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Asia Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference, Gold Coast 23-26 August

A conference is a place to meet people who have the same problems as you and may have been able to solve them. The best conference to have is one that has large coffee and meal breaks and therefore gives opportunities to meet people, talk over problems, socialise, network, catch up on both personal and work-related gossip and enjoy yourself at the same time.

We have it all...

We are having two hour lunches. Our lunches will be good, fresh, quality food in picnic packs. Take your lunch with you and walk around the Trade Exhibitions.

Explore all the stands and catch up on computer software, subscriptions, books and CD-ROMS.

If you want a change from the inside of buildings go out into the Queensland sunshine and enjoy the gardens of the Hotel Conrad. Or bring your lunch to a happening in one of the Conference rooms—listen to the Lesley Symes Memorial Lecture given by John Thawley (previously editor of 'Australian Special Libraries'): attend the launch of the Special Libraries Directory for Queensland: watch the presentation of RMIT CD-ROM: attend the lunchtime launch of the 'Law Librarians Union List': participate in the 10-minute poster papers. If you have any other interesting things you want to launch on the Library and Information community, please let us know ahead of time.

Several groups will hold conference-associated meetings. The Attorney-General's Department and the ALIA Acquisitions group are meeting pre-conference on Monday morning and the Australian Securities Commission Librarians and the Health Section of ALIA are meeting post-conference on the Friday. If your special interest group wants to meet, notify Intermedia

now (contact Leah Cranston on (07) 369 0477).

The Gold Coast offers shopping (Pacific Fair, within walking distance of Hotel Conrad, has some of the best shopping in Australia), or take the monorail to The Oasis Shopping Centre close by. There is also Jupiter's Casino, open 24 hours a day, a show at the International Showroom or you can watch Australia's 2-up game in action (it is legal here).

The Conference is beholden to many sponsors and the committee acknowledges the support of CCH Australia, EBSCO Australia, Baker & Taylor, Butterworths, DA Information Services, DW Thorpe, Oracle and Unicard.

The Conference starts on Monday night at 6.00pm with the Welcome and the Official Trade Exhibition opening. Rod Wellings, from Butterworths, the Conference Social Convenor, describes it as a social occasion with a Queensland theme. He is also planning the Conference Dinner on Wednesday night. This is not to be missed so include it in your Conference Registration (transport is included in the price). Dreamworld will be open exclusively for us. Dress warm, comfortable and smart casual for rides on daring contraptions at night.

Diana Rylatt, President of Specials, says networking is an invaluable part of a Conference. Contacts she has made in previous conferences have proved beneficial over the years. She encourages you to meet as many librarians as you can: use your list of other participants to your best advantage. If you would like to see a particular library in Brisbane (about an hour and a half from the coast by car) phone your colleague now and make an appointment to meet before or after the Conference.



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