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The learning enterprise

Information services are an essential foundation stone for a knowledge economy, but how will they be shaped?

This issue of *inCite* includes (as an insert) the registration brochure for the ALIA 2002 conference in Sydney next May. Check out the program and take up the challenge — this is truly a conference unlike any other. If someone else has already grabbed the program you can get additional copies from the conference managers, Tour Hosts Pty Ltd.

The objective of the conference is to explore information service and infrastructure issues within the context of four key parent 'enterprises' in Australia — research, learning, community and business.

Previous issues have highlighted the opening speakers and speakers from the Australian business stream. In this issue speakers for the learning stream are profiled. Speakers include Martyn Forrest, chair of the Australian Information and Communication Technology in Education Committee; Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton; pro-chancellor Murdoch University and Ken Boston, managing director of TAFE NSW and director general of Education and Training.

Dr Martyn Forrest has been the secretary of the Department of Education in Tasmania since 1997. Prior to his appointment he was the vice-chancellor of James Cook Uni-



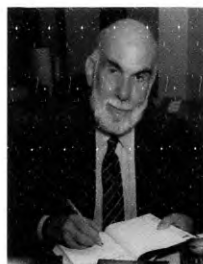
Martyn Forrest

versity of North Queensland, a position he had taken up on a short-term contract in 1996. Before moving to Queensland, Dr Forrest had worked for almost twenty years in Western Australia holding, most recently, the position of managing director of the State Health Purchasing Authority.

Dr Forrest is a National Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration. He is also the joint author of the bicentennial publication *Australia's Commonwealth Parliament 1901–1988*, published by Melbourne University Press in 1989.

Dr Forrest presently is a member of the Council of the University of Tasmania, a director of the Australian Universities Quality Agency, a director of Education.Au Ltd, chair of the Australian Information and Communications Technology in Education Committee (AICTEC), and chair of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Information and Communication Technologies in Schools Task Force (MCEETYA ICT Taskforce).

Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton has had an illustrious career. He has held chairs of history at a number of Australian universities, and was foundation professor of Australian Studies at the University of London from 1982–85. He has held several visiting fellowships including Visiting Fellow All Souls College, Oxford, and Visiting Commonwealth Fellow St John's College (Cambridge). He has received many awards and in 1992 was the ABC Boyer lecturer.



Geoffrey Bolton

Professor Bolton has been president of the Australian Historical Association, a member of the Interim Council and the Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Library Board of Western Australia. He has been publishing works on Australian history since 1953, most recently *Edmund Barton: the one man for the*

job, awarded the NSW Premier's Centenary of Federation Award 2001.

Professor Bolton is an officer of the Order of Australia. *Who's who* lists his recreation as 'sleep'.

In addition to his substantive positions as managing director of TAFE NSW and director-general of Education and Training **Dr Ken Boston** is president of the Australian College of Education, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.



Ken Boston

He is deputy chairman of the Australian Council for Educational Research, a member of the Civics Education Group, the Board of the National Training Framework Committee, Australian National Training Authority, the National Council of Musica Viva, the National Council of the Australian Quality Council, the Committee for Economic Development of Australia, the NSW Centenary of Federation Committee, Board of Trustees of Young Achievement Australia, chairman of National Advisory Committee for the Third International Mathematics & Science Study (TIMSS), and a member of the Council, University of Technology, Sydney.

Dr Boston is also an Officer of the Order of Australia.

If you want to know more visit the conference website (<http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/alia2002/>) or contact the conference managers — Tour Hosts Pty Ltd. Speak to Fiona Driver on 02 9262 2277 or e-mail at alia2002@tourhosts.com.au.

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