

Tasmanian technicians meet in Campbell Town

The TALIA TecS (Tasmanian ALIA Library Technicians) held a mini-conference at the Grange, Campbell Town, Tasmania on 2 October 1999. The day included reports from the Fremantle conference, an AGM and planning for the Hobart Conference in 2001.

After a short welcome from president Helen Duggan, Glenyce Surtees congratulated the four Tasmanian library technicians who presented papers at the 10th National ALIA Library Technician Conference *Projections/reflections*, which was held in Fremantle, in September 1999: Lyndal Schneider — Libraries and the ethnic community: a Tasmanian perspective; Chris Horswill and Susan Ellvey — Online island: creative solutions linking Tasmanians to the world; and Helen Jacobson — Managing stress: it's your responsibility, take control.

The Western Australian conference dealt positively with many challenging issues facing libraries today, while also considering the evolution of library technicians in Australia over the last twenty years. Libraries are adapting with reductions in budgets and staffing,

changes in procedures and technology, diversification of markets, and extended services. The dissemination of information by libraries is rapidly changing with the increased use of electronic services. There are new and challenging roles for library technicians in areas such as acquisitions, cataloguing, serials, staff and client training and web publication.

Twenty-two Tasmanian library technicians attended this conference. Our appreciation is extended to the Sir John Morris Library and Archives Trust Fund and to our employers for providing financial assistance.

The mini-conference continued with the Annual General Meeting. During the meeting new office bearers were elected. They are: *president*: Kerrie Blyth, *vice-president*: Rebecca Evans, *treasurer*: Avril Flewelling, *publicity officer*: Robyn Parker. The committee members are Ingrid Baldwin, Liz Bulman, Helen Duggan, Julia Goss, Sandra Groombridge, Greg Parsons, Anne Roberts, Glenyce Surtees. The position of secretary remains vacant.

After the Annual General Meeting

the presentations continued with three delegates from the Asia Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference held in Hobart last August reporting on that conference. Mervyn Murray, Raeco National sales manager, gave an account of conference attendance from a trade exhibitor's point of view.

The day concluded with an air of anticipation as we viewed the spectacular introductory data show for the 11th National ALIA Library Technicians Conference which is to be held in Hobart 21–24 August 2001. The theme, *An Information Odyssey*, and logo were launched ... an inspiration for the hard work to come. The conference will be held in the Federation Concert Hall within the Grand Chancellor Hotel complex, situated adjacent to Constitution Dock, in Hobart. The challenge now is to prepare for the conference and to follow on the hard work and the tremendous results achieved by the Fremantle committee.

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