

The people behind the scenes...

Meet the organising committee for the 8th Asia Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference

Feeling hungry?



I have worked in libraries since 1976 and in small special libraries for the past ten years. I am librarian at the Australian Antarctic Division and am responsible for collections at the Australian Antarctic stations as well as those at head office in Kingston. I also maintain and develop the Division's artefact collection.

Although Kingston is not renowned for its cuisine (with the possible exception of the AAD cafeteria!), Hobart itself

has many excellent restaurants. For Italian food it is hard to go past *Da Angelos* (Battery Point), while *Le Provençal* (South Hobart) has great French cuisine. If you are looking for something spicy, try the *Tandoor & Curry House* (Harrington Street) or *Vanidols* (North Hobart). The *Orizuru Sushi Bar* (Victoria Dock) is also a firm favourite with me. And anyone who likes good ale should try the local brew at the *St Ives* (only ten to fifteen minutes walk from Wrest Point), where a pint of 'Old bastard' slips down very nicely.

Dr Andie Smithies, chair of the organising committee

CPD is important



I began working as a librarian in 1989 after a career as a teacher. I have worked in a variety of special libraries in Tasmania, and am deputy librarian at CSIRO Marine Research. I have held positions in both ALIA Branch Council and the Special Libraries Section, including two years as continuing professional development officer. Professional development and education are my main professional interests. My private interests include listening to music, dancing, walking and spending as much time as possible each year at the *Taste of Tasmania* exhibition.

Meredith Newman, co-secretary executive committee

You can't beat the markets!

I am the (very) part-time librarian at the Hobart Clinic, a private psychiatric hospital. My job involves not only looking after our small collection of books and serials, but also keeping up-to-date with new developments in the area of accessing and disseminating information in the mental health field.

One of my favourite places in Hobart is our famous Salamanca Market held every Saturday morning. It is hard to beat a relaxed stroll through this varied and fascinating array of open-air stalls selling all sorts of wares from local art and crafts to junk. It is a great place to buy gifts and souvenirs, or just relax and soak up the atmosphere. There is always plenty of activity and noise as the buskers compete with the stall holders to attract your attention. My favourite stalls are those run by the local Hmong community to sell their beautifully-presented vegetables, although it is difficult to go past some of our brilliant local crafts.

Kathy Sutherland, co-secretary

Calling early risers...

I have been librarian at the Burnie Library for more than ten years and in the last eighteen months have also been responsible for the Sir John Ramsay Memorial Library at the Launceston General Hospital, so my week is divided between Burnie and Launceston, with odd trips to Hobart as well.



Hobart is a great place for walking, walking, walking... make sure you bring along some walking shoes and a coat or jacket. Allow thirty minutes for a stroll from Wrest Point Casino to the city, Salamanca Place, or the beach. I invite any delegates who would like to go for a walk to meet me at the registration desk on Monday 23 August at 7:00am.

Kathy Saurine, convenor — social committee

Some of my favourite places



With the conference just weeks away, I have spent hours pondering the program. I have also been focussing on an amalgamation of the library I manage with a larger library system within the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.

But work aside, there is lots to do in Hobart. Some of my favourite places are *Sisco's* and *Blue Skies*, two cafés right on the waterfront. They share a great view, and the food is superb. A visit to the summit of Mount Wellington is a must, but if the clouds are low then the Mount Nelson Signal Station is a good compromise and has the added benefit of a tea-room. Re-invigorate yourself with a harbour cruise, a walk on the lower slopes of the mountain or, if you have an evening to spare, consider taking in a performance of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, or a play at the Theatre Royal.

Fiona Preston, convenor — program committee

Enjoy the view...

I am the Commonwealth Law Courts librarian in Tasmania. The library looks after the information needs of the agencies in the Commonwealth Law Courts building — the Family and Federal Courts, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Industrial Relations Commission. The library was opened in 1984 and at the time it was the first Commonwealth joint-courts library in Australia.



My favourite restaurant is the *Mount Nelson Signal Station*. It is only open for lunch and morning/afternoon teas in August but the view of Hobart is incredible — the city and suburbs laid out along the banks of the Derwent River — and even the bus trip is interesting.

Merrilyn Evans, convenor trade and exhibition

Tasmania has so much to offer



I am the acting senior librarian (management support) at the State Library of Tasmania. The transition from special to public libraries has been a pleasant one and am enjoying the challenges.

As sponsorship convenor, I have had responsibility for co-ordinating approaches to potential sponsors and negotiating sponsorship packages to suit their special needs. Working closely with the

trade convenor, Merrilyn Evans, we contacted numerous organisations which may have an interest in having an association with the conference. Who said finding dollars is easy!

Tasmania has much to offer and you can visit a variety of beautiful places — from the snow-covered Cradle Mountain with its unspoiled scenery and environment, to the beaches at Coles Bay on the east coast. Coles Bay is located in the Freycinet National Park and has the most wonderful views of mountains, sea and beaches. It is a favourite holiday spot for my family in summer and offers spectacular bushwalks, white beaches and good food at *Freycinet Lodge*, a comfortable eco-tourism lodge located in the small town. Well worth a visit.

Juliet Scaife, convenor sponsorship

Lots to do at Salamanca Place



I am currently holding the fort, or the purse strings, while Fran Millar is away. One of my favourite spots around Hobart is strolling round the waterfront and along Salamanca Place. From there a number of activities are easily accessible: a relaxing cup of coffee watching the world go by; browsing through antique; craft and bookshops; a ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle — either in the sidecar or pillion; a ferry trip; Dreamworld's Antarctic Adventure; a visit to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; a visit to the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre; I could go on...

Jenny Wilson, assistant treasurer

I've been keeping you informed



I, along with my committee, have been responsible for all the *inCite* articles, e-list notices, web pages, brochures, bookmarks, and calendars that you have been bombarded with over the last two years to keep you informed about the exciting conference we are planning in Hobart. I am currently systems librarian (projects) at the State Library of Tasmania, but most of my previous library experience has been in specials libraries.

One of my favourite restaurants is *Rockerfellers*, situated in the wharf area of Hobart. The atmosphere and food are both wonderful and the place is full most nights of the week. They have special jazz events, Sunday afternoons and often one night through the week. When you go to *Rockerfellers* make sure you save enough room for dessert — they are delicious and a work of art in themselves.

Chris Richardson, convenor — publicity committee



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