

A group of approximately 20 people, including men and women of various ages, are posed in a library or study hall. They are dressed in professional attire like suits and blouses. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

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## Professor Emeritus Frederick Alexander CBE, MA, Hon DLitt

- Honorary Member 1979

'The old state library building had become inadequate and crowded and by the 1970s the building could not hold all the collections and staff and a series of out buildings and annexes were used. As a new building was needed, planning for the new library began in earnest at the end of 1977 with the appointment of the Perth architects Cameron, Chisholm and Nicol, who worked in association with the Building Management Authority and consulting engineers Norman, Disney and Young Pty Ltd.

'Construction of the main library frame began in January 1982. The building was completed early in 1985 and library staff began to move in from the ten different premises and annexes around the city. The building is named after Professor Fred Alexander, Chairman of the Library Board from 1952-1982. The Battye Library and State Archives were housed on the third and fourth floors of the new building. The building opened to the public on 29 April 1985, but the official opening, by then Premier Brian Burke, came on 18 June 1985.'

And separately: 'the building celebrates the contribution of Professor Emeritus Fred Alexander, CBE, Fellow of the Library Board of Western Australia. Professor Alexander was Chairman of the Board from 1952-1982 and he masterminded the strategies the library service adopted in gaining acceptance of the provision of the 1951 Library Board Act by local authorities throughout the State. Professor Alexander was a policy-maker of wisdom and integrity, who showed his respect for the library profession by leaving professional judgements to the librarians, while he concerned himself with policy direction.'

*From the State Library of Western Australia website.*

## Dr Lynne Allen PhD

- ALIA President 1990

'Dr Lynn Allen was Chief Executive Officer and State Librarian from 1989 to 2001, the first female to hold this role. Under her leadership significant improvements were made in the provision of access to the state's collections through technology, achieved largely through a major overhaul of the Library's IT infrastructure under Project Information Access.

'Lynn oversaw the passing of new legislation to improve the care of the State's government records, the State Record Act 2000. Under Lynn's direction, the State Library made submissions to a number of Federal and State government information initiatives and lead a seminar on 'Western Australia as an Information Society', leading to greater State Library involvement in the State's information policy. With a PhD in literature, Lynn was also passionate about the value of books and reading, and encouraged the Library's participation in international years for reading and literacy.

'Lynn Allen served in a number of roles in the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), including State President for the WA Region (1988), National Vice President (1989) and National President (1990). Lynn also served on the Organising Committee for the 1990 ALIA Conference held in Perth. As State Librarian Lynn was Chairman of the Council of Australian State Libraries for two years. Lynn was made a Fellow of the Library Board in 2011.'

*From the State Library of Western Australia website.*



## Margaret Allen FALIA, PSM, BA

- Public Service Medal 2018
- ALIA Fellowship 2014
- ALIA President 2011

### Fellowship citation

The ALIA Board of Directors conferred the distinction of Fellow on Margaret Allen, with special consideration for her work in the fields of literacy, Aboriginal heritage, copyright, and for her support of library and information science education and emerging leaders.

Through her role as CEO of the State Library of Western Australia, Margaret Allen demonstrated a strong commitment to reading and literacy as illustrated by the highly successful Better Beginnings program run by the State Library of Western Australia since 2004 in partnership with the State Government of Western Australia, local governments and industry partner Rio Tinto. She was also Chair of the 2012 National Year of Reading Founding Partners, directs the WA Premier's Book Awards and participates in the Perth Writer's Festival.

Under Margaret's leadership the State Library works in partnership with Aboriginal people through the Storylines Project to 'build and maintain an online database of digitised heritage material from the library's collections relating to Aboriginal history' and through its Aboriginal Family History project offers training in information literacy, and research skills to support clients with family history research.

Margaret was engaged in the 2012 IFLA International Leaders Programme. She has served a member of the Curtin University Information Studies Advisory Board, a judge for the Sharr Medal for the new graduate most likely to make an impact on the profession, and she instigated a graduate program within the State Library.

As Chair of the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee (ALCC) and a member of the Australian Digital Alliance (ADA) Board of Directors Margaret is an active participant in the Australian copyright reform debates committed to copyright reform that enables fair access. Margaret was ALIA President for the 2011-2012 term of office. She represented libraries on the government's Book Industry Collaborative Council, and she is a valued member of the ALIA ebooks and eLending Reference Group, presenting at think tanks across Australia during 2013. For her long standing and varied service to the sector and to the Association, Margaret Allen is awarded the ALIA Fellowship.

### Public Service Medal citation

Awarded for outstanding public service to the libraries sector in Western Australia: Ms Allen began her career in a public library where she was involved in developing a library management system. Subsequently she was appointed to the position of Associate Director and then Acting Director at the State Library of South Australia where she transformed the organisation as it transitioned to new accommodation and included the development and implementation of a new service delivery model. In 2004, she was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the State Library of Western Australia (SLWA) and State Librarian where she is responsible for the strategic leadership of library services in Western Australia, the operation of the SLWA, and its partnership with local governments for the delivery of public library services. During her time in the role she has demonstrated a strong commitment to early childhood reading and literacy as illustrated by her leadership of the highly successful 'Better Beginnings' program. The program has been run by the SLWA since 2004 in partnership with the State Government, local governments and industry partners. 'Better Beginnings' now reaches over 60,000 families each year throughout Western Australia. She has also actively participated in the Australian copyright reform debates and remains committed to the objective of reforms



that ensures fair access. Ms Allen's work in the fields of literacy, Indigenous heritage, copyright, and her support of library and information science education and emerging leaders is well above the norm.

## Holger Aman

- Metcalfe Award 2015

### Metcalfe Award citation

Holger Aman has been an active Member of ALIA from the start of his career. He has served on committees, presented at conferences, written articles for *INCITE*, produced blog posts and contributed to the Association's social media presence.

Holger became the co-ordinator of the ALIA New Graduates Group (Queensland) the month after he graduated. When he moved to Sydney in 2012 to take up his current position as a reference librarian at the Law Courts Library, he took on the role of Events Officer for ALIA Sydney. He also joined the organising committee for New Librarians Symposium seven (NSL7), working on the program and sponsorship subcommittees. He personally sponsored a bursary for this conference, so that a librarian or library student could have the opportunity to attend. Colleagues at the Law Courts Library say that Holger has shown exceptional aptitude as a legal researcher. He has consistently shown initiative in his position and is keen to take on additional responsibilities. He is one of the leaders in promoting new technology within the library, including the use of mobile devices. They say Holger is always happy to share his knowledge with his colleagues and takes on a mentoring role with new staff members. His customer service skills have made him popular with clients and he provides an excellent example of a friendly, knowledgeable, library and information professional.

Other colleagues have described Holger as 'enthusiastic, passionate, dynamic, committed, professional, thoughtful, strong, capable, energetic and dedicated'.

In addition to his roles with ALIA Groups, Holger is also served as the Vice-President of the Australian Law Librarians' Association (NSW).

## Dr Craig Anderson BSc, GDipLibSc, GDipMan, MBus, PhD, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2013
- ALIA President 1999

### Fellowship citation

The ALIA Board of Directors conferred the distinction of Fellow on Dr Craig Anderson who has shown exceptional leadership and support for professional collaboration throughout his career.

Craig was involved with Australia's first and most successful community network, VicNet. VicNet was available to the community for internet and information technology access.

Some of Craig's career highlights involve working as CEO of Yarra Plenty Regional Library during a period of local government amalgamation and competitive tendering. During this turbulent time, Craig was able to grow and strengthen the services of the library. Craig was the chair of the CAVAL Board of Directors when the CAVAL Archival and Research Material



(CARM 2) project was initiated. CARM 2 was a \$14 million dollar project that enabled the CARM centre to triple in capacity.

Craig's leadership abilities allowed him to create sustainable futures for both CAVAL and ALIA. During his time at CAVAL, Craig oversaw major constitutional change and implemented a new board of directors with a greater depth and spread of knowledge and skills to support CAVAL in a more dynamic way.

While President of ALIA in 1999, Craig implemented many important constitutional changes. These changes led to ALIA having a flexible board of directors, dynamic and self-nominating groups, a National Policy Congress system and a solid basis for future changes. While these changes had been attempted previously, Craig's determination and passion helped to create a sustainable future for ALIA. Craig also oversaw the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme.

Craig also worked as the University Librarian at RMIT University where he was a passionate advocate for the library and information sector and a life-long learner. He completed his PhD in 2012. His thesis, 'Barriers and enablers to teachers' adoption of online teaching at an Australian University' explores the uptake of online teaching in a university context.

