

Review of Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions

The Association has presented its submission to the Working Party for consideration. The Working Party is to present its report in July/August 1990. Copies of the ALIA submission have been circulated to all Branches, Regional Groups, National Sections and all UCRLS Groups. If you would like to see a copy of the ALIA submission, please phone the Executive Director on (06) 285 1877 or (008) 02 0071.



New look events

From issue 9 two full pages will always be devoted to Events listings. This means that these pages can be finalised at the last production stage and thus we have been able to reduce the lead time required for inclusion in the column to just 3 weeks.

The deadline for listings will now be 10.30 am on the Monday of the week *inCite* goes to the printers (12 midday for WA). A new listing of Events deadlines has been circulated to all Divisions and copies are available from the ALIA Head Office.

ALIA activities will be identified by a coloured bullet and the name of the activity will be in bold type. Non-ALIA activities will show only the date in bold.

These changes have been made in response to comments from Divisions. We hope you approve!

Jo-anne Fuller
Editor

OUTLINE

With just over 4 months to go before Australian Library Week 1990 I'm sure State Groups, Branches and those interested in library promotion have set to work organising events and advertising for 14-21 October. As you are aware, ALIA is developing material for Australian Library Week which will include posters, stickers, balloons, book bags and bookmarks all based on the theme 'Libraries for Life'. It is anticipated that the material will be available by the end of June/early July and will be advertised through *inCite*.

In conjunction with this material and events that can be coordinated at the national level, such as the opening of Library Week and issuing of press releases, State Groups may consider coordinating the following:

- booking shopping centres for the week
- contacting community / local press and discussing how they could approach the week
- contacting milk vendors — perhaps booking the community information panel of the milk carton for the week (or 2 weeks)
- liaising with schools and colleges to coordinate library tours and activities such as visiting authors and workshops
- co-ordinating displays such as craftwork or issues of specific interest to the client groups
- liaise with local councils and community service organisations to visit retirement homes/health centres etc, or transport these people to the library for special activities
- contact local businesses to discuss shop window displays and possible contributions

If you require any further information on any aspect of Australian Library Week: 'Libraries for Life' contact myself or Helen Mandl, Division Support Officer at the ALIA Head Office.

Mary Papachristos
Membership Services Manager

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

My staff were disappointed to see a \$500 registration fee for the Perth conference. After all the encouraging words last year from the WA Committee after the double header in Sydney, we thought conference fees might return to a more reasonable level.

It seems the decision to upgrade the receptions coupled with a very low break-even point (less than 1000 registrations) has caused the price hike. Considering that a much larger number than this attended the first Perth conference, this seems overly cautious.

While the Association has relied for some time on substantial income from conferences, it is beginning to look like those professional members who attend the biennial conference are paying substantial subsidies to non-conference goers. This may have been fine in the past when most employers paid conference expenses but over the past 10 years a larger and larger proportion of conference goers have paid for all or part of the conference themselves.

As the first Conference Treasurer (Melbourne) to start this pattern of substantial profit making from biennial conferences, I feel responsible, but I am concerned that this profit motive has now gone too far. In the beginning profits were only accrued from exhibition space hire.

The Perth conference, as our first national conference, may very well be a regional conference given the cost of travel from the major population centres.

This would be very sad and I am sure most disappointing to the hard-working members in Western Australia.

As it is too late to change the fee now, as an incentive, why not use part of the profits to offer a rebate off the 1990 membership fee for those who attended?

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State Librarian
State Library of SA



They're out!

The Australian Prison Libraries: Minimum Standard Guidelines were launched on 29 May. A full report will appear in the next issue of *inCite*.

Copies are available from The ALIA office—\$15 for ALIA members, \$20 non members plus \$2 postage.