

ABOUT LAA 22

The Venue

Delegates to the LAA's 22nd Biennial Conference in August 1982 will have several opportunities to discover the delights of the impressive Adelaide Festival Centre. Hailed both nationally and internationally for its superb design, imaginative use of site and materials and extraordinary functionality, it has become a major focus for Adelaide's cultural life since the opening of the first of its four theatres in 1973.

In a beautiful setting on the banks of the Torrens, within easy walking distance of city centre, shops, university and public transport the complex includes the main auditorium, drama playhouse, space experimental theatre, outdoor amphitheatre, restaurants, display areas, convention centre and parking facilities.

The surrounding open plaza features controversial environmental sculptures by West German O.H. Hajek and many other contemporary works of art are displayed inside and outside the buildings.

Conference plenary sessions will be held in the magnificent timber-lined Festival Theatre, ideally equipped for concerts, drama, opera, conferences and cinema.

A special feature of the official opening ceremony will be a performance on the Silver Jubilee Organ, the world's first mobile large-scale organ. This superb instrument, which is both visually and musically exciting, was built by the great Austrian firm, Rieger Orgelbau. Clever use of the 'hover' principle enables the organ to be stored backstage when not in use and to be sited according to the requirements of each performance.

Social functions

A library conference is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make new friends. The number of social functions arranged for LAA22 should give plenty of scope for both.

Eighteen organised functions are crammed into four days. They include a breakfast, lunches and a winetasting as well as dinners. In addition, lunch will be available on Sunday 22 August for early delegates, and the official Conference Reception will be held at the Festival Centre that evening, followed by a supper dance.

Sections which have arranged functions include: Children's Libraries, School Libraries, Literacy, Cataloguers, Education for Librarianship, Special Libraries, UCLS, Public Libraries, Medical Librarians, and Library Technicians. Students, Library Services to the Disabled, Multicultural Librarians, and the Acquisitions Special Interest Group have booked a variety of venues for lunches or dinners. In addition Riverina CAE and SAIT Alumni have organised lunches.

What's on, where and when.
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Many venues for social functions are in or near the city centre; transport to dinners from delegates' accommodation will be arranged. Those attending the UCLS dinner at Morphettville Race Course will travel on Adelaide's only tram (a prospect which may not appeal to Melbourne delegates).

If perchance you prefer a quiet meal with fewer people than the organised functions promise, Adelaide has many interesting restaurants. A restaurant guide, listing restaurants tested by South Australian librarians, will be given to delegates to help in the selection of a convenient venue.

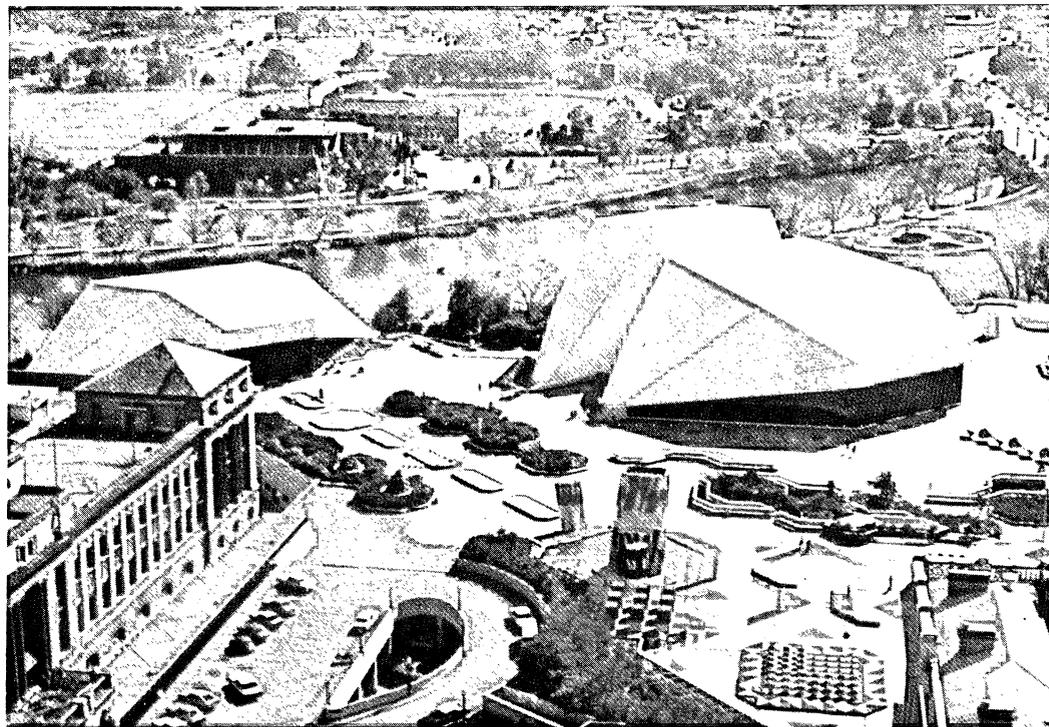
We hope many delegates will be able to attend the closing social function on the Thursday afternoon at Adelaide University Union, before leaving for a tour of the State or for their home cities.

which are published as an annual supplement to *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*. He presented papers at the 1971 and 1973 conferences on industrial involvement, and his paper at this conference will deal with *A Fresh Look at Library Unionisation*.

Eric Wainwright has worked at the University of Surrey, Western Australian Institute of Technology, Murdoch University, and the University of Queensland.

He is now University Librarian (Designate) at the University of Adelaide. He has been actively involved with the LAA and AACOBS for a number of years. He has held positions on several committees in each organization, including the LAA Continuing Education Committee, and AACOBS Working Parties on Research and Development and User Needs.

His professional interests are in areas such as technological change, staff development, management, and co-operative activities. His paper at this conference is on the subject of staff development.



Venue for the conference plenary sessions, Adelaide's Festival Centre overlooks the River Torrens, Memorial Drive Tennis Courts, and the Adelaide Cricket Ground.

Staff roles in the 80s

One of the parallel sessions on Thursday 26 August has the broad title of 'Staff Roles in the 80s'. The speakers will be Jeff Hazell and Eric Wainwright.

Jeff Hazell has worked for the State Library of NSW, the University of NSW, and the University of Wollongong, where he has been University Librarian since 1975.

He is the compiler of statistics on Australian and New Zealand university libraries

The plenary session on 26 August is on *The Social Impact of the New Technologies*, and staff development and library unionisation will be of increasing importance in the context of the technology of the 1980s.

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