

Creating tomorrow today: Can you imagine?

Brenda Simpson and Vivien Nash, conference committee

Queensland's Public Libraries and Reference and Information Service Sections have organised one of the most exciting and eclectic library conference programs seen in Australia in recent years. The conference, to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 9–12 November 1997, has a stunning array of speakers.

A biennial conference in disguise?

Keynote speakers include Brian Lang, chief executive officer of the British Library, talking on the British Library beyond 2000; Mary Dempsey, commissioner of the Chicago Public Library, on how libraries can reap benefits from community partnerships as the link between the private and public sectors; Walt Crawford, author of *Future libraries*, presenting a paper called 'Future libraries — nearing the millennium' expanding on earlier themes; Willem Scholten, president of the Technology Resource Institute for Public Libraries, talking about Libraries online — and bringing the grant manager for the project with him to the conference!

Other speakers include Graeme Simsion, manager director of Simsion Bowles and Associates, ranked by Business Review Weekly as one of Australia's best performing and fastest growing private companies; Sergio Carlo Meresca, considered one of the top five keynote business speakers and corporate trainers in the world today; Virginia Walsh, executive director of ALIA, who will discuss tomorrow's library association; and Rob Carter, general manager, Brisbane City Council, who will discuss corporate change in Australia's largest local government authority.

And you can enjoy yourself too!

The social program starts with the welcome reception on Sunday 9 November, the

PUBRACE (we thought a pubcrawl wasn't quite the thing) on Monday evening and the conference dinner on Tuesday night. We thought you would want to recover by Wednesday ready for Thursday's professional tour to the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, the Public Libraries Division at West End, Garden City Library, Brisbane City Council, and the University of Queensland at St Lucia on the river.

Australia's most livable city

And the climate? ... *Beautiful one day, perfect the next* so the slogan goes. Seriously folks, November in Brisbane is gorgeous — warm days and balmy evenings with the chance of an evening thunderstorm to clear the air ... just perfect!

The conference centre is across the bridge within easy walking distance of the city and adjacent to the spectacular South Bank Parklands. You might even want to catch at CityCat, one of the new catamaran ferries.

If you want to be really indulgent, plan a weekend at Noosa, Fraser Island, the Gold Coast or one of the other many tempting holiday spots within an easy drive of Brisbane.

And the trade exhibition?

Trade spots are filling fast with the conference featuring an extensive trade exhibition in Australia's latest and best conference venue. The exhibition provides an unequalled opportunity for the exchange of information and the demonstration of up-to-date technology.

Further information

Registration brochures and conference information are available from Kelly Flynn, Intermedia Convention and Event Management, 1997 PUBRAISS conference, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, phone (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512, pubr97@im.com.au.



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17–18/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (17/7), Beyond the Basics (18/7). Canberra contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.uts.edu.au

• **5/8 ACT Branch.** A lunchtime meeting at CIT. For further information contact: Edith Hackworthy, ph (06) 268 8120, e-hackworthy@adfa.oz.au

12–13/8 ABN/Ozline Annual User's meeting 1997. Venue: Rydges Canberra Hotel. Registration: \$80; optional cocktail reception \$28. Registration forms available from the ABN Help Desk on: ph, (06) 262 1657, toll free 1800 026 155, fax (06) 273 1180. Registrations close 11/7.

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3–4/6 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (3/6), Market Intelligence (4/6 am). Sydney contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.uts.edu.au

2–29/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (2/7), Business (29/7). Sydney contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.uts.edu.au

• **2/6–5/11 ALIA NSW Schools section committee meeting dates.** Leichhardt Primary School, Joint Council Rooms. 7pm. (2/6; 15/7; 6/8; 8/9; 14/10; 5/11). Contact: Andrew Barber, ph (02) 9519 1544, fax (02) 9519 1657.

• **12/6–10/7 NSW Special Libraries section committee meeting.** AMP Society Library, Level 6, 33 Alfred Street, Sydney. Visitors are welcome. (12/6; 10/7). Contact: Moya Lum, ph (02) 9257 5481, fax (02) 9257 7756, moya_lum@amp.com.au

• **21/6 ALIA NSW Schools Section.** Advanced Internet. Macquarie Uni, Time/Cost: TBA. Contact: Ailsa Holmes-Walker, ph (02) 9871 3541.

• **25/6 NSW Special Libraries section.** An intranet seminar. Contact: Moya Lum, ph (02) 9257 5481, fax (02) 9257 7756, moya_lum@amp.com.au

• **9/7 NSW Special Libraries section.** The ACLIS winning package workshop presented by Meg Paul. State Library of NSW, Seminar Room 1. \$200 ACLIS members, \$250 ALIA members, \$300 non-members, includes manual. Registrations contact: Moya Lum, C/- AMP Society Library, phone (02)

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