

Destination New Zealand 1994

Lydia Klimovitch sends a welcome from Wellington

Greetings from New Zealand! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in our country later this year.

The NZLIA/ALIA 1994 Joint Conference will take place in Wellington, New Zealand from 26-30 September. This is a fortunate time for travel, as flight prices will come within the 'low season', and the cost of travel to New Zealand at this time is less than (or at least equal to) interstate air travel in Australia.

Wellington is not only New Zealand's capital, but is an ideal central location from which to launch a holiday in either the North or South Island, perhaps in the magnificent ski fields or to enjoy the wonderful alpine scenery. And Wellington itself offers plenty of attractions.

For further information about the Conference, contact the ALIA National Office, or the Conference office: CCM Ltd. PO Box 6175 Te Aro, Wellington 6035, New Zealand. (Fax 64 4 472 7420). ■

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karangatanga o nga hau e wha, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa. Greetings from *Te Roopu Whakahau*—the Maori Library Workers Network to our Australian colleagues for the Joint ALIA/NZLIA Conference. *Te Roopu Whakahau* are represented on the organising committee, specifically to oversee the Maori aspects of the conference and generally, to ensure that the conference reflects the bicultural nature of the host nation.

Like most New Zealand library conferences recently, the event will begin on the Sunday afternoon with a *powhiri*, a traditional greeting ceremony held on a *marae* (ceremonial meeting place). This gives us a chance to make sure you are welcomed properly to New Zealand and in particular to Wellington. As the week progresses Maori elders will regularly bless the conference so that our work goes smoothly, and don't be surprised if a few Maori and other Kiwi delegates spontaneously thank some speakers with song as well as applause. Inevitably, as is Maori custom there will also be lots of food, and plenty of laughter to accompany the more serious sides of our conference discussions.

As the conference draws nearer and we work more closely with the Wellington people, *Te Roopu Whakahau* will pass on information about the local protocol. There will of course be printed information available on this aspect as well. The Maori Library Workers Network is looking forward to working with the conference committee to provide a comfortable and productive conference, hosted in New Zealand's distinctive Polynesian style.

No reira, haere mai, nau mai, whakatau mai. Welcome.

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Many members have expressed an interest in the shape and content of this year's conference. Negotiations with invited speakers are in the final stages and we anticipate an exciting line-up which will draw a large number of delegates from the region.

The conference will commence with a traditional Maori welcome, *powhiri*, to be held on the evening of Sunday 25 September.

On Monday 26 and Friday 30 September a number of satellite activities will be held. These will include seminars, workshops and meetings organised by the Sections and Special Interest Groups of both the New Zealand and Australian Library and Information

Associations. Many of these events are being organised jointly. They include sessions on information technology, education & training, industrial relations, and will also cover many library sectors and special interests.

The formal conference proceedings will commence at 8:30 am on Tuesday 27 September with the opening session to be addressed by both the Governor General of New Zealand, Dame Katherine Tizard and the Queen of the Maoris. Keynote addresses will follow which will focus on the theme 'embarking together'. Following lunch there will be two sessions which will involve panel discussions on developments in Asia and the Pacific. A gala recep-

tion will be held following the final session of the day.

On Wednesday 28 September, following breakfast presentations to the New Zealand N Strategy Awards Finalists, the Keynote Session will focus on social and political trends and their implications for the profession. Speakers from both countries will present their views on the direction of change. Concurrent sessions during the day will offer the following choices of sessions:

Morning: Information Justice
Indigenous Issues
Information Technology
Afternoon: Marketing
Resource Sharing
Heritage

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