Craig has made, and continues to make, a distinguished contribution to not only the practice of library and information science, but also the sustainability of the industry and its associations. Craig is a deserving recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

## HCL Anderson

- Namesake of the HCL Anderson Award

HCL Anderson was principal librarian of the Free Public Library of New South Wales from 1893 to 1906. Anderson created a collection and service policy to give his infant colonial library a stature of national importance. He worked with DS Mitchell, wealthy collector of Australiana, adding, to the bequest of justice Edward Wise, Mitchell's extensive collections of books, manuscripts and maps, to build and preserve the first collection of national significance.

Anderson persuaded Mitchell to finance the housing of the collection in what is now the Mitchell Library of the State Library of New South Wales. In addition to this protracted task, Anderson promoted the education of librarians and the expansion of services to the community, (including those in remote areas), as well as to business and industry. His vision, dedication and achievements provide a model for those nominated for the HCL Anderson Award.

See *Australian Dictionary of Biography* entry.

## Ellinor Archer MBE, MSc, FLAA

- President 1948-1949
- LAA Fellowship 1964
- Namesake of the Ellinor Archer Award





Educated at the Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Melbourne, and the University of Melbourne (BSc, 1916; MSc, 1918), after graduating she became a government research scholar in botany and joined the teaching staff of Trinity College.

In November 1918, Archer was appointed secretary and investigator to the special committee on seed improvement of the Advisory Council of Science and Industry (Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry from 1920).

In May 1923 she took charge of the institute's library; following the inauguration (1926) of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, her post was reclassified in 1929 as librarian and scientific assistant. She was secretary to the citrus preservation committee, compiled a register of agricultural research, and was effectively head librarian and supervisor of libraries in divisions and experimental stations. Visiting scientific libraries in Britain in 1936, she studied the universal decimal classification and, on her return, encouraged its introduction in CSIR libraries. Her title was changed to Chief Librarian in January 1946.

A foundation member (1937) and first female president (1948-1949) of the Australian Institute of Librarians, Archer made a lasting contribution to her profession. She had been appointed to the institute's board of certification and examination in 1941. When the AIL was reconstituted as the Library Association of Australia, she served as an active past president (1950-1953). Having attained her objectives of including special librarianship in the national examination system for librarians and of establishing the special libraries section within the LAA, in 1952 she became the section's first president.

*Excerpt from Australian Dictionary of Biography entry*

The original Ellinor Archer Award was presented to Ena Noël (1984) and Allan Fleming (1989). The Ellinor Archer Pioneer Award, renamed in 2002, recognised pioneering work in new areas of library and information science. Nominees could be individual or institutional members of the Association. This award ceased in 2010.

## Jean Arnot FLAA, MBE (1903-1995)

- ALIA Fellowship 1963

### Obituary

Jean Fleming Arnot, who died in Sydney on 27 September, was one of that select group of Australian librarians remembered and honoured as much for their service to society as for their professional endeavours. In very few cases has the contribution to both been so distinguished, so lengthy and so sustained.

Born in Pymble on 23 April 1903, Jean attended Chapel Street School in Marrickville and then Fort Street Girls' High. Matriculating, but unable to undertake a university course because of her family's circumstances, Jean applied for a position at the Public (now State) Library of New South Wales. She was subjected to W H Ifould's customarily stringent interview process, at which her general knowledge, address, physical and psychological soundness were assessed. She impressed 'the chief', and started work as a temporary junior library assistant in March 1921.

Like other recruits, Jean spent over a year as a temporary to see if she lived up to her initial promise. She did, handsomely, passed the library's entrance examination and was permanently appointed in 1922. These were the golden years of the public library, with statutory and private endowments, together with donations and international exchanges bringing rapid growth in collections. Attendances at the library were increasing each year. Innovative services - such as the research department - were responding to post-war demand



for information and resources. There was growing respect for the library's work and for the quality of its staff.

Jean was placed in the reference library, where she began to make a mark with her capacity for hard work, lively intelligence, intellectual curiosity and interest in people - as well as a goodly measure of self-confidence and nous. Then began a lengthy and thorough apprenticeship, with on the job training and a formal course of private study, culminating in the demanding 'higher grade' examinations which marked arrival as a professional and the opportunity for promotion. She was fulfilled by her work, and, like her chief, regarded it as a privilege to serve the community as part of a great library. She made steady progress through the ranks, completing the higher grades examinations in 1931, and being appointed senior library assistant in 1933.

But happy though she was, and loyal to the library, she could not ignore some of the less satisfactory aspects of the workforce for which the public library was a microcosm. She could observe the dominance of the senior positions by men, not all of whom were as competent or as respected as should. She witnessed the manoeuvres to secure a male line of succession to the principal librarianship in an environment where a female permanent head would not be countenanced (even at the time of her retirement this was the prevailing view in upper levels of the bureaucracy). She also experienced the disparity between male and female wages which at the time of her appointment gave a male cleaner considerably more than a female graduate library assistant.

She also experienced the inflexibility of a roster system (and a management) which made it virtually impossible for reading room staff to undertake part-time university studies - even someone as determined as Jean could only manage two terms of economics at the University of Sydney before the inexorable clash of timetable and roster terminated that opportunity. For others, the inherent unfairness of the system and their seemingly powerlessness might have led to outer resignation and inner bitterness. For Jean, the strategy was as crystal-clear as the injustice and she became part of the movement for equal pay in the 1930s, as well as active in her own trade union, and, when it was established, her professional association. In 1937 she joined both the New South Wales Council of Action for Equal Pay and, as a foundation member, the Australian Institute of Librarians (later the Library Association of Australia and still later the Australian Library and Information Association). In both organisations her capacity to grasp issues and to articulate views would prove immensely valuable. She would also play what would turn out to be a leading role in other organisations which were devoted to improving the situation of Australian women in business, the professions and in society generally. These included the National Council of Women, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sydney, the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters, and the Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association.

Jean and her associates were interested not just in equal pay, but also in the position of women generally, in equal employment opportunity, in motherhood endowment, in childcare, in the concept of a household wage, or putting a value on the work performed predominantly by women in the home. Jean was active in committees and behind the scenes. She spoke at public forums and on the wireless, putting the case in her self-assured and measured way, never strident, always well-mannered but firm. The equal pay debate would require stamina, which Jean had aplenty, for it would only be resolved just a few years before her retirement. Jean was also playing an active part in the professional association. She was a councillor of the Australian Institute of Librarians in 1940-1941, President of the New South Wales branch in 1941-1942, general secretary in 1941-1943, and councillor again between 1944 and 1948. Her work for her union, the Public Service Association of New South Wales, led to the award of its gold medal in 1944.



Meanwhile at the library, Jean had moved from reference work into cataloguing. She was appointed Cataloguer Grade 2 in 1938. She became Cataloguer Grade 1 in 1942, the year in which she retired from the library and the reference library moved from the old Bent Street building to its new premises across Shakespeare Place. Here the cataloguing department occupied a light and airy room on the ground floor where a large gathering of colleagues and friends recently paid tribute to Jean's memory.

She became assistant senior cataloguer in 1943, and was lecturing at the library school. A generation of new librarians were exposed to her knowledge of library theory and practice, and many were infected by her enthusiasm and sense of purpose.

In 1944 came the publication of her major professional work, her bibliography of newspapers held in the Mitchell Library and general reference library, a key reference work until the publication of a union list of newspaper by the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS) fifteen years later. 'Arnot' as Jean's work became known, was the result of years of painstaking checking and collating, in which she was assisted by Doris Mitchell - assistance which Jean was careful to acknowledge. Jean always gave credit where credit was due.

Also in 1944 Jean became officer in charge of the country circulation department, a position which was renamed extension librarian in 1946. By then the position involved playing a support role for the free public libraries which were springing up throughout New South Wales after the war. It was whilst extension librarian that Jean was invited by the British Council to undertake a study tour of library services in the United Kingdom in 1948, and by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to spend some time visiting libraries in the United States and Canada. She paid particular attention to county library development in the UK, the Los Angeles regional library system and the Fraser Valley scheme in British Columbia, for from the earliest days a regional structure had been seen as desirable for public library development in rural New South Wales. In 1950 Jean was promoted to the position of head cataloguer for which she was well qualified by experience and aptitude. It was a position which she would hold, except for a busy interlude as acting Mitchell Librarian during Phyllis Mander-Jones' absence in 1956-1958, until her retirement. During her long stint as head cataloguer Jean was able to apply her organisational and managerial skills to a task which was becoming very more demanding with every reverberation of the 'information explosion'. Cataloguers' desks were redesigned. Practices were streamlined. There were moves towards a uniformity of practice within the library to enhance productivity, just as internationally there were moves to facilitate shared cataloguing.

