

Reading the future

1996 ALIA Biennial Conference

One hundred years ago the first Australian conference was held in Melbourne. Eighty six delegates (all male!) attended to discuss such topics as 'cataloguing', 'the Sunday opening of libraries', 'the equipment of the smaller libraries for the assistance of industrial pursuits', and 'the decimal classification of Dewey'.

One hundred years on and on the doorstep to the twenty first century is an ideal time to review where we have got to since then and where we are heading in the future. The conference theme *Reading the future*, gives us a framework to look forward without losing sight of tradition and heritage.

The program

The conference will run from 8-10 October 1996, with pre- and post-conference sessions on 7 October and 11 October. Sub-themes for the three main conference days focus on implications for the world, society and the individuals. A major trade exhibition to keep you up with developments in the field will be open to the public and conference delegates. Trade repre-

sentatives on the exhibition organising committee will ensure that the exhibition complements and interrelates with the program in a way that benefits both the delegates and our exhibition and sponsors.

Social events

Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, receptions, novelty events, a conference dinner. A restaurant activities guide will help everyone get together with friends, and a hospitality program will pair up newcomers with local hosts.

Tours and travel

Take the opportunity to visit library services, or offer a tour to your own institution or specialist field.

How can you help?

- Contribute your ideas - now!
- Help a planning committee. Help is needed now and at the conference.
- Advertise the event.
- Attend!

For more information contact Helen Jennings, Conference Organiser, Convention Network, telephone (03) 646 4122 or fax (03) 646 7737. ■

Are you offering a quality service?

Find out at the TAFE Sections Biennial Conference

September in Brisbane is Warana Festival time. Warana is an aboriginal word meaning blue skies. In 1995, not only will Brisbane's blue skies be welcoming festival goers from all over the world, but they will also be welcoming delegates to the TAFE section's Biennial National conference, *TAFE libraries — A quality service?*

The conference, scheduled for 28-29 September, will focus on the theme of quality, that is:

- Why should libraries provide a quality service?
- What makes up a quality service?
- How are quality services achieved?

Information will be presented in a mix of plenary addresses and workshops. For TAFE library staff, the Conference will provide an ideal chance to exchange information about how institutions are addressing the quality issues. For staff of other libraries, the Conference provides an ideal forum to exchange in-

formation with their TAFE colleagues on the achievement of quality within their particular sectors.

The conference welcoming reception is being held in Brisbane's Old Botanical Gardens, the heart of Warana. During Warana the gardens are transformed into an art gallery, jazz club and continental garden café. This conference provides accompanying persons with a myriad of activities to enjoy, leaving delegates to investigate the quality issues for libraries while they investigate epicurian and cultural quality issues.

Venue for the conference is the Brisbane Parkroyal Hotel. Registration documents will be distributed in late April. Cost for ALIA members is \$260.

For further information or inquiries regarding presentation of papers and/or workshops contact Robert Burnheim, telephone (07) 209 9130 after hours. ■

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