

# Projections/reflections

## 10<sup>th</sup> ALIA National Library Technicians Conference

The 10th National Library Technicians conference was held over three days from 8–10 September 1999 at The Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. Three hundred and nineteen delegates attended.



Delegates in full flight at the 10th National Library Technicians conference dinner

Delegates who arrived in Western Australia before the conference had the opportunity to get involved in some pre-conference activities on Tuesday 7 September. These consisted of interest group sessions which were very well-received. Kathy Sharrad convened a workshop on library technician issues and the Board of Education held a workshop on library education.

We would like to thank the sponsors and the trade exhibitors for their generous support of the conference. The trade exhibition gave delegates the opportunity to see some of the latest products and services available. The local library technician group (WALTs) provided a display of library technician memorabilia, which was of interest to many delegates. The 2001 conference committee from Tasmania provided a display of Tasmanian produce to publicise and encourage delegates to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> National Library Technician conference in Hobart. This included daily raffle draws.

The 'Welcome to Fremantle' cocktail party was a huge success. Mr Richard Utting (Mayor of Fremantle) told a few jokes and spun a yarn or two. Richard openly and warmly welcomed delegates to the City of Fremantle making them feel at home.

The 1999 conference once again featured a high quality program with an excellent line-up of speakers. Vicki Williamson (Curtin University of Technology, Library and Information Services) opened the confer-

ence. The keynote speakers included: Carl Grant (president of Ex Libris [USA] Inc) who presented a paper titled 'A look at the horizon — Is it a sunset or sunrise?'; Debbie Campbell (co-ordinator of the Australian

MetaWeb project) who presented a paper on 'Dublin Core Metadata and the Australian Metaweb Experience'; and Judy Clayden (co-ordinator of library technology, Edith Cowan University) who presented a paper titled 'Snapshots: a personal view of the history of library technicians in Australia.'

The conference dinner was held at the Fremantle Sailing Club. A buffet dinner was provided along with a DJ. The awards of Library Technician of the Year and the Dunn & Wilson scholarship were presented. The evening finished off with games and dancing.

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• **11/12 Qld Library Technicians section.** 1999 general meeting date. State Library of Queensland, Metway Theatre, 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.

• **North Qld Regional group.** Christmas breakfast Awua Restaurant, Sheraton, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive, Townsville. Contact: Carolyn Kenny, Australian Institute of Marine Science, ph/fx 07 4753 4231, c.kenny@aims.gov.au. RSVP by 10/12.

• **28/1/2000 Qld Public Libraries section.** Committee meeting. Caloundra, details: tba. Contact: Chris Gissing, president, ph 07 3403 0559, cde@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

### SA

• **1/12 SA Special Libraries section.** AGM and cocktails. House of Chow, 82 Hutt Street (Corner Wakefield Street), Adelaide, AGM 5:30–6pm, Cocktails 6–7:30pm. Cost: SA Special members \$20, non-members \$25. For more information contact: Heather Layton, heather.layton@dsto.defence.gov.au

• **7/12 SA Combined Acquisitions/RAISS AGM.** Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library, Room 418, City West Library, 5.30 for 6pm. Contact: Jenni Jeremy, secretary SA Acquisitions, ph 08 8302 0318, fx 08 8302 0280, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

• **8/12 SA Health Section AGM.** Red Ochre, War Memorial Drive, North Adelaide. Meeting 6.30pm, dinner 7.30pm. Cost \$32.50. Send payment to Margie Russon, Gus Fraenkel Medical Library, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide 5001. Cheques made payable to 'ALIA Health Libraries Section'.

• **13/12 SA Library Technician section.** Committee meetings. Fleet Street Cafe, 162 Pulteney Street, Adelaide. 6 for 6:30pm meeting. Contact SALT secretary, Jackie Williams, ph 08 8226 2890, fx 08 8226 2199.

### Vic

• **3/12 Vic Branch. Christmas party.** Celebrate the events of 1999 with colleagues and friends at Natures Element, 213 Franklin Street, Melbourne, 5.30 for 6.00pm, ALIA members \$15; non-members \$25. See enclosed flyer for details. RSVP: ALIA Vic Branch Office, Helen Sweeney, ph 03 9816 4904, h.sweeney@c031.aone.net.au

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