

## powering our future

## contribute to the information agenda → ALIA 2002

n behalf of the conference committee I would like to invite you to Sydney in May 2002 for ALIA's biennial conference.

We hope that this first conference of the new millennium will reaffirm the role that libraries play in our society. With 99.4 million visits to national, state and public libraries in 2000 who can doubt their potential influence?

Our conference title is *Powering* our future: Contribute to the information agenda. Strong words and strong thought and action is required from all of us to secure the funding and recognition that libraries deserve.

The conference program has been designed as a single stream with invited speakers from key areas of education, research, community and busi-

ness as well as library professionals. This has been done to ensure maximum profile with a strong simple message. The key outcome will be an agenda for action which can be presented to peak bodies and government leaders.

In addition, the program committee has devised for the first time a remote or 'e-delegate' to allow participation online to the discussion of issues and the formulation of our agenda for action. Exhibitors will also be encouraged to participate in the interactive sessions, bring a publisher/ supplier perspective to the issues raised. The conference website will be available soon to keep you up to date with progress http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2002/.

Dagmar Schmidmaier, chair, ALIA 2002 conference committee



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## Conference committee members:

John Bartholomaeus, Jillian Beswick, Maxine Brodie, Carolyn Cherrett, Joanne Fuller, Lyn McCullagh, Beth McLaren, Neil McLean, and Dagmar Schmidmaier, chair of the committee.

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