

• 28/1/2000 Qld Public Libraries section. *Committee meeting.* Caloundra, details: tba. Contact: Chris Gissing, president, ph 07 3403 0559, cde@brisbane.qld.gov.au

**SA**

• 16-17/10 SA Branch State conference at Clare. *Internet Intoxication: excess, access and the whole damn thing!* Town Hall Function Room, Mill Place, Clare SA 5453. For further details contact: Eleanor Whelan, ph 08 8302 6688, fx 08 8302 6207, eleanor.whelan@unisa.edu.au

• 18/10-13/12 SA Library Technician section. *Committee meetings.* All these meetings are held at the Fleet Street Cafe, 162 Pulteney Street, Adelaide. 6 for 6:30pm meeting. 18/10; 13/12. Contact SALT secretary, Jackie Williams, ph 08 8226 2890, fx 08 8226 2199.

• 25/10 SA Cataloguers section. *Visit by Tom Delsey* (keynote speaker for 13th National Cataloguing conference, Brisbane). Topic: Viewing the information universe through the Anglo-American cataloguing rules. Contact: Jay Douglas, ph 08 8302 6773, jay.douglas@unisa.edu.au

• 2/11 SA Branch. *AGM.* Details: tba.

• 5/11 SA Acquisitions section. *Beyond the basics: Acquisitions in the new millennium.* Sunnyside Restaurant and Function Centre, Cheese Room, Tikalara Street, Regency Park, 8:45-4:30pm. ALIA members \$60, students \$40, registration includes lunch and refreshments. For program details contact: Jenni Jeremy, ph 08 8302 0318, fx 08 83020280, jenni.jeremy@unisa.edu.au

• 10/11 SA UCRLS. *AGM. Learning in the real world of Libraries.* Representatives of our past UCRLS prize winners recount their experiences in the workplace as trainees, interns and employees. How did the Library and Information Studies course prepare them for librarianship? Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, 5:30 for 6pm. Contact: Carol Dungey, ph 08 8302 3413, fx 08 8302 3382, carol.dungey@unisa.edu.au

• 15/11 SA Library Technician section [SALT]. *AGM.* Venue: tba. Contact: SALT secretary, Jackie Williams, ph 08 8226 2890, fx 08 8226 2199.

• 17/11 SA Branch. *Group mentorees dinner.* Details: tba.

• 24/11 SA Information Science. *AGM.* Details: tba. Contact: Sarah Hayman, ph 08 8333 8443, fx 08 8331 9211, sarah@ncver.edu.au

• 26/11 SA Cataloguers section. *AGM, preceded by a tour of the Central Store facility and demonstration of materials processing for the Store.* Uni of South Australia, Underdale Campus, 4pm.

• 1/12 SA Special Libraries section. *AGM and cocktails.* House of Chow, 82 Hutt Street (Corner Wakefield Street), Adelaide, AGM 5:30-6pm, Cocktails 6-

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# Celebrating a successful conference

After two-and-a-half years of planning the conference has come and gone and all the feedback we have received indicates that delegates considered it worthwhile and a great success.

Right from the start, at the welcome supper on Sunday night, everything seemed to come together. Damian Bugg was an excel-

l-ent speaker setting the right light-hearted tone for the evening.



*The Strait to the future conference committee getting into the spirit of the conference dinner: l-r: Fran Millar, Juliet Scaite, Meredith Newman, Kathy Saurine, Jenny Wilson, Kathy Sutherland, Andie Smithies, Fiona Preston, Marilyn Evans, Chris Richardson*

Monday morning and into the conference proper. The Governor, Sir Guy Green opened the conference and obviously knew a lot about information provision as a user and had spent time researching the current status of the profession. His statement 'The librarian-general warns that information is not knowledge' will be remembered and quoted for some time to come.

All of the plenary speakers were excellent and set the delegates some challenges in thinking about our role in the future and how we can become more integral to information provision in whatever format. They were all wonderful people, joined in the activities of the conference and gave us lots of positive feedback.

The focus sessions were a new activity we were trying for the first time at a specials conference. While they were not attended by a great number of delegates, those who did attend found them stimulating and

worthwhile. It is a concept that the committee for the 2001 conference is Melbourne is keen to develop.

Apart from the program, the social activities and networking activities can make

or break a conference. The Sunday evening welcome supper was attended by many of the delegates and it provided an opportunity to renew acquaintances, form new ones and also get a feel for the trade exhibition. The reception at Government House left us all over-awed at the grandeur of the building and the hospitality of the Governor. The section dinners were enjoyed by all attendees and showcased Tasmanian produce. The Titanic theme for the conference dinner was spectacular. The City Hall was unrecognisable and many delegates got into the spirit of the evening by dressing in period costume.

Many people contributed to the success of the conference and the committee appreciates that it would not have been the success it was without the commitment of many of our colleagues. Our thanks go to everyone who helped in any way, including all delegates, their involvement was a key factor in the conference success.

*Chris Richardson, publicity convenor*

