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• **11/8-13/10 ALIA Home Library Services Special Interest group meetings.** 10am, Altona Library (Hobsons Bay), 123 Queen Street, Altona. (11/8, 13/10 — Glenroy Library). RSVP: Sheena Daniel, ph (03) 9817 4566.

12-13/8 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Update (12/8), Introductory DIALOG (13/8). Melbourne contact: (02) 9212 2867, krinfo.au@uts.edu.au.

13/8 FLIS Training Pty Ltd. *Training for in-house training.* Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 9.30-5pm. Cost \$170. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1924, fax (03) 9882 4274, libflis@vicnet.net.au.

27/8 FLIS Training Pty Ltd. *Supervision skills for team leaders.* Monash Uni Conference Centre, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne. 9.30-5pm. Cost \$170. Contact: Elizabeth Yates, ph (03) 9813 1925, fax (03) 9882 4274, libflis@vicnet.net.au.

• **15-16/11 Vic CYSS section.** *Bridging the gap — a literary weekend.* Old Castlemain Gaol. Contact: Terry May, ph (03) 9743 1168.

• **5/12 Joint Vic Branch and ACLIS Christmas party.** Venue and cost: TBA. Transport subsidies available for Regional groups to attend. Contact: Trevor Wakely, ph (03) 9669 4301, fax (03) 9669 4611, t.wakely@bom.gov.au.

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• **4/7 WA Special Libraries section** *4th of July Breakfast — American Independence Day.* Key Speaker: Charles Taylor, Principal of the Foothills School, Guildford. Venue: McDonalds, Town Hall, 582 Hay Street, Perth. 7.30am, \$8.00. For menu choices contact: Becky Lowe, ph (08) 9367 2889, becky@inet.net.au.

• **10/7-11/12 National Special Libraries section committee meetings** (10/7; 14/8; 11/9; 9/10; 13/11; 11/12). Alexander Library Building, Ground Floor, Room G2. Time: 5pm. Contact: Joyce Steveni, ph (08) 9459 0602.

• **22/7-18/11 WA Library Technician section meeting dates.** (22/7; 27/8; 9/9; 22/10; 18/11). For further details contact: Jodie Stevens, ph (08) 9222 9265, fax (08) 9222 9290, jstevens@mpc.wa.gov.au

22-25/7 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars. Introductory DIALOG (22/7), Free Knight-Ridder WEB Presentation (23/7 am), Business (24/7), Dialog WEB Workshop (25/7 am). Perth

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9th National Library Technicians Conference, 24-26 September 1997

The keynote address for the opening day of the 9th National Library Technicians Conference is being given by Mr Warren Horton, director general, National Library of Australia. Warren has been director general of the National Library of Australia since 1985.

He started life in libraries in 1957 in the State Library of New South Wales, wrapping newspapers, entering serials in kalamazoos and retrieving stack items. After two years in the New South Wales Department of Public Works Library he then spent over fifteen years in various information service jobs in the State Library, including the Mitchell Library from 1966-1973. He moved to Victoria as state librarian in 1981, and to Canberra four years later. He is proud to still be able to tie a library knot, having tied many in his early career.

Warren lectured part-time in Sydney for many years, first for students in the Registration Examinations of the then Library Association of Australia and for much of the 1970s in the technician level course at Sydney Technical College. He had much to do with the introduction of the technician qualification in Australian librarianship, including the negotiations for the Sheldon Award in New South Wales in 1973. This placed technicians into the State Library and the New South Wales Department of Technical Education employment structure and flowed on into other awards.

He has been a member of the ALIA Library Technician Section since its establishment, and was pleased to participate in the early national technician conferences.

Colour by day and night is the theme for Floriades tenth birthday celebration. Floriade is Canberra's annual salute to spring held in Commonwealth Park this year from 20 September to 19 October 1997: an imaginative and innovative horticultural display accentuated by community arts projects and a dazzling night-time lighting scheme.

Displays will include a 400-metre long floral river, Australian garden, floating birthday cake, quirky gardens, hanging gardens and the floriade village, poles of light, and a secret garden. Floriade also includes sculpture, music, art, dancing, drama and fun! Commonwealth Park is in close proximity to the Convention Centre, the venue for the conference, and we hope that delegates will take advantage of this and enjoy Canberra's spring festival.

Library tours are filling fast. Earlybird registrations close 25 July. Registration brochures and any other information can be obtained from Conference Solutions, PO Box 238, Deakin West 2600, phone (06) 285 3000, fax (06) 285 3001, e-mail office@consol.com



Librarian, manager, editor, writer as keynote speaker at conference

On the Edge

The 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' conference and exhibition, Perth, 12-16 October 1997

Explore the Asia Pacific connection with Kim See Ch'ng: librarian, manager, editor, writer and networker extraordinaire.

Kim See will set the scene in a plenary session, discussing current issues in several countries. Her credentials are impressive, being Head

of the Library at the National Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, with a varied career in different types of libraries, after first trying journalism.

In her own words, Kim See is known for straight talking, and is sometimes prone to outrageous remarks. Her participation in

the conference will add an exciting dimension.

For further information contact Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Tce, Perth 6001. ph: (09) 322 2666 fax: (09) 322 1417 and also check the Conference home page at <http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au:80/edge/>