

SideShow — The Science Behind the Fun

Questacon, Australia's premier science and technology centre is proud to present our brand new permanent exhibition — SideShow The Science behind the fun. You can take your guests through a fun night of SideShow entertainment using the classic Knock-'em-down stalls, test your strength on Aim High, visit Zoltan the Fortune Teller, ride the ten-person rollercoaster simulator or brave Free Fall — the five metre vertical slide! SideShow has something to offer people of all ages. This fun circus atmosphere also sets the perfect backdrop for any corporate event from pre-dinner drinks to cocktail and birthday parties.

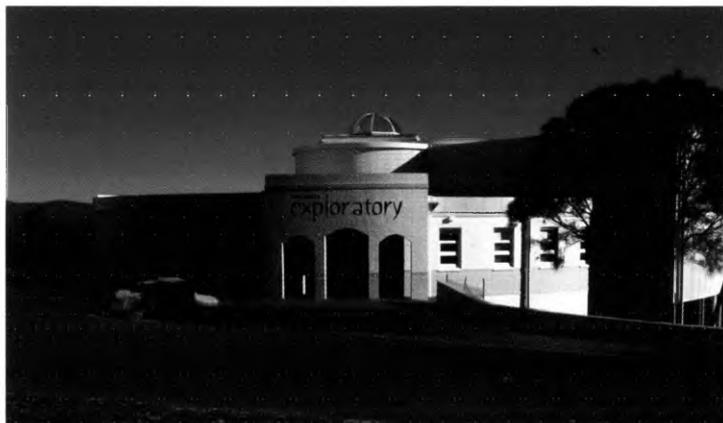


Sideshow gallery at Questacon

Stromlo Observatory

Reach for the stars

It is only twenty minutes from the centre of Canberra, but Mt Stromlo Observatory and its visitors' centre, the Stromlo Exploratory, seem a world away, overlooking the beautiful Brindabella Ranges.



Stromlo Exploratory is an educational centre designed to help satisfy the never-ending quest for knowledge about astronomy and related sciences. Mt Stromlo Observatory has been a part of Canberra's heritage since 1924, is a fully operational active observatory and is Australia's major research centre in optical and infrared astronomy.

The visitor's centre boasts two floors of hands-on exhibits, telescope tours that take in our giant 74" telescope, and historic Yale Columbia telescope, other beautiful heritage listed buildings around our site and spectacular images of the solar system and beyond at our slide shows narrated by a practicing astronomer. The award winning Red Belly Black Café serves wonderful coffee and funky fresh food. The Star Ware gift shop includes a huge range of fun and educational giftware and teaching resources. ■

ALIA2000 Fringe: Beyond the square

Are you attending ALIA2000? Consider coming along to The Fringe. The Fringe will appeal to library and information professionals who are interested in their own career development and the future of our profession. The program is especially aimed at new and recent graduates, but will also provide a forum for networking, updating and exchanging ideas for anyone who is returning to the profession, contemplating a change in direction, or considering working in non-traditional areas. Informal and interactive, The Fringe will feature keynote speakers, short presentations, panel discussions, group sessions and networking opportunities!

Highlights of the program include:

- John Levett, editor of the *Australian Library Journal* speaking on 'Librarianship beyond the square?';
- keynote addresses from Professor Mairéad Browne, professor and dean, University Graduate School,

University of Technology and ALIA president, and June Garcia, CEO Carl Corporation;

- a career planning session with Leonie Blair from AIMA Training and Consultancy Services; and
- a summary of The Fringe themes from Ian McCallum, director of Libraries Alive!

A mixture of presenters, including recent graduates, will speak on:

- the future directions within and outside libraries;
- what prospective employers are looking for; and
- alternative options for furthering your career.

There will be the opportunity to meet presenters, discuss issues raised and explore topics of interest in small groups.

Full details of the program are



available at <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2000/fringe/>. Contact Ann Ritchie, 02 6230 1231, for more information. Registration for the Fringe can be made either through the conference registration form, or via the conference web site. Registration fees are for ALIA members \$65, or for ALIA student/unemployed members \$50; and for non-members \$90, and student/unemployed non-members \$60. ■