The whole institution benefited from Jean's years as a reference librarian and catalogue user, as well as a catalogue creator. If ever there was a time for someone to reshape cataloguing practice at the public library this was it. Not since the introduction of the Dewey Classification into the library by H C L Anderson in 1900 had the latest edition been used throughout the institution. By the 1950s there were four different editions or adaptations in use. In 1960 the library was able to announce publicly, though prematurely as it turned out, that henceforth a single edition of Dewey would be used. Behind that simple statement were years of patient planning and negotiation.

By this time, in Gordon Richardson's words, Jean 'may fairly well be looked upon as the senior cataloguer in this country.' So in 1961 the Library Association of Australia nominated her a delegate to the international conference on cataloguing principles in Paris, together with Andrew Oxborn and Leonard Jolley (though Jolley was unable to attend due to illness). At this conference Jean took part in the discussions which led to the 'Paris principles' on authorship of works, including a key agreement on the questions of corporate authorship.

1961 was a satisfactory year in more ways than one: from 1 January that year Jean and her female colleagues at the library obtained equal pay for work of equal value. The 1960s were



more fulfilling for Jean, perhaps, than any other decade since she began her career. She received the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia in 1963, and wider recognition still in 1965 with her appointment as Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to the community.

On 19 April 1968, after 47 years, one month and 18 days, she retired from the library, receiving an address under seal from the Trustees which was more than their usual encomium. It was a very active retirement. She was honorary librarian of the Royal Australian Historical Society from 1969 to 1980. She busied herself even more with the organisations to which she belonged. She kept house for herself and looked after her garden with great vigour. She maintained contact with her former colleagues at the library. 'You know I will continue to regard myself as part of the library, although not an active member of the staff,' she told Gordon Richardson.

She was thus a regular and welcome guest at functions and an occasional library user when undertaking research for the biographical entries on Ifould and Nita Kibble which she contributed to the *Australian dictionary of biography*. She also welcomed researchers and oral historians who sought to tap her excellent memory. Sitting in her comfortable lounge room at Suttie Road, Double Bay, she would recall events and personalities from the 1920s onwards, using photographs to prompt her memory or referring to her notebooks and files to verify a date or a name. Listening to her frank and objective commentary, one shared her amusement, was enthused by her animation, and glimpsed in the fire in her eyes the resoluteness which sustained her. One could readily understand the respect and affection which she inspired, not least in the generations of librarians who worked with her or were trained by her.

One was vividly aware of the links with the past; with the Ifould era, with Anderson (who was a Trustee during Jean's early years at the library), with Gifford (who had worked at the library since 1861), with Leeson, Pentelow, Bertles, Parsons, Wright, Kibble, Windeyer, Flower, the Jopling sisters, Simms, Fitzhardinge, Metcalfe, McGreal, Lane and Mander-Jones. But one was also conscious that Jean was very much of the present, as a kind of continuum: around thirty years ago, when she was still head cataloguer, young Hans Groenewegen and Dick Rothwell were embarking on the momentous serials automation project which gave the institution a distinct taste of things to come. Jean was as much part of the OPAC generation as the most recent recruit.

Jean seemed always to be there, gracious, broad-minded, good-humoured, articulate, observant, caring and eternally curious. She changed with the times, and she changed the times. The library world and Australian society are the richer and the fairer for Jean Arnot's contribution.

*David J Jones, State Library of New South Wales, INCITE Volume 16, November 1995, pp 10-11.*

## John Balnaves BA, ALA, FLAA

- ALIA President 1978
- ALIA Fellowship 1967

### Fellowship citation

Full name Francis John Balnaves received his education at the University of London. He was elected to the Register of the Library Association as a chartered librarian in 1954 and in 1957 he was elected a professional member of the Library Association of Australia.

Mr Balnaves major publication is *Australian Libraries*, which appeared in 1966 over the imprint of Clive Bingley. This book has been described by a reviewer in the *Library Association*



Record as a 'model succinct description of the library services of a nation'. As such it fills a need which has been felt both in Australia and overseas for many years.

Mr Balnaves has also written for the *Australian Library Journal* on in-service training and shared cataloguing, both of which are subjects to which he has devoted considerable attention.

In the field of library education and training Mr Balnaves has made a major contribution to practice through his sound and systematic organisation of the National Library's Training School. In the area of shared cataloguing he was, in effect, Australia's representative in vital consultations with the Library of Congress and he has worked tirelessly to explain and promote this concept.

The Board's investigations lead it to affirm that Mr Balnaves has been a member of the Board of Examiners since 1964. Since 1965 he has been deputy chairman. In addition he has served continuously for a number of years as an associate examiner.

The Board of Examiners commends (Francis John) Balnaves to Council as the author of a very well-received book on Australian libraries, as a leading practitioner and thinker in the field of technical processing and as one of the Association's particularly valuable and constructive educational advisors. It recommends that he is well worthy of the award of Fellowship.

## Tania Barry

- Metcalfe Award 2006

### Metcalfe Award citation

The ALIA Metcalfe Award acknowledges high achievement by a personal member in the first five years of practice. Tania Barry has combined extensive work in several areas for ALIA with academic success in her study program and contributions above and beyond requirements at Wyndham Library Service.

Tania has been a very active member of ALIA. The New Generation Policy and Advisory Group, the Library and Information Week Planning and Advisory Group, the Victorian Library Technicians Group, the ALIA Vic Specials, and ALIA Vic have all benefited from her energy and interest. She was instrumental in organising a library technicians' remote mentoring group, matching protégés with appropriate mentors. She led the re-vitalising of the Library Technician of the Year Award, co-ordinating and chairing the judging panel 2004-2006. She was convenor of the 2005 Dunn & Wilson Scholarship panel. She has actively promoted both awards, as well as ALIA's PD scheme. She was awarded the ALIA Silver Pin for five years' service in 2005, an outstanding achievement for a member who first joined the Association in 2001.

At Wyndham Library Service she transformed the junior fiction area in her first six months of employment as Children's and Youth Services Librarian. She solved ongoing problems the library had with suppliers, applying resources more effectively to appropriately targeted areas. She created and wrote most of the monthly newsletter *Chatterbox*, which has proved highly successful with Wyndham's young clients, incorporating their contributions. She has also, as an extra project, led the Weribee/Wyndham Heritage Project, digitising the local history collection.

Tania has created partnerships for the library with many local organisations, including kindergartens, primary, secondary and cultural schools, the local Council, the Maternal and Child Health service, Family Day Care and educational institutions offering childcare



certificates. All these aim to increase awareness of the services the library offers. Memberships, program attendance and loans have all increased. Tania used the Premier's Reading Challenge Program as an opportunity to contact every school in the Wyndham region, and it is estimated she has reached over 1,000 of the 1,100 children enrolled in local kindergartens in 2005. Her work, particularly with disadvantaged children and a pilot program to support antenatal classes and teenage mothers, is an example of a library ensuring a free flow of information and support to groups with few resources.

At Charles Sturt University, Tania was consistently the top student in her subjects and has received the Dean's Award for three of her four years of study for a BA (Library and Information Science), graduating with Distinction in 2006, receiving both of CSU's undergraduate prizes: The ALIA Award, and the Zenith Management Services Award. She set up a Victorian study group for distance education students and contributed to reviews and has promoted library training and ALIA within and outside the university.

Tania Barry has made a significant contribution to many areas of the profession in a very short time. Her energy, her achievements, her willingness to take on additional responsibilities and her commitment to the profession make her a worthy recipient of the Metcalfe Award.

**Viv Barton** MBA, Post Grad Dip Advanced Information & Library Studies, Grad Dip Bus, B Applied Science (Library Studies), Dip Project Management

- ALIA President 2020-2021

Following her predecessor Robert Knight's Leadership theme, Viv's presidential Education theme continued discussions on continuing professional development and lifelong learning, how Education empowers the LIS profession as leaders, and build community capacity. The launch of the Professional Pathways initiative was a highlight. Integrating professional development and education, this initiative will create a strong future and ensure long-term sustainability for the profession and LIS education.

During her tenure on the ALIA Board Viv worked on the following ALIA Committees and Working Groups:

- ALIA Accreditation and Standards Sub-Committee
- ALIA Australian Public Libraries Alliance, appointed Chair 2020, ongoing
- ALIA House Advisory Committee
- ALIA Finance and Risk Management Sub-Committee
- ALIA New Graduates Advisory Group Sub-Committee
- ALIA Professional Development Education Research and Publishing Sub-Committee

Current position (2021), Service Lead Libraries and Lifelong Learning, City of Stirling. Responsible for the strategic and operational management of the Libraries and Lifelong Learning Service Unit, providing the City's six public libraries and museum with vision and leadership in the development and implementation of customer focussed City-wide programs, services and activities.

