

Partnerships in learning — the creative strategy

ALIA TAFE national conference update

Significant progress has been made in planning for the 6th ALIA TAFE Section National Conference which is to be held from 24–26 August 1997 at the Sydney Marriott Hotel.

The conference will be officially opened by the honourable Bob Debus MP, whose portfolios include the Minister assisting the New South Wales minister for the arts. The theme of the conference is *Partnerships in learning — the creative strategy* and the program subcommittee has secured a number of specialists from within the vocational and university sectors as keynote speakers and presenters who will explore different aspects of the theme.

The opening address will be delivered by Gaye Hart, director of the Hunter Institute of Technology, TAFE NSW. Di Booker, manager, Open Learning Information and Materials Clearinghouse, will set the scene on the first morning with a discussion on 'Focus on learning' — the blueprint for libraries in the VET sector.

Included in 'Partnerships with industry', Dr Gary Willmott, assistant director-general, education and training services, New South Wales Department of Training and Education Co-ordination, will address the conference on the National Apprenticeship System, and user choice, the implications for TAFE of increased competition in the training market and the challenges and opportunities this poses for libraries within TAFE.

Neil McLean, university librarian, Macquarie University, will share his experiences of educational partnerships at Macquarie University and offer insights into the 21st Century. Associate Professor John G Hedberg, director of the interactive multi-

media learning laboratory, Faculty of Education, associate dean and head of the Graduate School of Education, and associate professor, information technology in education, University of Wollongong, will explore the use of interactive multimedia in the educational context and the implication for libraries. There will be a series of concurrent sessions in which participants will have an opportunity to explore case studies of successful partnerships.

Social program

The social program, included in the registration fee, offers two very special events in two outstanding historical venues, the welcome reception at the Mitchell Galleries in the State Library of New South Wales and the conference dinner at the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay. The conference venue, the Sydney Marriott, is centrally-located opposite Hyde Park, and offers guests a high level of comfort and service.

Registration brochure

The registration brochure, outlining the program and other essential information was distributed as an insert in the June issue of *inCite*. The full conference registration fee includes all sessions, the welcome reception at the State Library of New South Wales, morning and afternoon teas, lunches and the conference dinner at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The conference registration fee is \$365 for ALIA members, \$440 for non-members. Day and student registrations are also available. For a copy of the registration brochure or further information on the conference, contact: Jo-anne Fuller, phone (02) 9906 6000, fax (02) 9906 5987, or e-mail jojo1@ozemail.com.au ■



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• **28/7–25/8 WA Special Libraries section committee meeting dates.** (28/7; 25/8). Venue: TBA. Time: 5.30–6.30pm. Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (09) 366 4737, fax (09) 366 4779, gerritsent@eec.com.au.

• **6/8 WA Special Libraries section Library Visit — Kondinin Group — Farm-line,** 177 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont. Cost: \$8 for refreshments, time: 5.30–7pm. Contact: RSVP to Ruth Mclntyre ph (08) 9478 3343, fax (08) 94797509, ruth@kondinin.com.au.

National

• **23/8–7/9 IFLA Study Tour.** Draft itinerary available from ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604, ph (06) 285 1877, fax (06) 282 2249, e-mail enquiry@alia.org.au.

11–13/2/98 The New Zealand Law Librarians' group conference 1998 *Challenges to tradition: law and knowledge for the new millennium.* Auckland, NZ. Contact: The Conference Secretariat, The Conference Company, PO Box 90-040, Auckland, NZ. Ph +64 9 360 1240, fax +64 9 360 1242, info@tcc.co.nz, http://www.knowledge-basket.co.nz/nzlig/welcome.html.

Conference

• **25–26/8 ALIA National TAFE section Biennial conference.** *Partnerships.* Venue: Marriot Hotel, College Street, Sydney. For further details contact: Joanne Fuller, ph (02) 9906 6000, fax (02) 9906 5987, jojo1@ozemail.com.au.

• **11–12/9 12th National Cataloguing conference.** *New opportunities for cataloguers.* Paper sessions and workshops. Contact: Prue Deacon, ph (06) 289 7062, prue.deacon@health.gov.au. Conference information is now at http://www.alia.org.au/~actbran/catconf.html.

• **19–20/9 ALIA Local Studies conference.** *Timekeepers: forging links in local studies.* Venue: South Perth Heritage House. Contact: Alison Gregg, Education Department WA, 151 Royal Street, East Perth, ph (08) 9264 4952.

• **24–26/9 9th National Library Technicians conference.** *InterAction: the Client, the Profession, the Technology.* Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra. Convenor: Marion Boyd, fax (06) 273 2110, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au. Contact: Conference organiser, Brigitte Gunn, Conference Solutions, PO Box 238, Deakin West 2600, ph (06) 285 3000, fax: (06) 285 3001, office@con-sol.com.

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