

## LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

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The Conference is nearly upon us! For those of you who have yet to register or are still contemplating attending, the column for this issue is devoted to the Conference 'An Information Odyssey', the 11<sup>th</sup> National Library Technicians Conference, to be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, 21–24 August 2001.

### ***Invitation from the Conference Convenor***

*Dear Delegates,*

*The rapid expansion in information technology, and the impact this has on the library and information industry, challenges us to keep abreast of developments. To address this challenge, our committee is proudly hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> ALIA National Library Technicians Conference in Hobart, Tasmania. The Conference program is designed to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas over a broad range of issues topical to library and information workers today*

*On behalf of ALIA and the Tasmanian Committee I would like to extend to you a warm invitation to attend our conference in August and assure you that the experience of seeing some of our beautiful island at the same time will be a memorable one for you. The social program will include some exciting events and opportunities to see many of Southern Tasmania's attractions including the Tasman Peninsula and the world acclaimed Saturday Salamanca Market. The Conference Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Hobart in August this year.*

### **Helen Duggan**

Conference Convenor.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, situated just metres from the historic Constitution Dock on the city waterfront. Its recently completed Conference Centre and Concert Hall offers state-of-the-art facilities, with tiered seating, for a successful and enjoyable conference experience. The hotel is centrally situated within easy walking distance to the city centre, Battery Point and Salamanca Place. Many of Hobart's finest restaurants are located in these areas providing ample opportunity to sample Tasmania's world-famous seafood.

Tasmania is a unique place to visit. If you wish to stay on after the conference check the web site: [www.tas.gov.au/visiting](http://www.tas.gov.au/visiting)

The theme for the conference, *An Information Odyssey... a long and eventful journey*, has provided the opportunity to develop streams which will allow us to explore the vast opportunities ahead as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Conference Organiser is Convention Wise who may be contacted via email:

[mail@conventionwise.com.au](mailto:mail@conventionwise.com.au)

For further information and some tempting images of Tassie see also:

[www.mures.com.au/conventions/](http://www.mures.com.au/conventions/)

The keynote speakers and invited speakers are Ian McCallum, Margie Anderson, Grant Stone, Judy Moss, Lloyd Sokvitne and Merry Joyce. For abstracts and other information visit the web site:

[www.alia.org.au/sections/libt/conferences/2001/index.html](http://www.alia.org.au/sections/libt/conferences/2001/index.html)

Various parallel sessions and workshops are scheduled across the three days of the conference, with library tours being held during the first two days.

The social program features the Welcome function on Tuesday 21 August in the Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor; the Government House Reception on

Wednesday 22 August; the Conference Dinner on Thursday 23 August in the Tasman Room, Wrest Point Casino; and the farewell on Friday 24 August in the Conference Foyer of the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Pre-conference tours have been organized for Port Arthur Historic Sites, Sunday 19 August and the Battery Point Ramble, Tuesday 21 August. The Post-conference tour is called 'The Peak, Pleasure and Pearls of Tasmania', a day trip of the sights and sounds of Hobart, Saturday 25 August. Tours have also been organized for persons accompanying delegates.