Recently developed the Stirling Libraries Strategy 2021-2026: Connecting Communities which articulates the Libraries' mission in serving and supporting a growing and evolving community with a strong focus on connecting communities through place-based and digital services, social inclusion and community participation, literacy and lifelong learning, enhancing digital capabilities, and strengthening staff capacity to deliver contemporary programs and services that meet community need and contribute to sustainable communities.



Viv previously worked across a variety of professional appointments progressing from Student Librarian and Assistant Librarian to Branch Librarian working in many Western Australian public libraries including the Cities of Nedlands, Canning, Wanneroo and Stirling.

## Judith Baskin FLAA, BA

- LAA Fellowship 1988
- ALIA President 1982

Judith Baskin made a significant contribution to the objects and work of the LAA and to the profession in and beyond Australia.

She gained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne, completed the Preliminary and Registration Certificates of the Association and was admitted to Professional Membership and then to Associateship of the LAA in 1967.

Following service in various positions in the then Commonwealth National and Parliamentary Libraries she was Deputy Liaison Officer for the National Library of Australia (NLA) at the Australian High Commission, London from 1963 to 1966. After a year as Assistant Editor to Phyllis Mander Jones in the compilation of the *Guide to Manuscripts in the United Kingdom relating to Australia and the South West Pacific*, she returned to Australia and to the position of Chief Librarian, Acquisitions in the NLA. Subsequent positions included those of Chief Librarian, South and South East Asia, Principal Librarian in Bibliography, Cataloguing and Medlars Section, and in the Policy Secretariat, and Director, Bibliographic Services Branch.

In 1981, she was promoted to the new position of Director, Networks Branch and in that position she made a major contribution not only to the NLA but to the wider profession. From the inception of the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN), Ms Baskin was responsible for its management, including development of broad policy recommendations, and its success was largely due to the high level of political, professional and management skills she brought to the position.

Judith Baskin is an active and committed member of the LAA. She was President in 1982, and a member of the Executive Committee from 1981 to 1983. A significant achievement in that time was the purchase of the property in Ultimo. Ms Baskin developed closer links between the Association and the New Zealand Library Association (NZLA) leading to a joint conference in Brisbane in 1984, and promoted the hosting by the LAA of the 1988 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) conference in Australia.

She was a member of the Futures Committee, has been a member of the Publications Board since 1983 and represented the LAA on the National Book Council from 1981-1983, having previously been the NLA's representative from 1975-78. She was an active member of the Canberra-based committee that mounted the Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 1987. She was Secretary of the ACT Branch in 1972-1973, President in 1974 and General Councillor for the ACT in 1975-1977.

Judith Baskin has had a long interest in developing effective links with the profession overseas. She was a member of the NLA's 1980 and 1983 delegations to the National Library of China, and she was invited personally to participate in the opening ceremonies of the new National Library of China building in Beijing in September 1987. She has participated in numerous regional library conferences and activities.

Ms Baskin played a major role in the development of the Commonwealth Library Association. She was Honorary Treasurer from 1983-1986, and also served as Vice-President.



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## James Bennett (1914-1994)

- Redmond Barry Award 1978
- Honorary Member 1978

### Redmond Barry Award citation

His citation reads in part: 'He began as a library supplier in 1958, and between then and his retirement 20 years later his career is marked with a series of achievements. Ever the egalitarian, he was the first to take on successfully those monopolists who had for years fattened on the premise that the witless colonies should pay premium for overseas books. His greatest coup was to break the infamous "closed market", and thereby ensure that Australian libraries could buy at the English or American price converted to Australian currency without loading for a cursory handling by the London or New York bookselling gentility.

'His firm set a number of precedents, including cataloguing data supply, and its marketing and the comprehensive stocking of Australiana ensured that Australian publishing output secured a foothold in the rest of the world.

'While the acquisition of, say, British publications from one of the major British suppliers might be relatively straightforward, the problems of obtaining material from less organised markets are considerable and James Bennett has prided himself on obtaining books from Reykjavik to southern Chile, and virtually everywhere in between.

'The introduction of the library supplier into Australia has freed librarians from the more traditionally operated local booksellers who were not able in all cases to meet the specific requirements of libraries. One wonders if the growth of libraries since 1962 would have been as free-moving had librarians still to operate through booksellers not geared to offer libraries the prices available from a library supplier, the overall speed of supply, and the associated services.

'What is notable about James Bennett was the informed flair with which his operation was conducted, his development of personal contacts with librarians, and his study and analysis of the needs of Australian libraries. As a pioneer of library supply services in Australia in a distinctive and individualistic way, he merits the regard, recognition (and already holds the affection) of Australian librarians.'

*The Australian Library Journal* 19 October 1979, pp331-332. See also obituary published in *INCITE*, April 1994.

## Kenneth Binns (1882-1969)

- Australian Institute of Librarians President 1940-1944

Kenneth Binns (1882-1969), librarian, was born on 28 November at Dunfermline, Fifeshire, Scotland, third son of Rev. Fred Binns, Congregational minister, and his wife Henrietta, née Johnstone. The family migrated to Australia in 1890 and he was educated at Cleveland Street Public School and Sydney Grammar School. In 1900 he joined the staff of the Fisher Library at the University of Sydney and attended night classes in the faculty of arts as a non-matriculated student. On 14 September 1909 Binns married Amy Jane Higgins (d.1968) at Redfern. Two years later he became a cataloguer in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library, Melbourne, and





in 1919 took over its Australian section. An outstanding early accession was James Cook's *Endeavour* journal, in the purchase of which in 1923 Binns played a significant part. His foresight in promoting the erection of a building in Canberra for the growing national collections was nullified by government demands for increased office space. In 1926-1927, as assistant librarian, Binns arranged the transport to Canberra of the parliamentary library's 68,000 volumes. From 1 January 1928, on Arthur Wadsworth's retirement, he was parliamentary librarian, but in difficult circumstances: the library was remote from sources of supply and from professional contacts, and accommodation problems continued. He did much to promote the intellectual life of the new capital, especially the Canberra Society of Arts and Literature and the University Association of Canberra; after the university college was established he served on its council. He was an active Congregationalist.

In 1934 Binns became the first Australian librarian to be awarded a Carnegie travelling fellowship; two years later the Carnegie Corporation of New York gave a grant to the library to support a free service for Commonwealth external territories. During World War II he extended facilities to military camps and established liaison offices in Melbourne and London; and in 1943 the Commonwealth National Library accepted temporary responsibility for the custody of archives other than those of armed service departments. The library's training school and film section were established during Binns's administration and he inaugurated some principal bibliographical activities, as well as encouraging research inquiries. He was unusual for his time in seeking university graduates of a high standard for his staff. He had been a leading foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and was its president in 1940-1944. He retired in 1947.

Binns was a cautious, practical man whose period of office had spanned the difficult, restrictive years of the Depression and World War II. Nevertheless, the library had emerged as a national institution, and many of its successful developments originated during his administration. He died in Canberra on 27 July 1969 and was cremated, survived by two daughters and by a son Kenneth Johnstone, who was under-treasurer of Tasmania in 1952-1976.

*Further information can be found in the Australian Dictionary of Biography..*

## Graham Black BA, MBA, GradDip

- ALIA President 2010

Graham Black has worked in the university sector for the past 24 years. He spent over 23 years at CQUniversity and is now the Head of CQUniversity's Brisbane Campus. Graham spent nearly 10 years as Director at CQUniversity Library where he managed over 50 staff across 10 campus libraries from Mackay in the North to Melbourne in the South. For nearly two years he acted as Director of the Division of Teaching and Learning Services which included academic staff development, curriculum design and development, enabling programs, distance education, language centre and printery. Graham is a past president of the Australian Library and Information Association and a former convenor of the Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation. He was also an active member of the Council of Australian University Librarians having been on the Executive and convening CAULS Learning and Teaching Advisory Committee. Graham was fortunate enough to be selected to participate in the 2002 Frye Leadership Institute. Graham has continued his interests in leadership by presenting on the topic at EDUCAUSE in Australasia, and participating as a mentor at Aurora Leadership Institutes. Graham has attended, presented and facilitated at a number of AVCC/CAUL leadership conferences. He was also an industry leader at the 2008 CAVAL Horizon Leadership Institute. He also has interests in technology applied in library environments, library buildings and international education. Graham has a Bachelor of Arts from Griffith University, a



Graduate Diploma in Librarianship from Canberra CAE and an MBA from Central Queensland University.

