

When are you neXt visiting Sydney?

neXt 2005 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference, 6-9 September 2005

The neXt 2005 ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference will be held in Darling Harbour, Sydney from 6 to 9 September 2005. Sydney in September is sensational, as anyone who remembers watching the Sydney Olympics in 2000 will remember. Sydney has fantastic weather, wonderful sightseeing and fabulous shopping opportunities. And an incredible conference experience!

In the early 20th Century, Darling Harbour served as Sydney's railway goods-yard and ship-loading area. In 1959 the old finger wharves were demolished and Botany Bay had taken over as Sydney's major port. The State Government in 1984 made the decision to have Darling Harbour redeveloped, and the resulting redevelopment was opened in 1988. Darling Harbour is a cosmopolitan complex: it contains restaurants, cafes, retail outlets, nightclubs, bars, conference and exhibition centre, one of the world's largest movie screens at the Imax Cinema, the Sydney Aquarium, National Maritime Museum and more. Darling Harbour has recently undergone a major facelift. It now stands alongside the Euro-style Cockle Bay complex, with the new King Street Wharf just a short walk away. Darling Harbour is also close to Chinatown, the Entertainment Centre and the Powerhouse Museum.

Getting there

There are many ways of getting to the neXt conference. They are: car, train, bus, plane and the new buzz of transport, by ship. Try not to go by yourself, go and find out who is coming to neXt and have fun while you are on your way to Sydney. Come on! What are you waiting for?

Getting around

The buses and ferries of Sydney offer some of the cheapest and most rewarding sightseeing in Australia.

Why not take a ferry trip to Manly — seven miles from Sydney and a thousand miles from care! Or take the ferry up the Parramatta River to Parramatta. Taking the bus trip to Vaucluse offers some of the best views of the harbour and surrounds. And then there is always Bondi Beach! The public transport in Sydney is an integrated system and one ticket can get you travelling by bus, ferry or train to almost any part of the city.

The websites below will tell you all that you need to know about Sydney. The neXt 2005 conference committee is looking forward to seeing you all in September 2005.

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>

<http://www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au>

<http://www.visitnsw.com.au>

<http://www.darlingharbour.com.au>

<http://www.sydneyvisitorcentre.com>

<http://www.cocklebaywharf.com>

<http://www.whats-on-in-sydney.com.au>

<http://www.ksw.com.au>

<http://www.sydneyferries.info>

The neXt 2005 conference website [<http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2005/>] is being constantly updated and is your one-stop-shop for information about the conference. Bookmark it, and visit it often!

Matthew Griffiths, Robert Thomson and Janette Telford

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