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A few of the Victorians who helped celebrate Australian Library Week 1996

Big week in Victoria

Margie Anderson, Library Week chairperson — Victoria

In Victoria we aimed BIG for Library Week and got the ball rolling by inviting all of the 1.5 million readers of the *Herald Sun* to our Library Week launch! Through generous donations from the Office of Library Services, the National Book Council, the Public Libraries Section and RAISS, we were able to purchase a full-page feature in the Sunday edition of the *Herald Sun*. This gave us the opportunity to highlight outstanding public libraries and the great work being done by VICNET.

Our official launch was held on the Monday evening in the salubrious surroundings of the Parliamentary library where we were honoured to have Alan Stockdale, Treasurer for Victoria and Minister for Multimedia as our guest speaker. It was a great mix of the past, present and future. The function gave us the opportunity to present Michael Cooper with his well deserved *Metcalfe Medallion*, and the inaugural *ALIA*

awards for innovation in Victoria, proudly sponsored by FLIS, were also presented. The night was strictly standing-room only. Visiting speakers Laurence Prusak and James Matarazzo played to a full house later in the week and gave us all much food for thought at their *Knowledge management* seminar. The seminar attracted information professionals from all sectors as well as their managers and funding bodies.

As well as the official activities and the 'Networking Victoria' launches, libraries across the state celebrated in style with a list of activities too long to mention (once again the Geelong group put in an outstanding effort). Although we have the best of intentions every year, this year we really meant it when we vow to start organising Library Week well in advance. We generated a heap of great ideas this year and lacked only the time to implement them all. 1997 celebrations will be even better!

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• 27/9 WA specials section break-fast. Venue: Boatshed, South Perth. Contact: Alice Horan-Anderson, ph (09) 222 7632 for details.

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4-7/7 APA Australian book fair. Venue: Halls 4/5, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Trade Days: 9-8pm (4/7); 9-6pm (5/7). Public Days: 10-5pm (6-7/7). Admission: Free. For further information: Expertise Events, ph (02) 9977 0888; fax (02) 9977 0336.

25/7 Adelaide. Patently obvious?: a seminar to improve awareness of the value of and access to patents for information providers and potential/current users of patents. Convenor: Jane Hiscock Uni of South Aust Library ph (08) 302 6279; fax (08) 302 6756.

Annual award of the best LIBRI student paper. Length approx: 5000 words; language: English. For more information contact: Prof Irene Wormell, The Royal School of Librarianship, ph +45-31-586 066; fax +45-32-840 201; e-mail iw@db.dk. Send manuscripts direct to: LIBRI Editorial Office, State and Uni Library, Universitetsparken, DK-8000 Aarhus C, Denmark. Deadline: 1/8/96

29-30/8 Travelling exhibitions management, professional development seminar by the Australian Registrar's Committee. Aspects to be covered: transport, insurance, documentation, couriers, budgeting and specific case studies. Australian National Museum, Canberra. Contact: Erica Persak, ph (06) 241 4044, fax (06) 241 4521, e-mail e.persak@nma.gov.au.

30/9-3/10 Information at work - Te mahi panui. Keynote speakers: Dale Spender, Cliff Bunning and Cheryl Metoyer-Duran. Lakeland Hotel, Queens-town. Contact co-convenors for registration brochures: Penny Carnaby, ph 64 3 3649039, fax 64 3 3745345, e-mail carnaby@lib.chchp.ac.nz or philip Casey, ph 64 3 2088898, fax 64 3 2081210. Late registration fees apply after 19/7/96

13-16/3/97 The 1997 Somerset celebration of literature. This nationally recognised festival, which features children's authors, will be held for the fourth year at Somerset College, Mugeeraba. Confirmed authors to date include Colleen McCullough. Contact: Graeme Gardiner at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mugeeraba 4213.

• 12-16/10/1997 7th Asian-Pacific specialists, health and law Librarians' conference and exhibition - Perth. On the edge. Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Motive Conventions, GPO Box M3527, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6001. ph. (09) 322 2666, Fax. (09) 322 1417.

CONFERENCE

• 6-11/10 4th biennial conference. World Congress Centre. *Reading the future*. Convenor, Ms Helen Tait. Convention Network, ph (03) 646 4122, fax (03) 646 7737.

• 7/10 Vic UCRLS pre-conference seminar & workshop on performance indicators. Venue: Terrace Pacific Inn, Spencer Street, Melbourne.

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