*Aurora Foundation mentor web page, August 2021, dated 2016.*

## Nancy Booker BA, DipEd, FLAA (1906 - 2006)

- ALIA Fellowship
- Namesake of the Nancy Booker Honour Lecture

### Obituary

Nancy Booker was one of the pioneers of children's library services in Australia. She was instrumental in the development of the Children's Section of the then Library Association of Australia, the forerunner of ALIA. She grew up in the Chatswood area and after attending Sydney University worked as a library assistant at Sydney Teachers' College (1925-1939) and Armidale Teachers College (1940-1942).

Following her return to Sydney she took charge of the Teacher's College Library (1942-1953) followed by her time as a lecturer in school library practice (1954-1958). She joined Sydney University as Senior Cataloguer in 1959, and from there she took leave to work with UNESCO in Paris (1961-1962). She resumed her work as a cataloguer-librarian until 1966 when she became a school library consultant to private schools.

Nancy's commitment to the establishment of a professional section of ALIA devoted to children's and young adult needs is legendary. In 1946 a School Library Committee was set up with Nancy as Convenor. At the 1947 conference of the Australian Institute of Librarians the Discussion Group of School and Children's Libraries, chaired by Nancy, agreed to work towards the establishment of School and Children's committees in each state.

By 1950 the NSW Branch of the Library Association of Australia had appointed a School and Children's Committee, led by Nancy Booker, and she and her committee began exerting pressure to have a section formally recognised. In 1951 the committee held a five day training course at Mosman Municipal Library with 36 students attending. This was a landmark in the history of children's library services in Australia.

During the 1950's, Nancy ran courses in children's literature at WEA classes and professionals, teachers and members of the community enjoyed her knowledge and enthusiasm for her subject and her appreciation of the importance of children's literature.

Nancy has been described by Marjorie Cotton as a 'visionary who was totally unafraid of past traditions and bureaucracy'.

*Obituary published in Australian Library Journal, 2006, V 56, NO 1 Feb 2007, pp. 5-11; + note pp12-13: A long life and a sustained contribution Nancy Booker BA DipEd FLA FLAA, 1906–2006 by Eugenie Greig BA FALIA, Nancy Booker, Eugenie Greig and the Paris Conference: a postscript*

## Dietrich Borchardt AM, MA, ALA, DipNZLS, FLAA

- HCL Anderson Award 1978
- ALIA Fellowship 1963



### HCL Anderson Award citation

Dietrich Hans Borchardt, Chief Librarian, La Trobe University, has been awarded the Association's HCL Anderson Award for outstanding contributions to librarianship in Australia by a professional.

Dietrich Hans Borchardt, MA, DipNZ, ALA was elected a Fellow of the Library Association of Australian in 1963.

His Anderson Award citation reads in part: 'In addition to the normal duties of a university librarian, Mr Borchardt has distinguished himself and performed a great service to scholarship by his contribution to bibliography.

'He has served the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services as Chairman of its Working Party on Bibliography; in which capacity he has been tireless in promoting activity in this area and drawing the attention of scholars to it. He has been an adviser on bibliography to the National Library of Australia and has served on its councils.

'He has served the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation as an adviser on a number of occasions; he has also served on the councils of the Victoria Institute of Colleges and the Victorian Council of the Arts. He has represented Australia at meetings of the International federation of Library Associations, and has been active in promoting co-operation between Asian and Australian universities, and in advising on the development of certain Indonesian university libraries.

'He has served our Association in innumerable capacities, including a term on the Board of Examiners. He has presided over a Biennial Conference and has been chairman of both the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services and of its Standing Committee.

'He is an author in his own right, and has produced such works as: *Australian Bibliography; Checklist of Royal Commissions, Select Committees of Parliament and Boards of Inquiry; How to Find out in Philosophy and Psychology; Union List of Periodicals in Library Science; Librarianship in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania* (with John Horacek), and has published over 40 articles and innumerable reviews.

'In addition, he founded the journal *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*, a scholarly quarterly of international renown, and remains today a principal and indefatigable editor.

'He is Chairman of the Round Table of Editors of Library Journals for the International Federation of Library Associations and is also preparing for that body new editions of the *Guide to the Availability of Theses*. He has edited the soon-to-be-published work *Australian Official Publications* which will fill a considerable gap in our literature.'

*Part citation in The Australian Library Journal, 19 October 1979, p331.*

*Obituary in Australian Academic and Research Libraries - vol 28, issue 3, 1997; entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography. Special issue of Australian Academic and Research Libraries - vol 29, issue 2, 1998.*

## Joan Brewer AM, BA, DipEd, MLib, FACE, FLAA

- Order of Australia – AM 1985
- LAA Fellow



Joan Brewer was born in Adelaide and completed her initial teacher training at Adelaide Teachers College and The University of Adelaide. After teaching at Naracoorte High School, she became a Librarian, firstly with the Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide, and later in London. In 1957 Joan returned to Adelaide and to the newly established Wattle Park Teacher's College, as Lecturer Librarian. In 1964, with her dual qualifications, Joan was invited to, and accepted the challenge of establishing the first full time course for Teachers to become Teacher Librarians at the newly opened Western Teacher's College. 1970 saw Joan appointed as Senior Lecturer Librarian of the Department of School Librarianship at Adelaide CAE. Joan, a strong advocate for Teacher Librarians, retired from her position as Principal Lecturer in 1984 and was awarded her AM in January 1985 in recognition of service to library education.

Joan Brewer is the Patron of the School Library Association of South Australia, and the Joan Brewer Award for excellence in Teacher-Librarianship is awarded annually.

## Cyril Brideson BA, FLAA (1910-2003)

- Fellowship 1964

### Obituary

(Hedley) Brideson was Principal (later State) Librarian of the Public (later State) Library of South Australia from 1955 until his early retirement on medical invalidity in 1970.

He was appointed to the staff of the Public Library of South Australia as a cadet in 1926. He gained a Bachelor of Arts degree by part-time study at the University of Adelaide. His chance for prominence came in 1942, when he was asked to head a specialist unit in the public library to provide scientific and technical printed information to assist the war effort. Brideson's work in establishing and promoting this unit (named the Research Service) was unprecedented and brilliantly successful. He gave countless radio presentations and public lectures; visited firms and factories; and wrote press releases and articles for trade journals to promote the service. So successful did it become that it continued for nearly 25 years after the end of the war. Brideson extended its activities to include documentary film shows, public lectures, and the publication and distribution of hundreds of subject bibliographies. These activities were to set the course and tone of Brideson's subsequent library career.

He was a man of gregarious disposition, and he relished opportunities to be seen and heard in his world. He was a member of the Adelaide Rostrum Club, the Adelaide Rotary Club, the Adelaide Club, a Freemason, and Chairman of the Writers' Week Committee of the Adelaide Festival of Arts. Brideson's administration of the State Library is best remembered and illustrated by the establishment of the municipal lending library system, the construction of a new State Library building, and by the Australian Facsimile Editions publishing program.

Noteworthy too, was his fascination with the application of technology to libraries. He would have delighted in today's IT age, and needed little persuasion to establish a modern book bindery, an offset printing plant, an extensive photographic laboratory and to be a prompt purchaser of new electronic photocopying equipment and a Flexowriter.

Before the passing of the Libraries (Subsidies) Act in 1955 the State Library was the only source of free public book lending in South Australia. Brideson, and many others, made a massive, and finally successful, effort to convince the government actively to move on the establishment of free municipal public libraries. He was, moreover, able to convince the government and the libraries board to allow the State Library to provide assistance to public libraries with free initial bookstocks and through the central purchase and processing of all future books. The way this system was established allowed the State Library to buy books in



bulk at very low prices and to exercise considerable influence over public library standards of service, both quantitative and qualitative. Under these conditions, the first wave of about 20 public library services was established within the first decade after 1955.

In the early 1960s accommodation for the State Library was at crisis point. In addition to the main building some 20 other sites were being used to store periodicals, newspapers and maps. One of Brideson's great successes was to gain from the government approval and funds for a vast new building. This building, the Bastyan (now Spence) Wing was opened in 1967, and was sufficient for a time to house all of the collections and services at the one North Terrace site.

In 1962 the first six items of the facsimile publication program appeared. These were printed on a newly available Xerox Copyflo machine, which Brideson had earlier seen on a Carnegie Corporation overseas study tour. These items were the precursors of a major Australian publishing venture of facsimile works, largely of Australian explorers' journals. It won acclaim not only in Australia, but also overseas. There were also many other works of various kinds published. Almost all publications were printed and bound within the Library Bindery, on machinery specially purchased for the purpose.

