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1997 Public Libraries Section and Reference
and Information Service Section Conference

Setting tomorrow's agenda

The last update from the conference convenors, Brenda Simpson and Vivien Nash...

The Public Libraries and Reference and Information Services Section's joint national conference will be upon us soon (9–12 November to be exact). Our conference organisers (Intermedia) have placed an advertisement in this edition of *inCite* as a reminder to those too busy to register early (see p29 for details).

We think PUBRAISS is shaping up as one of the best library conferences in Australia in recent years and should not be missed. As well as an eclectic array of speakers, the conference features an excellent and comprehensive range of exhibitors including some of Australia's largest and most important library suppliers. At last count there were thirty-seven confirmed exhibitors.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce the winners of the PUBRAISS conference scholarship

competition — Mr T J Lovering, librarian, Eacham Shire Council; and Ms Fran Moroney, Hinchinbrook Shire Library. Congratulations to you both. A big thank you to ACLIS and ALIA branch councils who kindly provided the competition prizes.

The conference venue (the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition centre) is within easy walking distance to Brisbane's central business district and close to the State Library of Queensland, Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland Museum, South bank Parklands and the Treasury Casino if that is your fancy.

An interesting feature of the conference is that it is being held in Brisbane. The last major national cross-sectoral conference held in Brisbane was the 1980 biennial conference. There is no other major national cross-sectional

conference planned for this part of the world in the foreseeable future. Why not take this opportunity to combine your visit with a holiday? If you are looking for a relaxing pre- or post-conference holiday, Brisbane is in close proximity to the Sunshine Coast. Noosa's famous Hastings Street and the delightful Maleny can be found two hours north on the Bruce Highway. The decadent Gold Coast and its tranquil hinterland are an easy hour's drive south.

South-East Queensland is one of Australia's fastest growing and most dynamic regions. It features some of Australia's newest and most interesting libraries — Ipswich Global Info Links; the new Sunshine Coast University College Library (see the cover of the September issue of *inCite*); the University of Queensland's multimedia laboratory and other facilities; the Queensland Conservatorium at Griffith University; the new Gold Coast Campus Library, Brisbane City Council's Garden City Library and Chermside Regional Library. Take the opportunity to visit some of these during the post-conference professional tour.

It is a real pleasure to host this conference and we are looking forward to welcoming our friends and colleagues to warm and friendly Brisbane — we will have a prawn on the barbie and a XXXX in the fridge — see you at the welcome reception.

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 4064. Telephone (07) 3369 0477; fax: (07) 3369 1512; or e-mail pubr97@im.com.au

Are you retired, or about to retire?

If so, we hope that you will take advantage of our new rates for retired members.

The General Council recently voted to set new membership rates for retired members. There are two categories of membership. To be eligible for the first category you must have held continuous membership of ALIA for thirty years. The annual fee for this category is \$20. To be eligible for the

second category you must be over sixty years of age, be retired, and have held membership of ALIA continuously for ten years. The annual fee for this category is \$40. We look forward to your continuing support.

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