

# Visions of Adelaide98

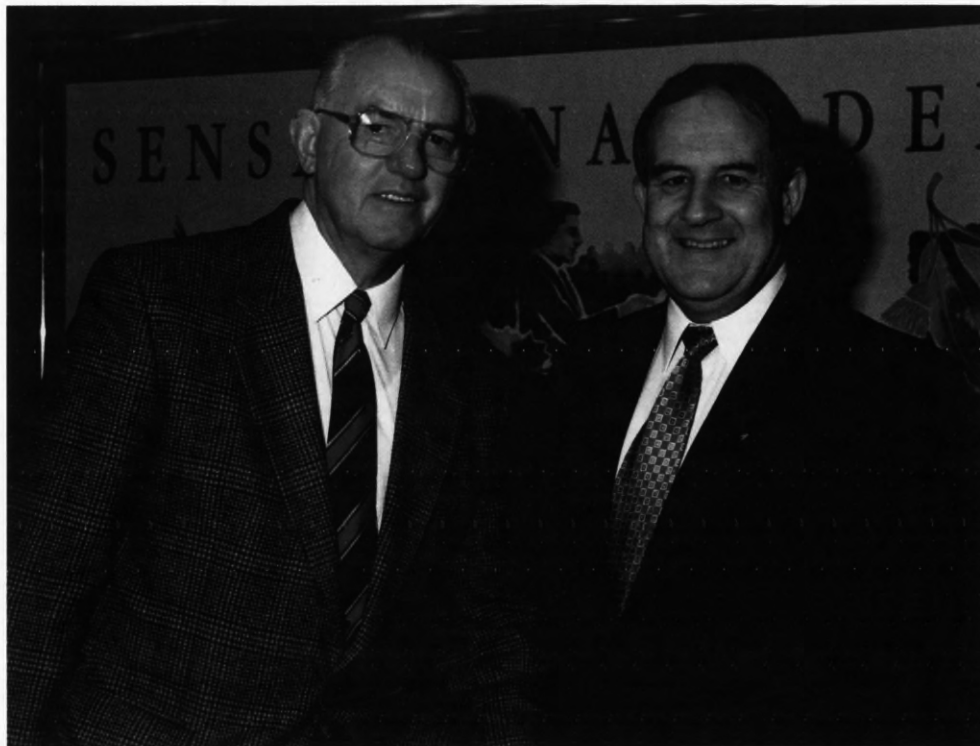
Information professionals from around Australia as well as colleagues from overseas gathered in Adelaide in October to travel the *Pathways to knowledge*, the 5th ALIA Biennial Conference.

Delegates were warmly welcomed to the conference by Di Booker, conference committee convenor, and Cheire Watkins, Kurna Elder, welcomed all on behalf of the Kurna People. Dr Basil Hetzel, Lieutenant Governor of South Australia officially opened the conference.

The Association honoured three of its members during the opening ceremony. Dr Alan Bundy was presented with the HCL Anderson Award. John Shipp, ALIA president 1998 read the citation and highlighted Alan's outstanding contribution to the Association, including his terms as ALIA South Australian Branch president, and president of the Association.

Craig Anderson, ALIA vice-president read the citation for the ALIA Manager of the Year Award — Ruth Cameron won the award for her management of the Brisbane City Library Service. Ruth's commitment to improvement and quality has transformed the Brisbane City Library Service. Under her management she has developed a highly motivated team dedicated to excellence in client service.

Kerry Smith, ALIA past-president presented Ursula Macdermott with the ALIA Library Technician of the Year award. Ursula was



*Jim Dwyer, former ALIA president and member of the conference organising committee with Dr Alan Bundy, winner of the HCL Anderson award*

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*Ruth Cameron, winner of the ALIA Manager of the Year award; Greme Connelly, University Co-op Bookshop, sponsors of the ALIA Manager and Technician of the year awards; and Ursula Macdermott, winner of the Library Technician of the Year award commended for her work promoting the role of library technicians. Ursula has been extremely active within ALIA, and is highly respected in the library and information profession for her leadership and for the time and energy she devotes to students and individuals through her mentoring role.*

A feature of the conference exhibition was the Western Australian Branch *Librarians in focus* calendar signing at the ALIA stand. ALIA staff were mobbed by delegates wanting to meet some of the models 'in the flesh'.

*Delegates brave the crush to have their copy of the Librarians in focus calendar signed at the ALIA stand at the conference*



Photo: Joanne Fuller



Joan Vinton, Phillip Adams and Diane Cranson

Keynote speakers at the conference included Phillip Adams who provided the opening plenary session on Monday morning. His paper, *When worlds collide — the dangerous impact of the past upon the future* was warmly received. Other plenary speakers included Don Edgar, Victoria Marles, Michael Gorman, Jillian Dellit, Craig Anderson, Mairéad Browne and Jane Lomax-Smith.

A special plenary session 'Looking back and looking forward: relective practitioners panel' on Wednesday afternoon was a fitting end to the professional program. Panel members

*Joan Brewer, ALIA fellow, and former library educator with Harrison Bryan, former ALIA president and National Librarian during the closing plenary session*



were Harrison Bryan, former National Librarian; Joan Brewer, former library educator; Anthony Stevens, liaison librarian from the University of South Australia; and Joanne Gower, a library technician in training from the Western Mining Corporation.

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