

The Heart of the Matter

Last-minute news on the Conference

THE CONFERENCE OPENING Ceremony will be held in the Civic Centre, Albury Convention and Performing Arts Centre on Sunday, 26 September, at 4pm, and will feature a welcome from the Mayors of Albury and Wodonga prior to the Official Opening of the Conference by the Federal Minister for the Arts, Wendy Fatin, and the ALIA Presidential Address of Bev Kirby. This will be followed by a relaxing but civilised opening cocktail party for all delegates, at 6pm.

The latest on the Program

The program has been enhanced to meet a wider range of interests. The changes came about initially because of the normal withdrawals and inabilities to attend, but the program subcommittee believes that a better and more varied program has resulted in consequence.

Some Important Reminders

The Trade Exhibition will be open for viewing from Tuesday to Thursday only, between the hours of 10am and 6pm. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to view and investigate the technology of the information industry. We don't get this chance often, and in this time of financial constraints it is one not to be missed.

The Conference Dinner still has places available. The theme of *'Putting on the Ritz'* will give you an opportunity to dust off your glad rags! And you can still find room at the **Conference Concert** (featuring Jane Rutter, flautist and entertainer). But the Fashion Parade will not go ahead, due to lack of bookings. Please inquire at the Conference Information Centre for information on any of the social events or tours.

Remember to check the booking plan for the Conference Dinner, and place your name at a table to make sure you are seated with your friends and colleagues. Remember that dress is formal: gentlemen, a lounge suit; ladies, after-five wear. And don't forget your dancing shoes, as our Big Band will take you to a late hour with a range of music. A bus service will operate from Albury to the Conference Dinner at the Wodonga Civic Centre. Bookings have been requested on the registration form, but tickets will be available at the Conference Information Centre at Conference time, subject to availability.

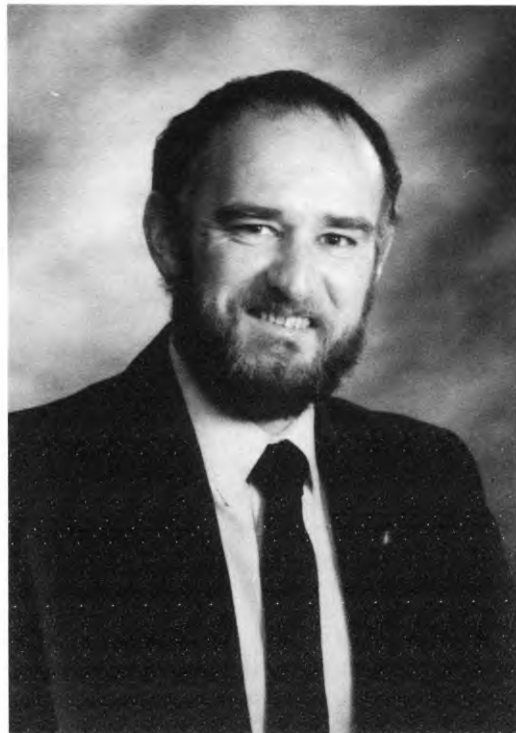
Note that **dress codes** apply at some of our major venues. The Commercial Club and the Albury SS & A Club require that all delegates be aware of the following clothing standards: no denim, runners, thongs, backless shoes, tracksuits, or men's shirts without collars.

Some Things To Look Out For

The Conference Information Centre will be the hub of the week's activities, and is located within the Albury Convention and Performing Arts Centre. The Centre's purpose is to make your stay with us pleasant and care-free. If you have any inquiries at all, please ask at the Conference Information Centre. If questions cannot be answered directly, you will be directed to the appropriate source.

The Good Grub Guide is a dining guide produced by local librarians especially for delegates to ALIA '92. This publication is 'the country version of *The Good Food Guide*' and contains a listing of over 80 eating places, with information on food styles, service and prices. *The Good Grub Guide* will be included in your Conference satchel.

The ALIA Conference Book will be on display during the Conference. This is a work of art originating at the Perth Conference in 1990 and aimed at containing a hand-written account of all future ALIA Conferences. Seize the chance to see this historical record of your Association's conferences.



Roy Sanders,
1992
Conference
Committee
Chairman

Book and product launches will be announced by fliers distributed during the Conference and through the daily newsletter, *Ebsco Express*. Speaking of which, *Ebsco Express* is the daily Conference newsletter which will contain notes of late program alterations, news items, photographs of Conference activities and other relevant material. *Ebsco Express* will be available each morning before the plenary sessions, at the Conference Information Centre and at other Conference venues.

ALIA '92 T-shirts and posters will be on sale at the ALIA stand in the trade exhibition area, and a limited range of framed prints of the comic strip will be made available.

Early risers will be able to take advantage of the morning **guided walks** around the city. Clear your head, and see Albury at its quiet best. For those unable to rise early, a lunch-time walk taking in the Albury Botanical Gardens in the company of a horticulturalist, is planned for Thursday, 1 October. Further information will be contained in *Ebsco Express*, and other inquiries for these FREE events can be made at the Conference Information Centre, Social and Tours desk.

Don't miss seeing the National Library of Australia's travelling **Art Exhibition**, 'On the street where you live', at the Albury City Art Gallery, adjacent to the Trade Exhibition on Dean Street.

The **New Zealand** members of the 1994 Conference Committee will be looking to persuade you to attend the ALIA/NZLA joint conference in Wellington...let them chew your ear and twist your arm!

The **Closing Ceremony** will also be held in the Albury Civic Centre and will feature a lively and inspirational closing address by Kaycee Hale, of the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles. After Kaycee's address the 1992 Committee will be able to relax and hand over to the 1994 Conference Committee. It is expected that Australian Library Week will be launched immediately following the closing ceremony, in the same venue. The **Closing Function**, to which all delegates are invited, offers a last chance to relax and socialise, this time in a casual party atmosphere, and we'll provide the goodies! ■