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'Libraries: after 1984' is the slogan selected for the joint LAA-NZLA Conference to be held in Brisbane next year. This is the first such conference to be held in Australia and will take place from 27-31 August 1984.

Preparations are of course well under way and already it promises to be one of the most exciting and stimulating yet. A wide range of speakers will be there, including several from overseas countries, some leading librarians and some speakers from outside the field of librarianship.

Six themes are to be covered in the programme - Information Technology, National Information Policy, Literacy, Publishing, Public Libraries and Special Collections and their Conservation. There will also be sessions before and during the conference for those delegates with special interests.

The actual exhibition will be held in the City Hall, but only Brisbane's Festival Hall is large enough for the opening ceremony of the Conference.

One promotional activity which has kept the committees very busy recently has been designing a special poster to publicise the Conference. Latest news had it that a design truly representative of the Conference slogan 'Libraries: after 1984' has now been selected and will shortly be appearing in libraries throughout Australia (and in *InCite* too of course!).

Each issue of *InCite* will bring readers more and more news of the Conference, its speakers and their subjects, to reinforce the fact that this will be an occasion not to be missed!



Brisbane's City Hall, built in the early years of the twentieth century, will be the venue for the exhibition at the LAA-NZLA Combined Conference in 1984.

New chairman for National Book Council

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL of the National Book Council has elected Mr W.A.T. (Bill) Mason Chairman for 1983. He was the Australian Booksellers' Association delegate to the Council.

Mr Mason is head of Mason's Book Centre, specialist library suppliers, based in Melbourne, serving libraries throughout Australia and New Zealand.

He is also Vice-President of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Booksellers' Association, a member of the Victorian Committee of the National Book Council and a member of the board of the Essendon and District Memorial Hospital.

Although addicted to golf, Bill has built a great record of community service through



Mr Bill Mason

the Essendon Rotary Club, the Essendon Football Club, Lowther Hall CEGGS and National Jaycees.

His enthusiasm for books and book reading developed from a reading difficulty and his experiences in overcoming it have given him a heightened appreciation of books and their continuing importance.

He is looking forward to a year of achievement for the National Book Council.

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