ner: The Lord Nelson, 19 Kent Street, The Rocks area, Sydney, 7:30pm. RSVP by 5/11 for restaurant booking by contacting Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

• **1/12 NSW School Libraries section**. *Christmas function*, all members are welcome at this function. Venue: tba, 6pm. Contact the president, Ian McLean, Ian.McLean@det.nsw.edu.au or the secretary Mary Gibbs, mgibbs@shore.nsw.edu.au for more details

• **4/12 NSW Library Technicians section**. *General meeting/end of year celebrations*. State Library of NSW, Coles Room, Level 11, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 11am, refreshments provided. For more information, please contact Stephen Coppins, ph 02 9715 8316, spcoppins@bigpond.com

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• **2/9–4/11 NT Branch**. *1999 meeting schedule*: 2/9; 7/10 — NARU Library. 4/11 — AGM (meeting/dinner venue: tba). 4:30–6pm. Contact: Lisa Darby, ph 08 8922 0031, lisa.darby@anu.edu.au

QLD

• **24/9 Qld Public Libraries section**. *Committee meeting among the blooms!* We hope to see some westerners there. Details: tba. Contact: Chris Gissing, ph 07 3403 0559, tlla@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• **October Qld Public Libraries section in conjuction with QLD RAISS section**. *The great debate: Should libraries outsource reference work?* Hot speakers and a hot debate, with just a touch of comedy! Details: tba. Contact: Chris Gissing, ph 07 3403 0559, tlla@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• **12/10–14/12 Qld Library Technicians section**. 1999 general meeting dates: 12/10; 14/12. State Library of Queensland, Metway Theatrette, 5 for 5:30pm all welcome. Contacts: Yvonne Brock, 1999 president, ph 07 3896 2229, yvonne.brock@acgs.qld.edu or Mary Harlow, correspondence secretary, ph 07 3237 1702, mary.harlow@publicworks.qld.gov.au

• **26/11 Qld Public Libraries section**. *AGM dinner and guest speaker*: tba. Venue will be a restaurant in Brisbane. Contact: Chris Gissing, president, ph 07 3403 0559, tlla@brisbane.qld.gov.au

• **Early Dec RAISS Qld** *proudly presents RAISS-A-MATTAZZ, the library quiz night and dinner of the year*. Venue: tba. Get on your thinking caps now!

• **28/1/2000 Qld Public Libraries section**. *Committee meeting*. Caloun-

Meet the committee

Now is the time to introduce those who have been working hard to make the Western Australian conference a success. The team includes Evette House, convenor; Carole Metcalf, program co-ordinator; Brenda Ellen, treasurer; Linley Thornber, social; Robyn Graham, trade and sponsorship; Brenda Westcott, secretary; and Beverly Dallas, publicity and marketing.

The conference committee are delighted with the response to Projection/Reflections — more than 250 delegates are now registered!

The Western Australian Library Technicians Section is organising the entertainment for the conference dinner. See you on Thursday 9 September at the Fremantle Sailing Club. It should be a memorable event.

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1999 ALIA Library technicians conference committee (back, l-r) Brenda Westcott, Robyn Graham, Linley Thornber, Carole Metcalf, (front, l-r) Beverly Dallas, Brenda Ellen, and Evette House

resulted in the committee being able to offer a mystery prize for those who enter the trade exhibition quiz.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Keynote Conferences, PO Box 1126, West Leederville WA 6901, phone: 08 9382 3799, fax: 08 9380 4006, or e-mail: keynote@ca.com.au. ∎

High honour for ALIA member

Helen Hayes wins the Shell Corporate and Government Award in the 1999 Telstra Business Women of the Year Awards

ALIA Fellow and University of Melbourne librarian Helen Hayes has won the 'Shell Corporate and Government Award' at the 1999 Telstra Business Women of the Year Awards presented in Canberra recently.

The Telstra Awards recognise women who demonstrate business acumen and sensitivity to people's needs as managers and leaders in the corporate, government and private sectors. Judges look for women who: make decisions; are responsible for business results; introduce innovative methods in a business environment; and encourage other women to further their careers. There are four categories of awards: the Westpac Group Business Owner Award; the AusIndustry Private Sector Award; the Ansett Private Sector Award; and the Shell Corporate and Government Award. There are also two overall awards: the Young Women's Award, and the Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year Award.

Initially surprised to be named a finalist in the Victorian awards, Helen praised the organisers for making the interview process an enjoyable experience — a process that has the potential to be quite daunting. Of her nomination in the national awards, she said that being part of the event among so many interesting, committed, and professional women was very special, regardless of the outcome. To win was an added bonus: 'This was one of the most exiting and exhilarating experiences of my professional life', she said.

Helen was appointed to the key position of vice-principal (information) at the University of Melbourne earlier this year, and manages the University's three main information centres — the library, information technology services, and the multimedia education unit. Helen believes that her winning the award is also good for the University, in that it recognises the University's commitment to women becoming more involved in senior management. ∎