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## Education, economics and TAFE libraries



### LIA TAFE Section Biennial Conference

On 25-27 September 1989, the TAFE National Section will host its 2nd National Conference at Glenn College, La Trobe University, Melbourne, as part of its aim to keep abreast of new ideas in education and their possible application in post-secondary education.

The Conference is targeted at chief librarians and library managers in post-secondary education, and library educators right across Australia. It aims to:

- identify strategies to support post-secondary administrative activities;
- effect education for librarianship in Australia;
- review the Victorian TAFE Library Guidelines and assess their possible application in the national context;
- network with educational providers in the same field;
- identify current forces in education and assess their impact on post-secondary education libraries; and
- assist participants to prepare a winning financial case.

### Speakers

Politicians, educationists, administrators and librarians will focus on current issues in education and the economy as they affect TAFE and Learning Resource Centres, and will aim at solid, practical outcomes.

Speakers on Day 1 will highlight educational and economic issues that may affect the general direction of TAFE. They will include Terry Moran,

General Manager, State Training Board of Victoria, and Peter Kirby, Director General of TAFE, South Australia, who will give the Keynote Address, 'productivity gains in education'.

Standards and output measures will be ex-

amined on Day 2, with Barry McIntyre, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, as speaker and facilitator. At the afternoon

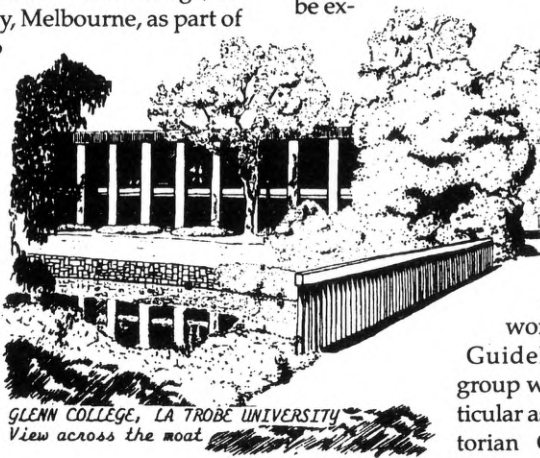
workshops on the Guidelines, each group will study a particular aspect of the Victorian Guidelines for College Libraries, and

how it may apply nationally in TAFE.

On Day 3, participants will learn how to cope with changes in the political, educational and economic environment, and to convince government and TAFE management of the benefits to be gained through developing TAFE Library Services. Papers will focus on financial management and sources of funds, and will include 'Lobbying for results' from Warren Horton, Director-General, National Library of Australia, and 'Balancing the budget' from Dagmar Schmidmaier, Head, NSW TAFE Library Services.

### Annual General Meeting

The Section's AGM will be held during the Conference on Wednesday 27 September at 3.30 pm. Agenda items would be most welcome, and can be sent to Pat Stewart at the address on page 6.



GLENN COLLEGE, LA TROBE UNIVERSITY  
View across the moat

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### Venue

Glenn College is set in the parklands and native landscape gardens of La Trobe University, only 20 km from the centre of Melbourne. Parking is available in the University grounds. Comfortable cheap accommodation is available at Glenn College (\$22 per night) and bookings may be made on the Conference registration form. Alternative motel and hotel accommodation is also available.

### A working holiday

A variety of social activities will include the Conference dinner — a Chinese banquet, with music provided by one of Melbourne's traditional jazz bands. For those arriving and register-

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central clearing house for monographs and periodicals exchange. CMLO's central screening and storage facility enabled the older hospital libraries to rationalise their collections by depositing backruns at Brownless Medical Library. It also enabled smaller libraries established during the past 30 years to build reasonable working collections. This service was available to libraries on a national basis, and so assisted collection development at a national level.

The union list, which started in 1954-55, preceded the NUCOM service by a decade. By including the holdings of the smaller medical libraries — not at that stage contributing to NUCOM — it became a primary source of medical material for the whole of Australia.

An audio-visuals catalogue based on CMLO's union catalogue holdings was published in 1981. It was Miss Harrison's lobbying that gained the necessary sponsorship and financial support for this publication.

CMLO acts as an agency for overseas interlibrary loans, and is the designated contact point between Victorian medical libraries and the National Library of Medicine (U.S.) and its Regional Medical Library network.

This cooperative venture, led and nurtured by Anne Harrison, helped to promote high standards of service, and foster collection development among member libraries. It also helped to en-

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courage the sense of cohesion and unity between medical libraries which has stimulated the growth of the strong medical library network so evident today.

Anne Harrison also made a significant contribution to the development of the Australian MEDLINE network. She was one of the foremost advocates for MEDLARS before its introduction to Australia, and played an important role in gathering support from the medical research community for its adoption, and in persuading the National Health and Medical Research Council of its potential value.

Under her direction, Brownless Medical Library was a founding mem-

ber of the Australian MEDLINE Network. In advocating, instituting and encouraging the use of MEDLARS by students and faculty (and by the medical community in utilising modern information services for the provision of quality patient care), Anne Harrison showed her ability to recognise and implement benefits of the latest technological advances, thus reaffirming her position as a leader in the medical library community.

Anne Harrison was the first convener of the Victorian Group of representatives on the National Library of Australia's Life Sciences Consultative Committee (LSCC). The LSCC was the main avenue to the MEDLINE user community for provision of feedback to improve the quality of this service. She succeeded in establishing a form of representation on the Committee that reflected the diversity of MEDLINE users, with hospital, university and research institute representation.

Anne Harrison saw the need for medical librarians, as a group, to undertake cooperative activities, to set standards for libraries, and to raise their own professional competence. Miss Harrison was appointed co-convener of the National Steering Committee for the formation of an Australian Medical Librarians' Group. In 1971, she organised and presided over the first meeting to establish the Victorian Branch of the Group, and was instrumental in organising the first national conference of medical librarians in 1972.

In 1979, Anne Harrison lobbied the various State-based Medical Librarians' Groups for affiliation with the LAA, and was appointed convener of the Steering Committee for the formation of the LAA Medical Librarians' Section (now the Health Libraries Section).

As her writings attest, Anne did not lose sight of the interdependence of librarians and their role in the wider spectrum of national information resources. Her professional activities include contributions to the Special Libraries Section and University and College Libraries Section, including appointments as an office bearer in each.

She actively promoted the cause of professional librarianship in the wider community, and was called on to represent librarians as a consultant on various committees. Significant among these was the Consultative Committee on Hospital Libraries to the Victorian Health Commission, which was instrumental in the establishment of professionally supervised libraries in



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ing on Sunday night, there is a welcome cocktail party at the University.

Combine the Conference with a wonderful Melbourne holiday. Melbourne Show Day is on Thursday 28 September and VFL Grand Final Day on Saturday 30 September!

### **Registration**

Put 25-27 September in your 1989 diary for a national Conference not to be missed.

The registration fee (\$110 ALIA members; \$140 non-members; \$50 full-time students) includes all Conference sessions, teas and lunch. For a program and registration form, contact Antonia George, Broadmeadows College of TAFE, Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows, Victoria 3047; telephone (03) 301 0423.

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