Hartley Management Group Pty Ltd, PO Box 20, Kent Town SA 5071, phone 08 8363 4399, fax 08 8363 4577, or e-mail hmg@hartleymgt.com.au.



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Canberra Conference Centre. 9-2pm, \$50 ALIA members, \$60 non-ALIA members (including lunch). More details later. Inquiries: Nancy Clarke, ph 02 6209 1117, fx 02 6209 1114, n.clarke@signadou.acu.edu.au.

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• **5/8 One Person Australian Libraries Special Interest group. Networking meeting.** Topic: Cataloguing in one person libraries. Venue: Magazine House, Level 6, 80 Chandos Street, St Leonards. Time: 3pm, afternoon tea provided. Contact: Rosemary Blakeney, ph 02 9888 9600, fx 02 9888 5821, blakeney@bri.com.au.

• **5/8-1/12 NSW School Libraries section. Committee meetings.** Venue: Joint council rooms, Leichhardt Primary School, Corner Norton and Marion Streets. Time: 6-8pm. Dates: 5/8, 7/9, 13/10, 4/11, 1/12. Contact: Andrew Barber, ph 9519 1544, library@newton-pah.dse.nsw.edu.au

• **10/8 RMIT Publishing. Informit Online-Information Sessions.** Replacing NLA's existing Ozline service, Informit Online provides access to over 50 databases via the Internet. Venue: RMIT University. Two sessions: 10am and 2pm. No cost, but registration essential. Contact: Kathy McBrien, kathym@rmitpublishing.com.au or fx 03 9349 4583.

• **12/8 NSW Library Technician meeting.** Macquarie Uni Library, Mollie Thompson Room, Level 5. 5:30 for 6pm Contact: Katherine Raper, ph 02 9514 3688, Katherine.Raper@uts.edu.au. RSVP: 30/7.

• **12/8 NSW Special Libraries section. Networking dinner.** Tasty Middle Eastern style food from Avivim, 49 Hall Street, Bondi. Time: 6:30 for 7pm. Contact: Ilana Cohen, ph 02 9385 2682 (bh), 02 9553 9818 (ah).

• **18/8 Team development workshop using the Myers Briggs Type Indicator.** Team based activities aimed at improving team performance by understanding the ways people communicate, gather information, organize and make decisions. Penrith City Library, 9:30-4.30pm, \$90. Contact: Peter Goodfellow, ph 02 4732 7868, fx 02 4732 7598, pgood@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au.

• **26/8 NSW Special Libraries section. Networking and Librarian's Libations at Sydney** — Wentworth Garden Court, Level 5. 5pm onwards. No need to RSVP. Contact: Yasna Palaysa, ph 0414 443 776.

• **28/8 NSW TAFE section. How do you get it? Strategies to snare the job you really want.** Speakers: Jan Houghton, UTS; Marion Nicolson, Library Locums; Sue Halbwirth, SOCOG. 9-12:30pm, OTEN 51 Wentworth Road, Strathfield. \$30 ALIA members, \$35 non-members. To register contact: Jan Wrigley, ph 02 9217 3915, fx 02 9217 4020, elizabeth.mclaren@tafensw.edu.au.

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