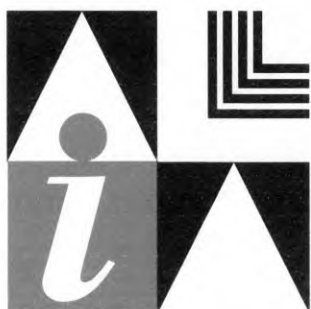


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the dome of the State Library of Victoria could house seven and a half thousand pigeons?

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You will find details on pages 13 and 14 of the conference brochure. Book via the registration form. Remember all tours are free — thanks to our sponsor nashuatec — but space is strictly limited so book early.

A number of Melbourne libraries have agreed to host open-house visits for conference delegates during the conference week and a list of these libraries, giving times and locations, is being prepared for inclusion in the conference satchel.

Social update

If you have not been to Melbourne before, you are in for a treat. Marvellous

Melbourne is waiting to greet you.

Commencing on Monday 7 October with the trade exhibition opening and welcome reception at 6:00pm, we are going to make you feel at home with some real southern hospitality. On Tuesday, relax with trade colleagues in the exhibition area for a happy hour between 5:00–6:00pm before joining one of the many section/special interest group activities that evening.

The conference dinner on Wednesday 9 October promises to be the social highlight of the program — an elegant sit down dinner in the National Gallery of Victoria's Great Hall. Exotic masks and mystery prizes will make this a night to remember. Numbers are limited so book early to ensure your ticket.

And if you find yourself with a free evening we are compiling a *Librarian's good food guide to Melbourne restaurants*. Available at the conference, our own librarians guide will help you enjoy our colleagues' favourite eateries in

VALA AWARD

The VALA Award, made biennially, is presented to the Australian library or information centre judged to have made the most innovative use of currently available information technology during the previous two years.

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**The Secretary
VALA
PO Box 282
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Nominations close 31 August 1996



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VALA TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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The successful candidates will receive up to \$10,000 towards travel, accommodation and living expenses. Successful candidates must complete the study by November 1997, and present a paper at the 9th VALA Biennial National Conference in January 1998.

Closing date for applications: 31 August 1996.

Application forms and more details are available from:

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and around Melbourne. If you would like to include your own favourite, contact Jan Wright on (03) 9600 1288, fax (03) 9669 9677 or Dianne Reilly at the State Library of Victoria on fax (03) 9669 9877.

Program update

The following activities were not finalised in time to make the printed conference program. Full details will be available in the 'Events' section.

Acquisitions section

ALIA Acquisitions section *Accessing information 2001 — the role of acquisitions librarians in the new millennium*. A seminar and workshop covering the impacts of the Internet and electronic publishing on collection development and management. To be held on Monday 7 October, 9:30am–4:00pm, in Bridge Room 2 of the Centra Melbourne on the Yarra (adjacent to the World Congress Centre). The cost of the seminar, including lunch is \$50 for section members and \$70 for others. See the 'Events' section for program and booking details. Also for the Acqui-

sitions section, a dinner will be held on Tuesday 8 October at River Seafood Grill, Southgate. The cost is \$40.00 plus drinks. For more information contact Jill Wilson (03) 9669 9815.

Public libraries section

The ALIA public libraries section is holding a seminar entitled *Strategic directions for public libraries* at the State Library Theatre, State Library of Victoria, on Friday 10 October from 10:00am–12:00noon. Speakers at the seminar include Virginia Walsh, ALIA executive director; Anne Burnett, Confederation of Australian Public Library Associations and Laurie Urane, the convenor of the national public libraries conference in 1995. For more details contact Christine McKenzie (059) 86 0346. Another event organised by this section is 'An eclectic eccentric evening — the public libraries section dinner', 8 October, 8:00pm. Cross the Yarra River in a double-

decker bus to the Commercial Hotel, a seriously retro western suburbs pub (but with very stylish 90s food), loads of ambience and green laminex, and colourful characters. The dinner costs \$50.00 including food, music and return transport from the World Congress Centre. For

more information contact Alison Trembath (059) 86 0347, or e-mail alisont@vicnet.net.au

Baker & Taylor delegate sponsorship...

Just a reminder to junior acquisitions and library students that entries for the chance to attend the coming ALIA conference, compliments of Baker & Taylor, must be received by Friday 12 July. Post your entries to Trevor Wakely, C/- Bureau of Meteorology, GPO Box 1289K, Melbourne 3001.

For all information regarding *Reading the future* contact the conference secretariat, Convention Network on (03) 9646 4122, fax (03) 9646 7737. ■

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