

# Reference services — common ties

The cross-sectoral nature of reference services in public, academic, school and special libraries has provided the theme 'Reference services — common ties' for the 3rd National Reference Librarians' Conference. It is scheduled for 17-19 November this year and will be held in Melbourne following the VALA Conference.

The Conference — an excellent opportunity for reference librarians to share their knowledge and expertise — is being planned around the following themes:

- fee-based services
- new technology
- performance measures
- the client.

The first day will focus on reader education, and is being organised by the University and College Libraries Section (UCLS) Victorian Group. The format of the second and third days will follow the successful structure of previous conferences. Topical papers will be followed by thematically oriented presentations and workshops.

A call for papers for the 3 days appears in *Incite*, page 11. Speakers are invited to submit outlines with an ab-

stract by the end of July. Those interested in running workshops on topics related to the themes are also invited to submit a brief description of what they propose. Further details may be obtained from local Committee members.

The Planning Committee has representatives in each State. The Victorian chapter (see photograph) comprises: Ray Choate, Chair (La Trobe University), Max Borchardt (CAVAL), Susan Bray (University of Melbourne), Chooi-Hon Ho (Monash University), Christine MacKenzie (Dandenong Valley Regional Library Services), Erica Maxwell (Sunshine-Melton Regional Library Services), Vivien Nash (Monash University), Leigh Oldmeadow (Monash University), Barbara Paton (La Trobe University) and Barbara Tout (Victorian Parliamentary Library).

Interstate members are: Bett Draoulis and Margaret Henty, ACT (Australian Defence Forces Academy and Australian National University); Craig Grimison and Claire Wilde, NSW (University of Wollongong and Macquarie University); Alex Byrne, NT (University of the Northern Territory); Denise Dryburgh, Qld (University of Queensland); Patrick Condon, SA (University

of Adelaide); Twila Herr, Tas. (University of Tasmania); and Steve O'Connor, WA (University of Western Australia).

Registration forms will be available in August; and the Planning Committee looks forward to seeing you in November.



The Victorian Chapter of the Planning Committee for the 3rd National Reference Librarians' Conference, 17-19 Nov., 1989.

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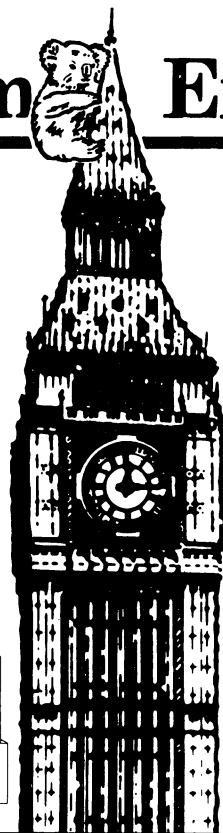
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