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• **4/12 ACT Specials Section.** *Christmas drinks.* Duntroon House, 5pm. RSVP: Libby Coates, ph (06) 266 4134.

4/12 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG. Canberra contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts.edu.au.

NSW

• **3/12 NSW School Libraries Section Christmas function.** Contact: Denise Hoeflake, ph (02) 9632 8759.

5/12 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG. Sydney contact: ph (02) 9212 2867, e-mail krinfo.uts.edu.au.

• **6/12 NSW Acquisitions Section Staff Development Day** — invitation only. Contact: Jerelynn Brown, ph (02) 9230 1630 or e-mail jbrown@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

• **11/12 NSW Special Libraries Section AGM and Christmas party.** AGM at 5.15pm for 5.30pm, Tourism NSW Offices, Level 6, MCA Building, 140 George Street. Christmas party: \$12 members, \$14 non-members. RSVP: Pam Norman at KPMG, ph (02) 9335 7511, fax (02) 9299 7077.

• **17/12 NSW Branch Council meeting.** *Special guest speaker: Helen Tait*, ALIA President and convenor of the ALIA 96 Conference. 5.30–7pm, followed by dinner. Observers welcome — to meeting and/or dinner (an opportunity to meet new/old friends). RSVP: Jo-anne Fuller, ph (02) 9906 6000, e-mail jojo@ozemail.com.au.

20/12 ABN Supersearch. *Construct complex ABN searches using the STAIRS software.* Ideal for sophisticated reference inquiries. Cost: \$185. Time/venue: 9.15–4.30pm, State Library of NSW. Bookings: ph (02) 9230 1550, fax (02) 9233 2003, e-mail TAP@ilanet.slnsw.gov.au.

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1997 Public Libraries Section and Reference and Information Service Section Conference

Pooling resources to ensure a quality conference

Vivien Nash and Brenda Simpson for the conference committee

The Public Libraries and Reference and Information Services Sections in Queensland were approached, independently, about hosting conferences in late 1997. Rather than competing with each other it was decided that more would be gained by pooling our resources to ensure that participants would get value for money.

Why Brisbane?

Brisbane was chosen because of its accessibility, the excellent conference facilities, and the availability of a variety of accommodation within close proximity to the conference venue. The executive committee of both groups will be based in Brisbane during the conference planning.

What's in it for you?

Two conferences for the price of one and the opportunity to mix with a diverse group of professionals drawn from a wide range of organisations — public, academic, special, TAFE and school. Professional visits to many difference libraries are within easy reach of the conference venue. On the social front you can participate in the inaugural 'Pub Race' in honour of our working title — The PubRAISS Conference.

What's on the program?

The conference program will be designed to focus on a mix of library specific issues, relevant to the reference and information sector, and to public librarians and local government delegates, as well as broader issues impacting across all library sectors. The program committee is conscious of the need to mix 'big picture' considerations with papers which lead to a transfer of practical knowledge about everyday library issues.

Invited speakers

- Dr Brian Lang, executive officer of the British Library will speak on the future role of the British Library.
- Mr Walt Crawford from the Research Libraries Group in Mountain View, California, USA and author of *Future libraries: Dreams, madness and reality* will speak on his vision of library futures.
- Mr Willem Scholten, director of Seattle's Centre for Technology in Public Libraries is interested in delivering a paper and pre-conference workshop.
- Mr Rob Carter, general manager, Brisbane City Council will speak on transforming customer service in Brisbane.

Negotiations are currently underway with another overseas speaker and a number of Australian library staff, and with speakers from outside the industry with messages relevant to the reform agenda, best practice and customer service. Proposals for papers are still being accepted. We are particularly encouraging young or new members of the profession to submit abstracts.

Where can you get more information?

You can register your interest in the conference to: Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, phone: (07) 3369 0477, facsimile: (07) 3369 1512, or e-mail: pubr97@sunray.im.com.au. Check the ALIA home page [<http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/1997.html>] or contact the co-convenors: Brenda Simpson (07) 3403 8621 or Vivien Nash (07) 3365 2933, e-mail v.nash@library.uq.edu.au. ■