



## Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine ...

1997 Public Libraries Section and Reference and Information Service Section Conference

**Brenda Simpson and Vivien Nash,  
conference convenors**

**A**LIA members should now have received their copy of the registration brochure for the 1997 PubRAISS conference, to be held from 9–12 November 1997.

The organising committee is proud to be involved in the first national conference designed to cater for ALIA's Public Library Section and for the Reference and Information Service Section. We are particularly pleased with the number of prominent international, national and local speakers who have agreed to participate and address the theme *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...*

Most Australian librarians will now be aware of the launch of the Gates Library Foundation on 20 June 1997. Bill Gates, chief executive officer of Microsoft Corporation, his wife, Melinda French Gates, and the Microsoft Corporation have made substantial donations to public libraries. These donations are for the specific purpose of bringing the Internet to disadvantaged communities throughout North America.

Technical support and training for these initiatives will be provided by the Technology Resource Institute. In the light of this news, it is a coup for the PubRAISS conference to have Willem Scholten, director of the Seattle-based Technology Resource Institute, as a keynote speaker. Mr Scholten's presentation, discussing the worldwide implications of these developments, will be an exciting feature of the program.

The organising committee is also pleased

to confirm the attendance of several other high-calibre international speakers who will explore the important issues relating to the future of the library profession. Dr Brian Lang, chief executive officer of the British Library, will address the topic of 'The British library — Beyond 2000'. Mary Dempsey, commissioner of the Chicago Public Library, will discuss her views on tomorrow's library. Walt Crawford, senior analyst, Research Libraries Group Inc and author of *Future Libraries: nearing the millennium*.

The diverse conference program will be supplemented by a comprehensive trade exhibition featuring the latest products and state-of-the-art technology available to the information industry.

We are also pleased to offer a variety of social activities designed to enable you to network with colleagues in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. After registering for the conference, renew old acquaintances and join fellow delegates for drinks and finger food at the welcome reception. For something different, come along to the 'Pubrace', a unique function invented specifically for the PubRAISS conference. Finally, step into the future and enjoy dinner and entertainment in outer space at the conference dinner — our way of finishing the social program with a bang!

For further information, or to receive a copy of the registration brochure, please contact Kelly Flynn, 1997 PubRAISS conference, c/- Intermedia Convention and Event Management, PO Box 1280, Milton Qld 4064, telephone (07) 3369 0477, fax (07) 3369 1512, or [pubr97@im.com.au](mailto:pubr97@im.com.au) ■



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• **4/9 NSW Acquisitions section** *Acquisitions basics at the State Library of NSW*, Metcalfe Auditorium. Cost: \$80 ALIA members, \$60 ALIA student members, \$110 non-members. Contacts: Dimitria Dess 02 9715 8322 or Jereyynn Brown 02 9273 1630.

• **8/9–5/11 ALIA NSW Schools section committee meeting dates** Leichhardt Primary School, Joint Council Rooms 7pm. (8/9; 14/10; 5/11). Contact: Andrew Barber, ph 02 9519 1544, fx 02 9519 1657.

• **16/9–16/12 NSW Branch Council meeting** State Library of NSW, Mitchell Wing, Jean Garling room, 6pm. (Unless advised otherwise): (16/9; 21/10; 18/11 — Mitchell Seminar room; 16/12). Observers always welcome. Contact: Joanne Fuller, ph 02 9906 6000, fx 02 9906 5987, [jojo1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jojo1@ozemail.com.au).

• **17/9 Hunter Regional group Presentation skills workshop** Newcastle Campus Library — HIT. For further details contact: Judith McLean, ph 02 4926 7267, fx 02 4926 7324.

• **19/9 NSW Public Libraries section** *New directions — coping with change*. Barry Smith, consultant and panel of practitioners. Bowen Library, Maroubra, 9.15–4.30pm. \$60 ALIA members, \$70 non-members. Contact: Diana Oliver, ph/fx 02 9660 0473 or Glenys Murray, ph 02 9952 8368, fx 02 9952 8355. *This is a repeat of 15/8 workshop. See booking forms sent to all public libraries.*

• **24/9 NSW Special Libraries section** *Librarian's libations and networking*. Join us at the Wentworth, Garden Court Bar, Level 5, for networking and drinks. 6pm onwards, everyone welcome! Contact: Yasna Palaysa, ph 02 9228 5107.

**24/9 CD-ROM technology: selection, searching and maintenance** UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, [M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au](mailto:M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au)

**26/9 Graduate Studies Information Night** — interested in a Master of Arts in Information — meet staff and discuss study programs in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Uni of Technology, Sydney, Building 3, Room 510, 6–9pm. For details contact: Sue Halbwirth, ph 02 9514 2721, [sue.halbwirth@uts.edu.au](mailto:sue.halbwirth@uts.edu.au).

**27–28/9 Australian Society of Indexers conference** *The futureproof indexer* Mountain Heritage Country House Retreat, Katoomba. For further details contact: Michael Wyatt, ph 02 9931 7764, fx 02 9331 7785, [keyword@ozemail.com.au](mailto:keyword@ozemail.com.au), <http://www.zeta.org.au/~aussi>.

**30/9–3/10 Information design** UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, [M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au](mailto:M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au).

**30/9 & 1/10 Indexing skills for technical communicators** UNSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph 02 9385 3589, fx 02 9385 3430, [M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au](mailto:M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au).

• **1/10 NSW Special Libraries section** *Evaluating information found on the In-*

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