

Gateway to the future

Asia Pacific Library Conference, Brisbane 28 May — 1 June 1995

The State Library of Queensland is hosting Australia's first-ever national cross-sectoral Asia Pacific conference in Brisbane from 28 May to 1 June 1995. The conference, with the theme *Gateway to the future*, is being held to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Library Board of Queensland.

The conference will be one of the first to be held in the new world-class Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, currently under construction adjacent to the South Bank Parklands and just up the road from the State Library of Queensland. It is also within walking distance of the city heart, the Queensland University of Technology, the new Brisbane Central Public Library and, for the gamblers, Brisbane's new Casino in the refurbished heritage Treasury building.

The conference program features a diverse range of interna-

tional and Australian speakers. The keynote speakers are the Director-General of the National Library of Australia, Mr Warren Horton; the Director-General of the National Library of Malaysia, Puan Mariam Abdul Kadir and the Acting Director-General of the National Library of Singapore, Mr R Ramachandran. There will also be speakers from Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Fiji, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea.

The program contains a challenging mix of plenary sessions, think tanks, workshops and concurrent sessions — with a focus on strategic linkages, library design, network development, rural library services, policy and planning, marketing, collection management, national developments, preservation and library systems. The formal program concludes with a plenary on the Internet facilitated by ABC personality,

Peter Couchman. On the social side, the conference features a welcome reception, a gala dinner in the conference centre's Plaza Ballroom, a Parliamentary reception hosted by Queensland's Minister for the Arts, and a farewell function. There are a range of pre- and post-conference activities as well as library tours to university and public libraries in the Brisbane, Gold Coast, and Sunshine Coast regions. An extensive trade exhibition featuring new library products and technologies will form an integral part of the Asia Pacific Library conference.

Program information is available from Robert Pestell, telephone (07) 214 3214, fax (07) 214 3200; registration brochures from Betty Holt, telephone (07) 840 7776, fax (07) 846 1535; and trade exhibition enquiries to Michael Hallam, phone (07) 840 7863, fax (07) 846 2421. ■

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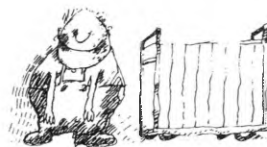
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