With regard to the staff for whom he was responsible, Brideson conducted a never-ending bombardment-by-docket of the State Public Service Commissioner in order to increase both numbers and salary levels, with some success. He also did his utmost to persuade his staff to complete both academic and professional qualifications, and this at a time when such qualifications were not general and brought no pecuniary reward. Brideson's constantly increasing need for additional staff to second to expanding state government departmental libraries, to support the central services to public libraries, and to service the publications program, meant that the staffing situation at the State Library itself was sometimes dire.

Enough has been said to support the view that Brideson was an energetic and innovative state librarian, and a successful manipulator of community and government support. He was not, however, a strategic planner, but rather a spectacular campaigner in a series of opportunistic forays. A favourite expression of his was 'Throw away a sprat to catch a mackerel'. During his term of office the public image of the library was high. The substance of its situation was rather different.

Unfortunately- and whether justly or unjustly- Brideson was not regarded at the time warmly or with much professional respect by many of his staff. Whilst he could on occasion be supportive and generous to individual staff members having personal problems, he often seemed indifferent to, and even dismissive of, others judged as being of lesser social status. Senior staff resented the qualitative dilution and numerical loss of staff to services seen as not essential to the State Library's own needs. His day-to-day administration seemed wayward and frequently inconsiderate. His greatest professional weakness was failure to monitor the performance and continuing relevance of the innovations he had brought into being. He would quickly lose interest in his old ideas in favour of his next new idea. The effect of this failure to attend to such management matters was evident before his sudden retirement, and was perhaps, a causal factor in it. After his retirement not much of the structures he had erected, or the systems he had put in place survived.

The public library system was close to collapse because of failings in the central book provision system. Participating councils were already demanding explanations and reform, and they had not been answered. It was to be a further five years before any new councils ventured to dip their corporate toes into the library pond. The publications program was supposed to be self-supporting. It never was, and it became a constant drain on the state library's staff resources and its book-binding capacity. By the time the program was closed down a large sum of capital was tied up in unsold stock.



Throughout the decade 1955-1965 the library's senior staff became increasingly restive and disquieted, as they saw core services eroded by what seemed distorted priorities. There are many reasons why people change their jobs but the fact is that by 1965 four out of the five most senior staff members had voted with their feet, and left the state. The State Library's historian, Carl Bridge, in his *A Trunk Full of Books*, summarised Brideson's career admirably. Whilst paying full tribute to his remarkable achievements, Bridge concludes: Brideson's juggling of too many balls found him out, with sad consequences for the administration of both the subsidised libraries and the facsimile programme. He was a remarkable ambassador for free library and information services and a tireless worker. It is a pity he lost his grip.

*R K Olding, obituary Australian Academic and Research Libraries, 2003*

*C Bridge A Trunk Full of Books; History of the State Library of South Australia and Its Forerunners Adelaide Wakefield Press 1986 p214*

## Angela Bridgland BATTC, GDipLib, Med, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1996

### Fellowship citation

Angela Bridgland commenced her distinguished career in the library and information sector in 1975 at the Education Department of Tasmania Library Branch. After working for some five years as a lecturer at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education, from which institution she had graduated with a Diploma in Librarianship, Angela was appointed to the (then) Melbourne College of Advanced Education's Division of Library and Information Studies. In 1994, Angela became director, Management Services, of the University of Melbourne Libraries. A demonstrated and genuine commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, innovation and continuous improvement within the information profession has resulted in Angela being held in high regard, both personally and professionally, by people with whom she has come into contact during her distinguished career. Academic pursuits, active participation in external committees and continuous networking with colleagues has provided Angela with access to current developments and issues and resulted in a cross fertilisation of ideas and concepts through a selfless sharing of knowledge to the benefit of the profession. Angela has proved an excellent ambassador for the profession both internationally and through her work with government and the higher education sector.

A committed and forward thinking library educator, Angela's career as an educator has been noteworthy in Victoria and Tasmania as well as at the national level. Angela made a significant contribution to the higher education sector, commencing with the high standard of course development and delivery which she maintained during her employment as a lecturer in the School of Librarianship at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education. In 1980, she was responsible for managing the transfer of the course from the CAE to the University of Tasmania and her considerable skills ensured the course was given its due recognition within the University curriculum. Faced with the government's proposal to relocate the course to Launceston and aware that relocation would result in decreased access to formal training in that State as well as a downgrading of the course, Angela used her superior lobbying skills to ensure that the School remained in Hobart.

During her period at Melbourne College of Advanced Education (now the University of Melbourne), Angela significantly contributed to maintaining the standard of the course both within the profession and the university through maintaining the highest levels of course development, preparation and delivery to under and postgraduates, teacher librarians and generalists. She was instrumental in developing the Master of Library and Information Studies



and demonstrated considerable ability and determination to achieve acceptance of the course at a time of upheavals associated with amalgamations.

Following her secondment to the State Library of Victoria as Head of Reader Services in 1983, Angela conducted an extensive review of work practices and developed improved management practices. A further example of Angela's efforts to widen her knowledge and awareness of practice was her appointment as the first Visiting Fellow to the National Library of Canada in 1987 where she undertook a training needs audit and developed a staff development program for all library employees to complement a major restructure.

Angela's teaching career has been distinguished by her personal interest in and willingness to act as role model and mentor to hundreds of students in Tasmania and Victoria. Students hold her in high esteem for her personal interest and responsibility for their development and this role, undertaken with distinction over and above her formal appointment, has made a considerable impact on the profession in both States.

Since 1994 Angela has played a key role in the senior management team within the University of Melbourne Libraries during a period of considerable change. Angela's expertise and considered facilitation of staff issues has underpinned the libraries' progress during this period. Angela has also demonstrated leadership through the implementation of competency standards at the Libraries and her human relations plan, one of the first of its type in Australian academic libraries, has been used as a prototype by other academic libraries. Angela has undertaken some groundbreaking work in the implementation of competency standards at the University as part of that institution's overall quality management processes. She has significantly contributed to the library's commitment to the Australian Quality Council's quality criteria. Under her direction a benchmarking process has been established and will be developed throughout all aspects of the libraries functions.

Angela has been a tireless worker for ALIA at sectional, state and national levels and a strong advocate of the benefits of professional involvement. Angela has demonstrated considerable organisational skills in a number of activities at the state and national level, including organising and chairing conferences. These activities have been instrumental in improving the dialogue between practitioners and educators and in improving the skills of graduates. Her strong commitment to training and development was recognised by her peers when she was elected, in 1989, for two consecutive terms to the ALIA Board of Education. Her membership of the Victorian Branch of Arts Training Australia proved significant for ALIA as it enabled Angela to play a major role in counterbalancing the dominance of other sectors on the role of libraries in the arts industry. Angela's work with the Technician Training Institutions on the development of new courses and the industrial implications was another significant role which linked ALIA to Arts Training and integrated their endeavours.

Angela's extensive publications list has contributed to the advancement of knowledge and her regular presentation of papers at conferences and seminars has contributed to the transfer of knowledge in the profession. Angela's contribution to research and development within Australian librarianship has been significant and ongoing, and led to the award of Master in Education by the University of Tasmania in 1985. Angela is currently conducting research leading to a PhD at the University of Melbourne.

In recognition of her valued services to library and information services and the merit she has brought to the profession, it is fitting that the Association should bestow upon Angela the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

**Dr Marianne Broadbent** BA, DipEd, DipTLib, MA, PhD, AMusA, FAICD, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2004



Dr Marianne Broadbent's professional life is hallmarked by enterprise and initiative. Her career is the ultimate example of how far it is possible to travel with the skills and attributes which are the foundations of our profession. She has worked in the public and private sectors with equal success. She is as comfortable in gatherings of chief information officers from Boston to Basle as she is with us at our conferences. She is a prolific researcher and publisher, and one of the leading international protagonists regarding the role and potential of information as an essential element in the successful organisation.

She is an original thinker and is equally at home in both the academic context and the rather more unforgiving environment in which business information technology decisions, often involving millions of dollars, are made. Her doctoral thesis was forged in this crucible and was the catalyst which projected her from education for librarianship into the critical arena in which business and information management decisions are fused. Her personality is characteristically Australian: intellectually-robust, independent in speech and thought, and with an openness and directness which European, American and Asian cultures find refreshing and stimulating.

Within our own Association she has contributed widely as an educator, author, researcher and office-holder. She is once more a member of the Australian Library Journal's Editorial Board, a position which she first held in 1981. She served on the Library Association of Australia's Board of Education at a critical time in the evolution of syllabi in the schools of librarianship, and her down-to-earth approach to seemingly intractable questions of balancing the Association's ambitious prescriptions for course content and teaching with the sometimes more detached views obtaining in the academy was invaluable.

