

New membership computer system launched

A great day for ALIA's Membership Services on 27 November last year when their new computer system was finally launched, in the nick of time to deal with the annual rush of renewals. The old Datapoint system had seen a decade of service and was increasingly showing its age. The new system that has now been installed will be easier and more flexible in use, and is fully compatible with the computing network that was set up for general office use a couple of years ago. ■



Membership Services Manager Jennefer Nicholson (far right) explains some fine points to an attentive audience while Membership Clerk Elizabeth Pinner at the keyboard (bottom right) demonstrates the system to NT Councillor Ruth Quinn and SA Councillor Philippa Middleton. Other members of Council (from left) are Kerry Smith, Trevor Wakely (Victorian President), Sue Brudenall, Past President John Levett, Geoff Chapman, Julie Young and General Secretary Peter Cohen.

The Tech Connection takes shape

Peter Murdoch reviews the great program at the Library Technicians Conference

The Program for the 7th National Library Technicians Conference is now on target for 22-24 September 1993 in Adelaide, at the Terrace Hotel on the northern side of the city.

The Conference Committee has been organising a full and varied program. On day 1 this focuses on how information technology is changing the nature of the information environment and its impact on libraries and library technicians. On day 2 the emphasis will be on technology's effect on workplace practices for library technicians. On day 3 delegates will explore the opportunities that they can take or make in this changing environment.

There will be keynote and session speakers on each day of the conference and tours to nearby libraries will investi-



gate how technologies are used to provide library services in South Australia. Parallel sessions for special interest groups on work and industrial issues are also planned for day 2 and 3.

Some exciting social activities include a pre-conference function on the Tuesday night and post-conference tours on the Saturday to the wine growing regions north and south of the city. The Conference Dinner on the Thursday night will be held in Paxton's Conservatory at Ayers House, with its cobblestone floors and a domed glass

roof incorporating the original coach-house and stables.

A *Provisional Program and Registration Brochure* is planned for distribution in April, so if you want to make sure you are on our mailing list or require any further information before then please contact Elizabeth Collins, Conference Convenor, or Margaret Wallace at the Parks Library on phone (08) 243 5691, fax (08) 347 3632 or Peter Murdoch at the State Library of SA on phone (08) 207 7211, fax (08) 207 7207.

The Conference Committee members would like to acknowledge the contribution of Dave Thompson, then ALIA Conference Manager, for the groundwork, direction and patience he provided us with during 1992. ■

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