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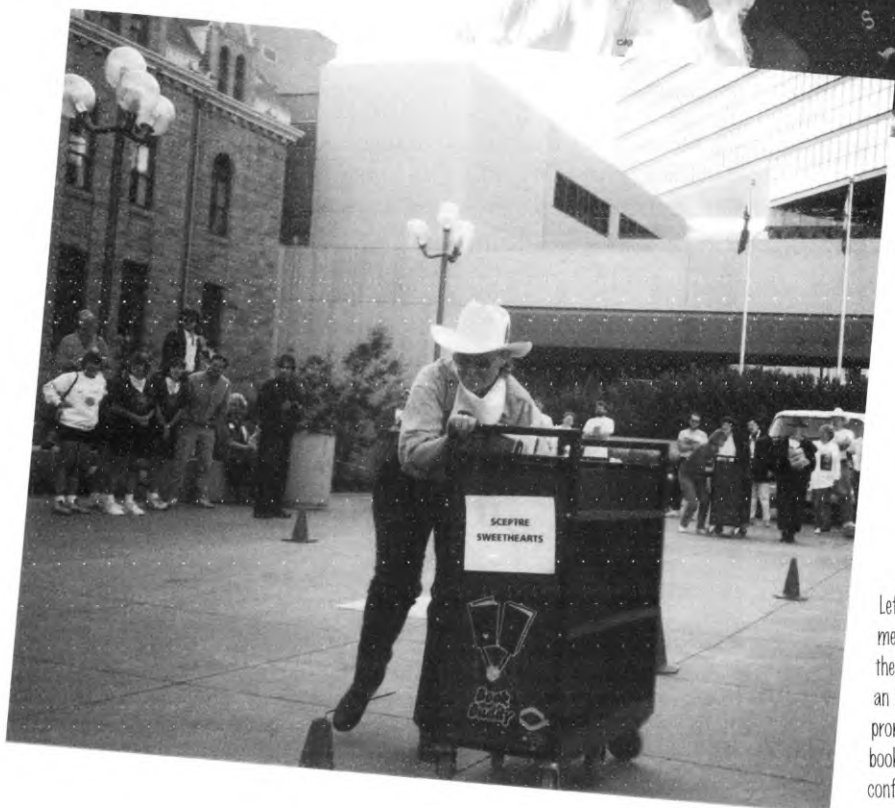
The Executive Director's Calgary scrapbook

Calgary, Alberta, was the venue for the 50th anniversary conference of the Canadian Library Association (CLA). Over 1000 delegates gathered in Calgary just a few weeks before the city's major international event — the Calgary Stampede. In keeping with the character of this cattle country, the conference was conducted in hoe-down style with casual western dress prevailing.

Our ALIA team — Helen Tait, Ivan Trundle, and Virginia Walsh — joined in the spirit of the event by proudly sporting Akubra hats. We were also joined by Ray Choate in Adelaide.

The conference program covered issues of interest and relevance to the Australian library scene. A pre-conference workshop — *Library advocacy NOW!* — was hosted by the American Library Association (ALA) and introduced by ALA President Arthur Curley. This American initiative aims to empower ALA members to lobby effectively on behalf of the library community and has now been adopted by the CLA. Given the parallels with our own lobbying program,

especially the ALIA
Electoral Action
Strategy.



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this was a valuable forum. The ALA has generously supplied both the CLA and ALIA with all of the materials used in the campaign and invited us to make use of these materials in our own lobbying campaign.

Many ALIA members will have met Dr Norman Horrocks who spent almost a decade working in Perth in the 1950s and who has played a key role in the international library scene — most notably in Cyprus, the United States and Canada. Norman was honoured at the Calgary Conference for his contribution to Canadian librarianship and, in the following week, received the ALA's highest honour, the Lipincott Award, at their conference in Chicago. As vice-president of Scarecrow Press, Norman negotiated a partnership with ALIA for the publication of Professor Boyd Rayward's book *Developing a profession of librarianship in Australia: travel diaries and other papers of John Wallace Metcalf*. During the Calgary Conference Norman presented the

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Above:
Delegates at the Library
advocacy NOW! pre-conference
workshop.

Left: Showing typical Australian style.
(L-R) Me, Helen (who swapped her
Akubra for a Calgary Stetson) and Ivan
at the conference hoe-down

Right: With Dr
Norman Horrocks not
far from the conference
venue



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ALIA contingent with a copy of the book hot off the press. It will be available from the ALIA National Office soon and we will provide information about how

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Right:

Helen Tait demonstrating her skill at flagjack production at one of the conference breakfasts.

Left: Two executive directors of library associations, with Karen Adams, executive director of the CLA

Below: Ross Shimmon, executive director of the Library Association (UK)



to purchase your copy in a forthcoming edition of *inCite*.

Helen Tait, ALIA vice-president, performed a range of ceremonial tasks including the presentation of an impressive and witty speech at the opening ceremony at which she presented her Akubra hat to CLA President, Pat Cavill, in exchange for a Calgarian white Stetson. Further official tasks included Helen's very efficient management of flagjack

production at one of the Conference breakfasts.

One of the opportunities that the Conference presented was the chance to discuss common interests with the Executive Directors of the CLA, Karen Adams, and The Library Association (Great Britain), Ross Shimmon. ■

NEXT MONTH

A report from Ivan Trundle on evaluating network services in a library environment