She has been a regular speaker at ALIA gatherings and through her conference presentations, her publications and independent consultancies has made a unique contribution to the literature and the theoretical and practical bases of the profession, particularly in the newly-emergent discipline of information management. She has also assisted with the organisation of conferences in our own and related fields, and has been a council member with such institutions as the Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Museums. She is that welcome creature, a citizen-librarian.

She is a prolific writer: at last estimate, her bibliography contained well over five hundred items, many of them contributions to refereed journals. She writes at a level which is accessible to intelligent readers who range from members of our profession to very senior executives in information management in the private sector. She has worked with thousands of such executives and is very conversant with the challenges they face in a volatile and evolving environment.

A recent crystallisation of her thinking can be found in her *The new CIO leader: setting the agenda and delivering results* published by the Harvard Business School Press and co-authored by Ellen Kitzis. This immensely-readable book has already sold its first impression: its distillation of dense theoretical concepts into a discourse which is highly-accessible and of great practical value ensures that it will remain a foundation text for some time to come. This is not her first best-seller: Marianne is also co-author of *Leveraging the new infrastructure: how market leaders capitalise on information technology* also published by Harvard Business School. As a conference presenter she has won two international 'Best Paper' awards.

Her career in librarianship was distinctive enough: but it is what Marianne has built on those foundations which bears on the matter in hand. She has made, effortlessly, the leap from the world of the institution to the context of the corporation, and has thrived there. From the field of education for librarianship at RMIT she moved in the early '90s into the Melbourne Business School, which in the curiously hybrid mode which characterises the contemporary university lay halfway between institution and corporation but inclining more, perhaps, to the latter. She





was Associate Professor in Management of Information Systems there and visiting researcher at Boston University.

The Melbourne Business School was structured to operate as a business and Dr Broadbent's programs and initiatives were major income generators; the only 'government' money involved was by way of competitive government-industry grants. Her achievements there put that institution on the world map in the IT management area, with ground-breaking research, innovative executive education and Masters programs, and financially and intellectually rewarding arrangements with industry funders.

In 1998 she was recruited by the Gartner group where she worked in a number of roles and from 2000 was group vice-president leading the global research, development and knowledge assets team for their 2000-member chief information officer service worldwide and contributing US\$80m to that company's overall revenues of US\$850m. Based in Stamford, Connecticut, it is the world's largest advisor on the business uses of information technology, with an international client base of more than 10 000 organisations. Her contribution was recognised when she became a Gartner Fellow in 2003.

Following six years in regional and global roles she accepted the position of Associate Dean at Melbourne Business School from January 2004. Concurrently she was appointed to the chair of Management (Information Systems).

On 7 February 2005, she will be rejoining Gartner, this time as senior vice-president - Global Research Business Strategy. By way of background, this position places her amongst the top fifteen executives in a US-headquartered global US\$860m per annum advisory and professional services firm that trades on the New York Stock Exchange. Her responsibilities are to co-lead major developments in Gartner's \$450m 'Core Research' business. This business employs about 700 industry analysts and researchers (and its performance is critical to Gartner's share price).

To conclude: inside and outside her profession, Dr Marianne Broadbent is a most worthy candidate for the award of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association: her career and the objectives of the Association have followed close and congruent paths. She is a competent librarian in the widest and most contemporary application of that term, and a fully autonomous and respected member of the international business information technology community.

She has earned great distinction for herself and the profession in which her original and ground-breaking career had its origins. Our discipline has given her much, and she has made returns to it in generous measure. In terms of every one of the criteria which the Association has laid down for the assessment of candidates for the award of the Fellowship, she has made an outstanding contribution.

## Laurence Brown AM, ALA, FLAA

- HCL Anderson 1986
- ALIA President 1975-1976
- ALIA Fellowship 1970

### Fellowship citation

(Wilby) Laurence Brown was educated in England. He served in the Royal Navy during World War II and, after demobilisation, was elected to the Register of the Library Association as a chartered librarian, prior to emigrating to Australia and joining the staff of the then Public Library of New South Wales.



Mr Brown has since filled with distinction a number of senior posts as a public librarian, as well as securing valuable experience in bookselling and publishing.

In 1953, he was appointed chief librarian of the Sutherland Shire Public Library. He became city librarian of Lithgow in 1954 and was chief librarian of Fairfield Municipal Library from 1959 to 1964. From 1964 to 1966 he was associated with a leading Australian library supplier. In 1966, he became city librarian of Essendon, and he is currently chief librarian of the Essendon-Broadmeadows Regional Library Service.

In considering Mr Brown's record of achievement, the Board of Examiners has distinguished three main grounds for recommending him for the award of the Fellowship: first, leadership in the development of public librarianship; second, service to the Association and to the promotion of its aims; and third, writing and publishing in the area of our profession.

In his public librarianship Mr Brown has always been both forthright and forward thinking, a combination which, the Board suggests, is all too rare. To take but the most obvious example of the operation of this forward-thinking, in recent years he has been conspicuously successful in directing the application of computer technology to public library processes. The Essendon-Broadmeadows library service presents what, as far as the Board can judge, is certainly the most automated public library in Australia.

Mr Brown's talents for organisation, his clarity of thought and his force of argument have been recognised both by the Association itself and by outside organisations. Within the Association he has held office for several years as general councillor representing, on separate occasions, the Victorian Branch and the Public Libraries section. In addition he has served as a member of the Standing Committee, as well as president of the New South Wales Branch, as treasurer of the Public Libraries section and as convener of the Association's Committee on Book Prices. In 1970, he was appointed editor-elect of the *Australian Library Journal*.

In recent years Mr Brown has played a leading part, as Victorian Branch representative on the Library council of Victoria, in assisting in planning library development for the State Library of Victoria, at a particularly crucial stage in its history. He has also served on the advisory committee for the courses in librarianship within the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Mr Brown has been a steady contributor to the professional literature, writing on matters as diverse as the functions of the Library Board of New South Wales and training for sub-professional library staff. His feature articles in the *Australian Library Journal* on the public library scene have been both informative and critical. The measure of their penetration is the correspondence they have stimulated.

While on the staff of James Bennett, bookseller and publisher, Mr Brown initiated, and has continued to edit, a series of *Australian Library Pamphlets* which has helped substantially to fill a notable gap in the detailed documentation of Australian libraries and library practice.

The Board of Examiners has carefully reviewed Mr Brown's publications and his work as a librarian and for librarians. It is unanimously of the view that he has made a distinguished contribution to both the theory and the practice of Australian librarianship, through his own publications and those he has been instrumental in having produced, through his work for library development, through his leadership in our profession and through his record and his example as an outstanding public librarian.

The Board commends (Wilby) Laurence Brown, Associate of the Library Association, Associate of the Library Association of Australia, to Council as being well qualified to be invited to the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia.

HCL Anderson Award citation



(Wilby) Laurence Brown has rendered outstanding service to librarianship, and to the library profession in Australia, to the Library Association of Australia, and to the theory and practice of librarianship.

Mr Brown had a distinguished career as a public librarian, prior to his appointment as State Librarian of Tasmania in 1973. He was successively Chief Librarian of the Sutherland Shire Library (1953-54) the Lithgow Municipal Library (1954-58), the Fairfield Library (1959-64) and the Essendon/Broadmeadows Regional Library (1966-73). In his public librarianship he was always forthright and forward thinking, and was conspicuously successful in directing the application of computer technologies to public library processes while at the Essendon/Broadmeadows Library Service. This was beyond doubt the most automated public library service in Australia at the time.

In the last thirteen years the State Library of Tasmania and Tasmanian public library services have been marked by unprecedented growth under his leadership. This is demonstrated in the dynamic progress in development of the regional library program and the Cartland Report on Archives which he instigated, and which led to the Archives Act of 1979. His strong interest in formal planning and his ability to see long range developments culminated in the landmark 1984 Libraries Act, which was a total rewriting of legislation for libraries in Tasmania and for which credit is almost solely due to him.

Mr Brown has made a distinguished contribution to the work of the Library Association of Australia. He was President in 1975-76, President of the New South Wales Branch in 1964, General Councillor for the Public Libraries Section in 1968-69 and for Victoria from 1970-1972. He edited the *Australian Library Journal* from 1971-74, was an associate examiner for the Registration Examination from 1963-69, and his continued interest in the Association is exemplified in his recent membership of the Public Libraries Standards Review Committee.

Mr Brown has an outstanding record of active participation in wider professional activities. He was the nominee for the Victorian Branch Council on the Library Council of Victoria from 1969-1973, served on the AACOBs Council from 1972-82 and was an elected member of its standing committee from 1974-82. He was a member of the 1975 Commonwealth Committee of Enquiry into Public Libraries (the Horton Report) and has served as Chairman of the State Librarians' Council for the last six years. He has been a member of the Australian Libraries and Information Council since its inception in 1982, and its Chairman from May 1984 to June 1986. To all these appointments Mr Brown has brought his usual vigour, forthrightness and intellectual clarity. He has been particularly active in the deliberations of ALIC, and the recently released ALIC Plan for library and related information services is in large part his work.

