

Do you want to share and have you got the time?

Alison Gregg, president, ALIA Local Studies Section

Postcards, genealogy software, heritage roses, old movies, church records, family history, cross-stitch patterns, school stories — what have they got in common? They are all topics for discussion at the first Australian national local studies conference on 18-19 September, to be held in South Perth's heritage precinct on Mill Point Road, a stone's throw from its historic Old Mill.

Timekeepers and sharers: Forging links in local studies aims to bring together local studies librarians, academics, members of heritage groups and local historical societies, family history researchers, writers — in short, anyone who wants to share an interest in their

local history and the people who were there before them.

Keynote speaker Professor Luciana Duranti from the University of British Columbia will lead off with 'Heritage records: what they tell us about culture through the ages'. She will be backed up by more than twenty sessional speakers in concurrent sessions grouped under seven main headings: prepare to publish; managing resources; heritage at home; heritage management; in the locality; hands-on history; and hidden treasures. While the program addresses some theoretical aspects of local studies research, its major emphasis lies firmly on practical experience in the field. Speakers who

have 'been there and done that' will speak from their own experience, passing on what worked and what didn't, and their best tips for success across a wide field of topics and projects.

Hands-on workshops will demonstrate the use of electronic technology in the service of genealogical and local historical research; managing archival collections; and preserving and displaying photographs, artworks and other visual records. Friday's session concludes with popcorn and movies at Gerard Foley's presentation, *Moving images for local history: a much neglected source*, a showcase of snippets from the State Film Archives.

Kerry Smith, ALIA president will chair the closing panel discussion on Saturday. Associate Professor Ross Harvey (Department of Information Studies, Curtin University), Dr Geoffrey Lilburne (Royal Western Australian Historical Society), Tom Perrigo (National Trust of Australia) and Professor Duranti will answer questions on any aspect of the discussion over the previous two days.

Thanks to the interest and willing assistance of the South Perth City Council, the South Perth Dramatic Society and the management of the Windsor Hotel, all the conference sessions, meals and the formal dinner will be held in turn-of-the-century heritage buildings. Plenary sessions are scheduled in the Old Mill Theatre (the original South Perth municipal hall) and concurrent sessions in Heritage House (the original council chambers).

Optional extras include a bus tour on Thursday 18 September to visit the Fremantle History Museum and the Local Studies Collection at the Fremantle City Library, and a literary breakfast on Sunday 21 September at the South Perth Bookcafé in Mill Point Road (formerly Suburban Road), the childhood home of guest speaker and raconteur, Tom Hungerford.

Conference costs have been kept as low as possible to attract a wide range of delegates. Costs for the full two days are \$140 for ALIA members; \$180 for non-members; \$115 for unwaged. One day registration is \$80. Registration forms and further information from Margaret Pember: phone 08 9266 2732; fax 08 9266 3152; e-mail margaret@biblio.curtin.edu.au

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

The conference committee is delighted with the response to 'InterACTion' with over 425 delegates coming from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and the United States of America as well as a good coverage of the Australian states.

We would like to announce an addition to our program. This will take the form of a 'Breakfast education forum' to be held on Thursday 25 September, 7.00-8.30 am at Country Cravings in the Canberra Centre (a three-minute walk from the Convention Centre). The panel will consist of educators and library technicians and the topics open for discussion will centre around the new TAFE curriculum for library technicians. To reserve your place send \$8.50 for your continental breakfast to Conference Solutions by Friday 12 September.

Sponsorship from our trade exhibitors has resulted in our being able to offer a free air ticket, and a hot-air balloon ride as well as several minor prizes for our competitions.

Jane Klobas is giving the keynote address for the second day of the conference, the theme of which is 'The Profession'. Jane works in the Graduate School of Management at the University of Western Australia where she is co-ordinator of the information man-

agement specialisation. She teaches a broad range of topics in information management to Master of Business Administration students and also leads research on the impact of new communication technologies on organisations and the people who work in them.

Prior to university life, Jane was a consultant in information management, and advised business managers on selection of resources for organisation, storage, communication, and retrieval of information. These key resources have included library technicians, and as a result Jane has employed technicians to work in academic, special and educational libraries.

Jane has taught management and information technology subjects to librarians and technicians. She remains strongly committed to life-long learning for information professionals, and to developing their understanding of the role they play in organisations.

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