

How far have we come?

Evelina Dobrowolski, ALIA Public Libraries National Conference, 14-17 November 1999, Perth

For most of us on the conference committee, it is hard to believe that the big event is just about here. It does not seem that long ago that we had our hand-over in Brisbane and started on our mission to bring you an interesting, exciting and valuable conference.

It seems timely that we reintroduce the committee responsible for bringing you such a wonderful conference as well as introduce you to some of the delights that Perth has to offer our delegates.

Pictured alongside are members of the hard-working conference commit-

tee: remember these faces — they will all be on hand to assist you and answer any of your queries.

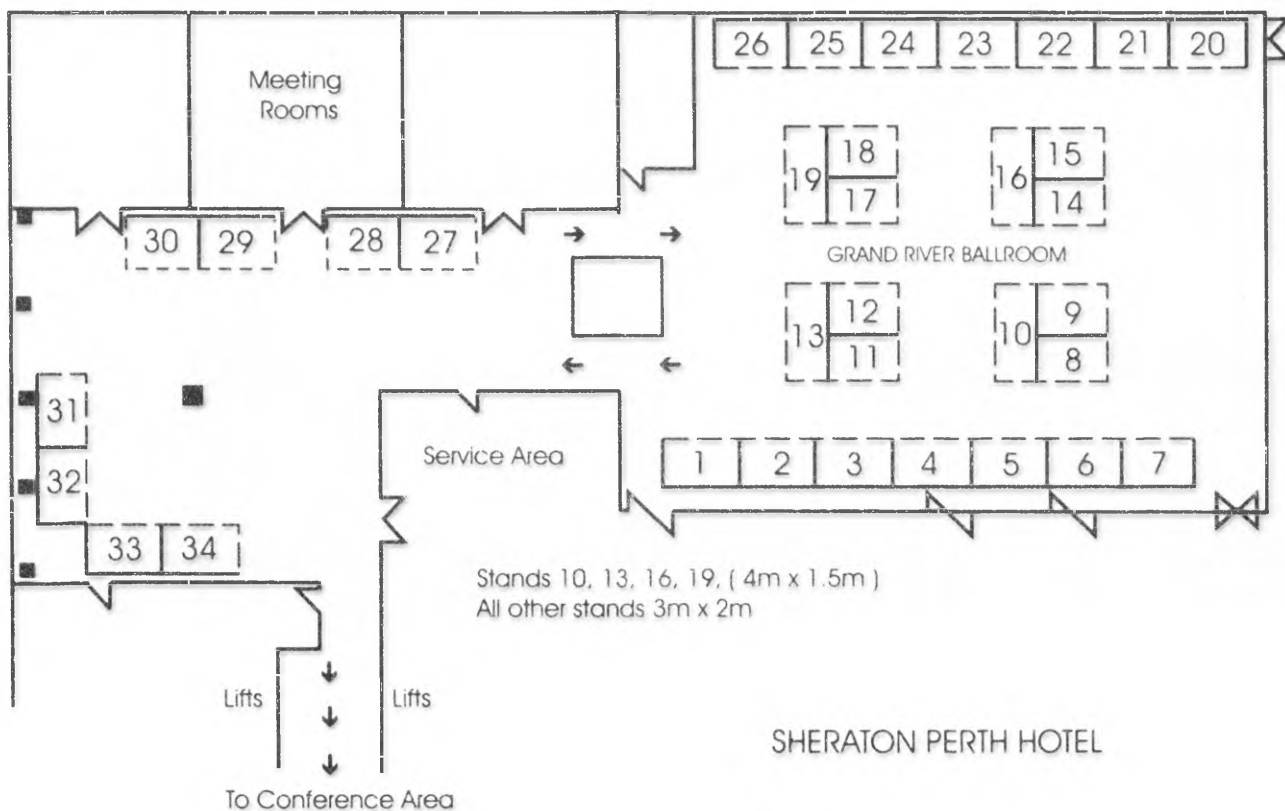
For first-time visitors to Perth, a great way to see the sights is to take a walk through the city. Three hours at a quick pace will take in the sites of the Perth Rail Station, Forrest Place, London Court, Perth Town Hall, St Georges Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth Mint, Government House, Supreme Court Gardens, The Cloisters, Barracks Arch and His Majesty's Theatre to name but a ►



Kay Poustie (City of Stirling), Evelina Dobrowolski (City of Bayswater), Patricia Walker (City of Armadale). Inset: Duncan Furphy (City of Cockburn) and Judi Willmott (City of Canning)

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Your guide to the exhibitors at the public libraries conference



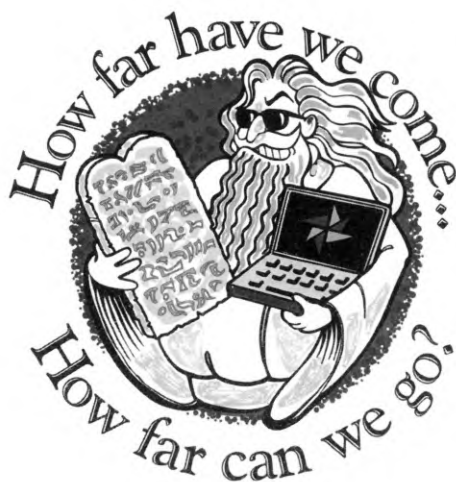
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few. Collect a *What's on this week* booklet for a detailed guide. The tour detailed in the guide ends in King Street. Once the centre of Perth's garment wholesaling trade, King Street is now a place of gourmet eateries and modern up-market shops. Take the time to have coffee at the King Street Café and sample their delicious cakes and biscuits or stop for lunch.

Other things to do and see whilst you are in Perth (even the busiest conferences allow some time to relax!) include a visit to the Perth Zoo. Take the ferry from the Barrack Street Jetty across the lazy Swan River to Mend Street Jetty in South Perth. From there it is a short stroll to the Zoo. On your way to the Zoo take time to browse the shops or sample the delights at Cocos Riverside Bar and Restaurant or Plantation Estate Restaurant.

A visit to King's Park is a must. Perth is unique in having a 1000-acre park, with areas of natural bush, close to the central business district. The Park offers superb views of Perth, South Perth, the Swan and Canning Rivers and the southern suburbs.

Within walking distance of the conference venue is the suburb of Northbridge — Perth's predominant cultural and entertainment precinct. Northbridge is fantastic for people-watching, sampling food from around the world, and has a great cosmopolitan atmosphere. An open-air market is open on the weekends on the Art Gallery piazza.



If time permits, take the train to the port city of Fremantle. As well as being a busy modern port, Fremantle oozes with history, exotic food, culture and nineteenth-century architecture. It is a cosmopolitan city with fabulous markets, café dining and many things to see and do. 'Freo' is an experience that all visitors should sample.

With all of the delights of Perth to see, the conference will also be an experience not to be missed. We have a sell-out industry exhibition and, of course, interesting and varied speakers geared up to challenge and inspire you. Our 'Irreverent and incorrigible' sessions after lunch will invigorate you for the afternoon sessions and the final panel session will be a unique way of bringing all of our keynote speakers together for an interesting and stimulating close.

The committee is looking forward to meeting you all in Perth. We hope to see you there.

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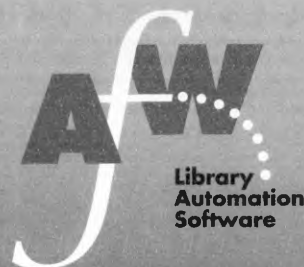
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