

concerns as we have. These include the question of government support for library services, the effects of economic rationalism upon the professional infrastructure, (and especially what has happened with New Zealand government library services), cross-sectoral access issues, and resource sharing. Information justice has been much debated recently in other professional forums, and Australian delegates with a passion for the subject will be pleased to know that New Zealand has its own strong debate over the issue of free as opposed to basic value-added services in public libraries.

Australian delegates interested in looking at New Zealand libraries will find a wide range in Wellington, but I strongly suggest that whatever else they do they visit the gorgeous new Wellington Public Library building. The impressive National Library of New Zealand

and Victoria University of Wellington Library are in the capital city, together with a wide range of interesting special and school libraries.

NZLIA is an equal partner with ALIA in mounting this joint conference. It is a very active Association,

with its office in Wellington, and with operations that are similar to those of ALIA. NZLIA conferences are held annually, usually in rotation between major and provincial cities. An interesting difference to ALIA biennial conferences is a very strong concentration on public library issues, with some elected local government representatives among the delegates. ■

Uni library included in the Australian best practice demo program

The Northern Territory University Library has been selected to participate in the small and medium enterprise round of the Australian best practice demonstration program. A grant of \$150 000 was announced by the Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon. Laurie Brereton MP in Melbourne on 15 July 1994.

The University Library's project aims to achieve continuous improvement in the quality, effectiveness and cost efficiency of research information delivery at the Northern Territory University and to business and government in North Australia, and to establish the Northern Territory University Library as an international exemplar of best practice in innovative delivery of research information services.

The Chief Librarian, Mr Alex Byrne, welcomed the announcement, noting that:

'This project will ensure that we

have a best practice foundation for developing our services. We will have the opportunity to demonstrate both our quality services and our improvement processes to organisations in North Australia.

'While the University library's mission naturally focuses on support for research and study in TAFE and higher education, the underlying issues for us are common to many service organisations and particularly to those delivering professional and information based services. The processes to be followed in the project will therefore have wide relevance. Building on the University Library's achievements to date, they will be presented through the project's extensive demonstration components.'

The project shifts the paradigm for information services in support of research from a *just-in-case* collection approach to a *just-in-time* service-oriented operation. ■

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