

Embracing committee work

12th ALIA Library Technicians conference, 9–12 September 2003, Brisbane Sheraton Hotel and Towers

After attending the ALIA Library Technicians' conference in Perth, eight well-known library technicians in Brisbane decided that it was high time that they invited their national and international colleagues to gather in Brisbane.

With the theme *Bridging services — embracing reality*, the main objective of the 12th ALIA library technicians conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas relating to the library and information industry, while bringing current issues and 'customer service' to the forefront.

In addition to a very comprehensive education program which will include many workshops, there will be outstanding keynote and invited speakers, library visits, peer paper presentations, and a very exciting social program. The conference will also provide an opportunity for you to explore the latest resources and tools of our profession at the trade exhibition. Your attendance will enable you to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends under the beautiful sub-tropical sun.

The conference committee organising the event bring a balance of government and private sector experiences, and broad range of age brackets. This mix of talents, and work and life experiences has made for a brilliantly balanced team of enthusiastic and professional representatives of the library industry. All committee and sub-committee members are qualified library technicians and ALIA members, and many also have additional degrees in librarianship, marketing, and management.

The committee has developed a website [<http://groups.alia.org.au/libtnat/conferences/2003/>], which includes a wonderful welcome from the convenor Yvonne Brock, and gives further details about the program, the conference committee and venue. The website is being updated regularly, so be sure to check back regularly.

For those who do not have internet access, the following Brisbane profile may entice you.

Embracing Brisbane

What's so special about Brisbane anyway? It's the place, it's the culture, and it's the library professionalism that is appreciated by organisations across the State. Brisbane boasts great conference opportunities and state-of-the-art facilities.



Bridging Services *embracing reality*

12th ALIA NATIONAL LIBRARY TECHNICIANS CONFERENCE
BRISBANE 9th TO 12th SEPTEMBER 2003 - Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Brisbane

Brisbane is a popular tourist destination and has the fastest growing population of the state capitals. Its sub-tropical climate has attracted people from other states, especially retirees. Brisbane boasts 'value-for-money' holidays and has a reputation for fine seafood and great shopping.

Spring in Brisbane is the horticulturist dream and while Mother Nature provides optimum conditions, outdoor activities and markets are popular this time of year. The social scene can be mainstream or alternative offering sidewalk cafés, bars, eateries, discos, live bands and much more.

To the west of the city is Park Road Milton, land-marked by a mini Eiffel tower, this area provides caffeine and chocolate temptations as well as full course meals. Shopping in this district may require credit cards!

Then there is the Caxton Street Crawl of Paddington, which is renowned for its drinking, and dancing venues that provide meals during set hours. Directly north of the city is Fortitude Valley, which offers alternative music, art and people. If you intend souvenirs such as tattoos and body piercing, the Valley is the place for you. Beyond the Valley, is New Farm, a superb cosmopolitan environment furnishing the unique and unusual. For a virtual tour of the city go to Brisbane Tourism's website at <http://www.brisbanetourism.com.au>.

Embrace Brisbane: the place to be in 2003.

Contact the conference organisers, Organisers Australia, PO Box 1237, Milton, 4064, phone: 07 3369 7866, fax 07 3367 1471, or e-mail: mail@orgaus.com.au, for general information about the conference, or visit the conference website at <http://groups.alia.org.au/libtnat/conferences/2003/index.html>.

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