

Thank you Tasmanians for showing us!

Mary Harlow, 12th ALIA National Library Technicians conference committee, 9 to 12 September 2003, Brisbane Sheraton Hotel & Towers

The Queensland library technician's who travelled to the 11th National Library Technicians Conference in Hobart held during August, were impressed at the professionalism and well managed committee who ran the conference. The attention to detail and the high standards maintained, were a credit to the TALIAtecs and also to the committee itself. This indeed was the best conference we had been to. When speaking to librarians and other staff upon return, the response to librarian's conferences were not nearly so impressive. We got the distinct impression that they wished they had gone to the library technician's conference instead. Well done Tasmanians.

The frivolity and fun we had was well balanced by helpful workshop sessions and papers. For those who were not privy to Queensland antics, we would like to clarify that 'hot pants' is

not a librarian! She is a proud technician who is quite a serious girl despite all the 'Sarah-Marie' antics' on stage at the dinner.

The 12th National Library Technicians conference committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors for their support: Organisers Australia, Brisbane Convention and Visitors Bureau, Kingaroy Shire Council (for providing Kingaroy Peanuts), Clovelly Estate and Mt Cotton Winery (for the wines), Buderim Ginger, Rachel at Zenica (Hobart Grand Chancellor), Seaworld, Dreamworld,



Brisbane beauties bagging delegates' goodies in preparation for the Tasmanian conference

Movieworld, Sheraton Hotel and Towers Brisbane, Brisbane City Council, Anglican Church Grammar School, Qld Transport, State Library of Queensland and Video Education Australasia.

Our display proved to be a favourite with the delegates. On opening night alone the numbers exceeded 120 in just over an hour. With each day of the conference, similar numbers were drawn to the Brisbane booth. Many delegates were delighted with daily prize draws generously donated by our Queensland sponsors.

A special thank you also to Australian Air Express, Queensland Department of Public Works and Brisbane Convention and Visitors Bureau for freighting our exhibition material down to Hobart. We really do appreciate your support.

The committee would like to extend their thanks to all those who assisted with the closing ceremony presentation. Conference convenor Yvonne Brock introduced the committee in a creative and fun way — much to the delight of keen holiday makers. It certainly looks like the Tasmanians have handed over what Queenslanders like to call a 'mission possible'.

The lessons learned, the networking opportunities, and the memories, impress upon us as an investment in the future of our chosen profession. We look forward to seeing you all in Brisbane in 2003! ■

Seachange — Spring on the Great Ocean Road

14th National Cataloguers' Conference, Geelong, Victoria, 7–9 November 2001

Spring in Victoria is a beautiful and eventful time of year. We hope that you will consider taking a break from the everyday to join us in the beautiful location of Deakin University's Waterfront campus to participate in what promises to be an extremely stimulating conference.

Geelong is a mere hour's drive from Melbourne and there is a regular bus from the airport, [<http://www.gull.com.au>] so access is not a problem.

Enjoy the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, having spent the weekend (or more) on Victoria's glorious Great Ocean Road, sampling wines in the local wineries, or partying and enjoying fine cuisine and arts in nearby Melbourne, before joining us in Geelong on Wednesday. Visit the Otways tourism site [[\[greatoceanrd.org.au\]\(http://greatoceanrd.org.au\)\] to see what more is on offer.](http://www.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Our pre-conference program includes hands-on workshops and topical seminars on website management and education and career alternatives. Our keynote speaker, Geoff Payne will set the tone by offering his own, very individual views on cataloguing in the dotcom world. Our conference speakers cover a broad spectrum of cataloguing issues and achievements. And if you want more, you can then move on to the Public Libraries Conference in Melbourne in the following week. We hope to see you there. To find out the latest news regarding the conference, visit the conference website at <http://www.seachange.deakin.edu.au>.

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