

He waka eke noa — Embarking together

SIGs in Wellington, 26 and 30 September 1994

More than 30 Special Interest Group (SIG) activities are currently planned for the Conference in September. A full list of these can be found in the Events insert of this issue of *inCite*. More details about some of these activities are presented here. These are all 'satellite' activities to be held on Monday 26 and Friday 30 September.

If you have any questions about these activities or the conference in general please contact Carolyn Cherrett at the National Office.

With Children in mind: a Trans-Tasman seminar

This seminar will provide you with the opportunity to discuss important issues in Children's librarianship, meet with up-and-coming Children's authors and visit local libraries which will ensure a stimulating day for all participants.

Barbara Postern-Anderson, of the University of Technology, Sydney will open the seminar on the topic of *Children's Librarians as Managers*, and later in the day will conduct a Readers Theatre Workshop. A panel of three New Zealand writers for Children will discuss their work under the title *Why Write?*, and the final session is to be a tour of public and school libraries in the Wellington area. This will conclude with drinks, nibbles and browsing at a local bookshop.

A dinner is scheduled for the evening, at which the speaker will be Patricia Grace, a well-known Maori author.

This seminar has been put together by the Children, Young Peoples and Schools Special Interest Group (CHPYS) of NZLLA and will be held on Monday 26 September.

Finally, on 29 September, CHPYS and James Bennett (Australia) are co-hosting a breakfast at which a new book entitled *Duck for Cover*, by Paul Jennings, Ted Greenwood and Terry Denton will be launched.

Mass media as an information source: can we trust it?

This is a breakfast meeting designed to raise professional and personal appreciation of the value of the fourth estate, and awareness of the need for critical scrutiny of mass media sources.

The role of the media, issues of ownership and control, values employed, and the relationship between politics and news media will be discussed by a panel of prominent media professionals who will present their views and answer questions.

The panel consists of:

- Derek Fox a broadcaster and television presenter, a Director of Mana Maori Media and a well known spokesman on Maori media issues.
- Dr Ruth Harley, who is a teacher of English, lecturer and theatre critic and is now the Executive Director of New Zealand on Air.
- Fran O'Sullivan, a respected financial journalist who is now editor of the *National Business Review* (NZ), and
- Philip Tremewan who is a teaching journalist. He was formally a director of Wellington's science discovery project and a media consultant.

The Wellington Special Libraries and Information Services Group welcomes conference delegates to breakfast at The Boatshed, set on Wellington's waterfront and only 5 minutes walk from the Conference Centre. 8.30am to 10.30am on Friday 30 September.

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Te Roopu Whakahaau (the Maori Library Workers Network) in association with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Library Resource Group are running a one-day seminar on Monday 26 September. The morning session offers an opportunity for Maori, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander library workers to meet, network and share experiences about what being indigenous means in the library world. The session will feature a guest speaker.

The afternoon session is open to all-comers, anyone who is interested in indigenous issues as they relate to libraries. This session will include panel discussions about indigenous library initiatives in Australia and New Zealand, as well as an open forum discussion on how library workers generally can be involved.

The seminar will be held on one of Wellington's many *marae* (Maori meeting place).

Information sources

This is a seminar presented by the New Zealand Law Special Interest Group.

Issues that will be addressed cover subjects that are of great interest and indeed importance to Librarians, particularly those who are employed in Law-based collections.

Your involvement will be encouraged through questions to speakers, with the opportunity to network with colleagues available during breaks and over dinner in the evening.

The areas to be covered are: *Economics and the Law, New Companies regime: a North American perspective, Treaty Claims Information Navigation, The New Public Law, Importance of International Law for New Zealand and Forum for News Services (and Copyright/restraint of trade/ closed market/Intellectual Property issues).*

The seminar will be followed by drinks and a dinner.

Enterprise bargaining for Australian librarians: an awareness and networking workshop

Australia's industrial relations law and systems are in the midst of unprecedented change. The basis for establishing wages and working conditions is being redefined to much more closely involve employees within individual workplaces.

This interactive workshop will provide librarians with the opportunity to

- learn more about why industrial relations is changing;
- understand what is different about the emerging system;
- identify the major issues which should be addressed;
- consider strategic approaches which can gain benefits and avoid losses;
- share experiences with colleagues and form networks for mutual support.

The workshop will be highly participative and will focus on the practical aspects of enterprise bargaining. In addition to furthering awareness and skills in the topic, a major objective will be the development of a framework for constructing satisfactory agreements across a diversity of library services.

The workshop will be led by Mr Phil Teece, ALIA's Manager, Personnel and Industrial Services. Phil has more than 20 years involvement in Australian industrial relations, including direct negotiation of many enterprise awards and agreements, advocacy before the industrial tribunals and senior executive level responsibility for the full human resource management function in large commercial enterprises. Phil is a former office-holder of the Australian Industrial Relations Society and is a chartered member of the Australian Human Resources Institute. He holds tertiary qualifications in industrial relations and law to post-graduate level. ■