

## Absolutely positively Wellington!

*Viv Bone is really popping with trans-Tasman enthusiasm*

**E**VERYBODY WHO was at the great ALIA 92 Conference at Albury/Wodonga knows that the next conference will be in Wellington, New Zealand, 26-30 September 1994.

If you don't know this, then you obviously didn't catch the Kiwis

Wellington, coupled with some great New Zealand wine, gave added impact to their promotion.

The Conference in Wellington begins to look increasingly attractive when you consider the great exchange rate and the cheap airfares!

The Conference venue in the Michael Fowler Centre is superb.



*Kiwis logo-ed up at Albury Wodonga—not a haka, but close to the hoecker*

promoting like mad in and around the Conference venue., bombarding everyone in sight with brochures, logo stickers and, of course, the inevitable kiwifruit. A daily draw for T-shirts emblazoned *Absolutely Positively*

Wellington's compact layout brings a wide range of accommodation within walking distance of the venue. More information? Contact the ALIA National Office in Canberra or the NZLIA in Wellington. ■

## Libraries seek overseas markets

*Sue Kosse describes an important international initiative*

**T**HE CONCEPT OF a coordinated Australian approach to gaining international projects in the library and information services field was given strong endorsement at a meeting of 75 people in Albury-Wodonga in September 1992.

The meeting, convened by a group calling itself Australian Library and International Information Services (ALIIS), saw ALIIS as taking on a clearing-house role to coordinate and disseminate information relating to international consulting opportunities, gathering data on institutional and individuals' experience and skills, and promoting existing linkages between libraries and librarians in Australia and the Asia and Pacific region.

Initially representatives of the International Development

Program of Australian Universities and Colleges (IDP), the ANU Library, the National Library of Australia and ALIA will act as the steering group to translate the concept of ALIIS into action. IDP will provide the secretariat support in the first year.

The first activities of ALIIS have already begun with the issuing of an opportunities bulletin outlining consulting opportunities in Kuwait and the People's Republic of China. ALIIS has also begun the development of a register of Australian expertise. If you would like more information on any of these activities contact Sue Halbwirth at IDP on telephone (06) 285 8222 or she can be faxed on (06) 285 3036. From time to time, *inCite* will publish progress reports from ALIIS, and when appropriate also give reader publicity to available consultancies. ■

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