

## Editorial note

This, the third issue of the Newsletter since the change of editorship, contains the papers presented at the Association's annual conference held in Brisbane July 3-6 1997. Paul Inglis presented us with a challenge for the future - futures studies are affecting our theological worldview, and this in turn will determine the information needs of theological library users and thus how we theological librarians must adapt in response to those needs and demands. Ray Overend's response paper was equally challenging.

Patty Overend's presentation provided a bridge between the keynote issues and the more practical issues addressed by our other speakers: Elaine Mortimer on interlending and document delivery; Philip Harvey's pearls of wisdom on subject headings; and the users who expressed their ideas on how the libraries they use measure up to their expectations.

A summary of the conference would not be complete without an account of our visit the bindery of Fred Pohlmann, provided for us by Tony McCumstie.

The papers on volunteer assistance in libraries will appear in the December issue of the Newsletter.

Let me conclude here with an expression of thanks and appreciation to Irene Mills for her invaluable contribution to the Association in her work as the Editor of the Newsletter since 1993. Irene has transformed not only the format but also the quality of the publication as a professional journal. Thank you, Irene.

I trust that those unable to attend the conference will benefit from reading the papers as much as the participants did from hearing and discussing the issues.

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