

Meeting the 21st century with competency

Future challenge, future change: the national library competencies conference
4-5 December 1995

The consequences of the development of national benchmarks for work practice in the information industry has been swift and promises to be unrelenting. The *Future challenge, future change* conference will document the sweeping reforms of many parts of the library workplace and the training needs for these.

The educators

Donna Reid and Ann Hannan will document their role in implementing the first National syllabus for library technician education based on the competency standards for our industry. Donna is the project manager for the national syllabus, Ann is the project officer and an advanced skills teacher at Box Hill

College of TAFE's library and information studies department.

Donna will focus on the impact the new curriculum will have on an Australia-wide basis, highlighting some of the changes employers and students will see such as increased transferability and portability of training and skills. Donna will document the changes in both length and exit levels in the new diploma from the existing associate diploma programs. Also covered by Donna are the issues of transfer of existing students into the new course, and the upgrade of existing associate diploma and certificate holders to the new diploma course. She will identify the changes a competency based curriculum will have for teaching of students and the recording of their formative and summative assessments. What are formative and summative in relation to assessment? Go to the conference and find out!

Ann will document the impact the course will have on the the Victorian associate diploma and what it will mean for delivery of

the program. She will examine strategies to address the introduction of full-time students and work experience components in the Victorian context, and identify the issues that will follow the implementation of the new curriculum and the local enrolment and reporting mechanisms which need to be adopted in starting the new course in 1996. Finally, Ann will examine the program management differences that such a program of competency based learning and training has on program delivery including the development of flexible delivery in this program.

Keep your diaries free for the first week in December in Melbourne. Be challenged and informed by this national conference. For more information and a conference application form ring or fax the conference organisers Waldron and Smith Conference and Associates Management, telephone (03) 9670 6744, fax (03) 9690 7155.

Ian Rogers, ELISS conference organising committee

Public libraries — what are they worth?

National public libraries conference, Sydney
12-15 November 1995

The conference aims to position the local public library as the local link to international and government information services, to demonstrate how public libraries are responding to the demand for high quality information services, and to address the question of value to the local community.

Day 1: Connectivity

Speakers include the Hon Michael Lee, Minister for Communications and the Arts; Mal Bryce, Ipswich City Council; Peter Young, executive director, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Washington DC; and Chris Cheagh, Communications Futures Project.

Day 2: Quality

Speakers include Ann Marie Sykes, IBIS Corporate Services;

Robert Ball, president IMM; and Tim Lee, Australian Services Union.

Day 3: Value

Andrea Hull, Brian Haratsis, Hans Gulberg, Andrew Olzowski and Greg Andrews are some of the speakers.

The conference will be followed by a Strategic planning forum. Participants will be the invited representatives from major stakeholder organisations.

There is a varied social program and post conference activities.

For registration brochures and information regarding the conference contact the Public libraries conference secretariat, GPO Box 2609, Sydney NSW 2001. Telephone (02) 241 1478, fax (02) 251 3552. ■



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Helen Keyes, Central Queensland university, was presented with her personalised copy of the *Framework for continuing professional development* by Kay Poustie, Chair of the ALIA Board of Education at the ALIA Queensland branch conference held at the Central Queensland university, Rockhampton campus.