

Post haste the millennium: opportunities and challenges in local studies

Professor JD Hendy, past-president of the United Kingdom Library Association and currently county heritage officer, Cumbria County Council will be a plenary speaker at the Second National Local Studies Section Conference to be held from 12 to 13 November 1999. *Post haste the millennium: opportunities and challenges in local studies* will be held at the heritage Rose and Crown Hotel, Guildford. This conference precedes the Public Libraries National Conference *How far have we come... How far can we go?* which will be held at the Sheraton Perth Hotel from 14 to 17 November 1999.

Guildford is one of the first three settlements of British colonisation in Western Australia. The National Trust of Australia has classified Guildford as an historic town and it is an ideal site for a local history conference. As the gateway to the Swan Valley Region, noted for its fine wineries, and in late spring with the jacarandas in bloom, it will provide an attractive venue of interest to visitors and locals alike.

Dr Alan Bundy, university librarian, at the University of South Australia, and director of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library is introducing the conference as a keynote speaker with his paper *Reality and potential: local studies in Australian public libraries at century's end*. Other speakers include: Dr Frances Gladwin from the Public History Centre, State Library of Victoria; Dr Jan Ryan from the Edith Cowan University; Ms Jennifer Sloggart, past-president of the ALIA National Local Studies Section and local studies librarian, Ku-ring-gai Library; Dr Patrick Bertola, Curtin University of Technology; Grant White of Newcastle Region Library; Irene Stainton of the WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs; Brenda McConchie executive director, AIMA Training and Consultancy Services; Sheila McHale, MLA, Shadow Minister for the Arts, Western Australia; and Phillip Pental, MLA, Independent Member for South Perth, Western Australia.

With the approach of the new millennium there is a renewed interest in

local history. Priorities for collection, access, preservation and presentation need to be addressed within the broader cultural heritage environment in Australia. Topics within this conference will contribute to raising community and professional awareness.

Papers will include the resiting of a heritage building; ethnic histories; co-operative cataloguing of local history collections; creating a content-rich local history website; choosing and using databases for local history collections; heritage issues for indigenous people; indexing a local history collection; and the management of oral and photographic collections. The value of local history in the community will be promoted by papers that include biographical, institutional and educational histories.

Any questions you have about the conference should be forward to the conference convenor, Jenni Woodroffe, Unit 9/85 South Terrace, Como 6152, Western Australia; phone/fax 08 9367 4759 or e-mail jenni@omen.net.au ■



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