

To the Gold Coast in August

Specials, Health and Law librarians will confer at the Hotel Conrad, 23-26 August

The next big event on the Gold Coast will be the Asian Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference.

The three day program takes into account all the special interests of participants. Items of interest to Health Librarians include poster sessions on *Library Networking in Health, Information Needs*, and *Computer Databases*. There will be a Law Symposium after lunch on Tuesday looking at QLRs and Law Librarianship. Items of interest to Law Librarians will include poster sessions on the difference between an ordinance and an Act, and the many recent changes to Queensland legislation. Also of interest to all will be management, equipment and task orientated sessions.

Speakers will include Barry Jones; Dale Spender (a writer who has been described as 'Australia's most prominent feminist after Germaine Greer'); Tom Forester; and Alison Crook—NSW State Librarian and the *Bulletin/Qantas Business Woman* of the Year 1993.

Our major social event will be held at Dreamworld: Australia's equivalent to Disneyland. There will be outdoor entertainment in the 'Country Fair' area of Dreamworld. For the young at heart we will have opened especially

for us several awe inspiring rides, of which the least rigorous will be the Dodgem Cars. After the rides we shall have dinner in the Plaza Restaurant. It will obviously be a dress-down affair rather than a dress-up affair and we are sure you will have lots of laughs

and great entertainment.

A brochure with all practical details and registration form for the Conference is included in this *inCite*. If you need more brochures contact Barbara Laffan, Publicity Convenor, tel: (07) 227 4952, fax: (07) 227 5033. ■



(from left) Irene Doskatsch, SA Branch President, with the three joint winners of the ALIA Outstanding Library Technician of the Year Award: Lea-Ann Harris, Lorrae West and Deb Isaacson. Another award offered by the Acquisitions Section (SA Branch) for the Outstanding Student in the Serials unit of the TAFE Associate Diploma in Library Studies was also shared, by Jill Evans and (again!) Lorrae West. Congratulations to all the winners.

Valuing a collection

As part of the theme this year for continuing education, Queensland Specials are looking at valuing a library collection and putting a monetary figure on this value.

I am interested in obtaining information on any other library which may have been through this exercise. I am interested in the methodology used to ascertain appreciating or depreciating values of books, journals etc. Any method used would be of interest.

Our collections are valuable assets and therefore their value should be considered in financial statements, asset registers and for insurance purpose.

Please contact Julie Woodyatt on (07) 234 1981 or (07) 397 5402 or write to Librarian, Queensland Audit Office, GPO Box 1139, Brisbane Queensland 4001. ■

Technicians in Adelaide

Peter Murdoch's next instalment on That Conference, 22-24 September

Library Technicians will be looking at the growth and development of information technology and its impact on libraries and library technicians during the first day of their conference in Adelaide.

Frances Awcock, Director of the State Library of South Australia will open the conference with the inspiring title *Taking charge of tomorrow: facing the future with confidence*. She will be followed by the Keynote Speaker for the day, the Chairman of the Commission for the Future and presenter of ABC Radio's *The Science Show*, Robyn Williams. His paper will explore the trends and potential of technology in the information environment.

Other papers on the first day will include: Tricia Murray, from RMIT Libraries, on *From slides to the digitised*

image collection; Lorraine Golden, from University of Western Sydney (Nepean) on *A technologist, if not, why not?* and the Dunn and Wilson Oration by Mary Ellen Leonard, latest recipient of the Dunn and Wilson Scholarship.

During the afternoon delegates can visit a nearby academic, special or public library to be shown current and developing technologies at work in SA.

The *Provisional Program and Registration Brochure* is being sent out during April. If you don't receive one, or you would like further information, please contact Elizabeth Collins, Conference Convener, or Margaret Wallace at the Parks Library on phone: (08) 243 5691, fax: (08) 347 3632 or Peter Murdoch at the State Library of SA on phone: (08) 207 7211, fax: (08) 207 7207. ■