Mr Brown has been a steady contributor to the professional literature throughout his working life. This has included many feature articles in the *Australian Library Journal*, the series of Australian Library Pamphlets which he initiated and edited in 1965-67 and which filled a notable gap in detailed documentation of Australian libraries and libraries practice, and his pungent book reviews. He was a particularly vigorous editor of the *Australian Library Journal* during his term of office, and did much to build the present high reputation of that publication.

Mr Brown's career has been characterised by a record of outstanding service to the profession, and adherence to the highest principles of librarianship. He is a most worthy recipient of the HCL Anderson Award.

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## Professor Mairéad Browne BA, DipPsych, MLib, PhD, FALIA

- ALIA President 2000
- ALIA Fellowship 1993

### Fellowship citation

Professor Mairéad Browne has made a major contribution to the development of library and information services in Australia over the last two decades. She entered librarianship by completing the Diploma in Librarianship at the National University of Ireland in 1965. After working at University College, Dublin, she came to Australia in 1974 as Power Research Librarian of Contemporary Art in the Power Institute of Fine Arts at Sydney University. In 1975, she commenced her service in what is now the School of Information Studies at the Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, since amalgamated into the University of Technology, Sydney. Mairéad Browne was appointed Head of School in 1986 and Professor of Information Studies in 1990. Since 1991, she has been the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences in the University.

Professor Browne led the development of courses at the Kuring-gai College during a period when there was a major change in focus from education for library practice to education for information practice. This change in focus led to the development of a discipline that placed information science in the social sciences and maintained the central position of information users in information provision. Another significant change was the introduction of an alternative approach to practicum based on career development and reflective practice. These innovative developments equipped graduates to move into a variety of occupational areas in industry as well as 'traditional' library employment.

Professor Browne's extensive research record demonstrates both originality and intellectual rigour. She is keen to explore empirically the bases for practice and completed her Master's thesis on the personal characteristics of librarians in university libraries in New South Wales with particular reference to executive success. Her Doctoral thesis on organisation decision making is an outstanding piece of work. Professor Browne's record in consultancy is also notable for its breadth and impact, with major achievements including the *Disabilities and Library Services kit* developed in 1984, when the professional needs of librarians beyond the major cities had not been widely acknowledged, and the 1990 consultancy for the Commonwealth Government on the extent to which major collecting institutions reflect Australia's cultural diversity in their collections and activities. Her extensive publication record covers a wide variety of topics including community information, external studies in librarianship, education for library and information services and public library services.

Mairéad Browne has a sustained record of work for the Australian Library and Information Association. In her two terms on the Board of Education from 1984-89, including service as deputy chair in 1988-1989, she worked prodigiously hard and made major thoughtful contributions to the Association's education policies. Her other contributions include service as New South Wales Branch president in 1988.

The Association and the profession benefit greatly when senior practitioners contribute strongly to the wider affairs of their institutions and the community. Professor Browne has been active in innumerable ways within her own institution, including service as a member of the Academic Board between 1975-1989. She was also a key player in the amalgamation negotiations in the late 1980's, serving as a member of the KCAE Working Party on amalgamation matters and as convenor of the KCAE/UTS Integration Taskforce. Her community activities include membership of the panel of Accreditation Committee Chairpersons of the New South Wales Higher Education Board since 1984 and of the Board's Higher Education and Technology Committee from 1985-1988.



The Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS) and its predecessor the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS) have also benefited from Professor Browne's contribution. She was a member of the AACOBS National Council from 1986-1988 of the ACLIS NSW Committee from 1988-90, and gave distinguished service as a member of the AACOBS Working Party on User Needs from 1975-1981.

The national significance of Professor Browne's contribution to our profession was demonstrated in her close involvement in the work of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Long Term Strategies Inquiry into 'Australia as an Information Society' during 1990-1991, where she prepared major submissions to the Committee on National Information Policy matters and appeared before it as a witness. She was subsequently invited to participate in the Committee's review meeting prior to the publication of the report Grasping new paradigms. A further demonstration of the professional respect in which she is held was her appointment by the Commonwealth Government as a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia in August 1992.

The General Council may confer a Fellowship on a professional member of the Association who has made a distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. Professor Mairéad Browne's contribution as an outstanding academic and her participation in professional activity has not only added to our body of theoretical knowledge but enhanced library and information services for the nation. She is a most worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

## John Brudenall BCom, MLib, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1986
- ALIA President 1979

### Fellowship citation

John Brudenall has had a distinguished career in parliamentary librarianship complemented by a wide involvement in professional activities.

Following service in the National Library of Australia from 1960 to 1966, he was appointed to the staff of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library in 1966. He has successively held the positions of preparation librarian, chief reference librarian, senior executive officer, assistant parliamentary librarian, head, systems and co-ordination, and deputy parliamentary librarian. His career in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library demonstrates a record of energy, initiative and high professionalism. He was responsible for the operations of the library and legislative information service and implemented the ALERT service, the media subscription service and the concept of subject reference librarians. He was the catalyst in the development of the concept of a network linking Australia's parliamentary libraries. In recent years he has been responsible for the planning of the Parliamentary Library in the new Parliament House to be opened in 1988.

Mr Brudenall has taken a special interest in fostering co-operation between Australia's parliamentary libraries, contributing to each of the conferences held since 1972 and was largely responsible for their organisation for several years.

John Brudenall has made a very distinguished contribution to the objects and work of the Library Association of Australia. He was president of the Association in 1979 and a member of the executive committee from 1978 to 1980. His term as president was marked by the introduction of an objectives statement for the Association, the adoption of the *Statement on free library services to all*, formation of the International Relations Committee, founding of the Library Technicians Section and introduction of the quarterly *Australian Library Journal*. He was



president of the ACT Branch in 1976-77, and member of the Board of Education from 1977 to 1984 and its chairman from 1982 to 1984. He was a member and convenor of both the Course Recognition Committee and the Continuing Education Committee in the period from 1978 to 1982, drafted the first procedures for course recognition, and an initial statement of objectives and procedures for continuing education. His active interest in the Association continues and he has been a contributor both to its journals and in thoughtful comments on policy documents.

Mr Brudenall's professional involvement is extensive. He has been a part-time tutor and lecturer in Librarianship at Canberra CAE. He was a member of the National Library's Working Party on Library Services for the Handicapped in 1977 to 1979, which developed comprehensive policy recommendations for library services to the disabled in Australia. He has been a very active member, and now chairman, of the AACOBS Working Party on User Needs since 1983 and Chairman of the AACOBS ACT Committee since 1984.

John Brudenall has been one of the major figures in the development of library technician education and employment in this country. He encouraged the establishment of the Library Technicians Section of the Association in 1979, arguing that the Association had a strong role to play in support of technicians. He was a key figure in the development of the curriculum for the Library Technicians Course at Canberra College of TAFE and has been one of the few senior employers to realise the importance of technicians and to actively encourage their integration into the workforce.

The Library Association of Australia believes that John Brudenall's contribution to parliamentary librarianship, to education for librarianship, and to the library profession makes him a most worthy recipient of the award of Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia.

## Harrison Bryan AO, MA, Hon LLD, FASSA, FLAA (1923-2008)

- HCL Anderson Award 1984
- ALIA President 1973-1974
- ALIA Fellowship 1964

### Obituary

Harrison Bryan, Director-General of the National Library of Australia 1980-1985, and Librarian of the Universities of Queensland (1950-1962) and Sydney (1963-1980), died on 12 February aged 84.

Beginning in 1949 as Assistant to the Librarian at the University of Queensland (UQ) he was effectively in charge of the library. Bryan was formally appointed Librarian of the University in 1950 and was responsible for moving the library to the new St Lucia campus, making it work within an imposing and thoroughly unsuitable building. In his thirteen years at UQ he increased the collection three-fold and made service to readers a priority.

In 1963 he began a seventeen year appointment as Librarian of the University of Sydney. Sydney pioneered the use of automation in Australian university libraries with a punched-card circulation system in the mid-1960s, and by the mid-1970s both circulation and cataloguing were controlled by online computer systems. Bryan was largely responsible for the internal design of the Fisher Library and designed several branch libraries. He was asked to advise many universities and colleges on their library buildings, and became the best known and most prolific writer on Australian library buildings. At Sydney Bryan enjoyed a close relationship with the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Bruce Williams, for whom the library was a top priority, and the collection grew four-fold during his tenure.



The Council of the National Library invited him to become Director-General in 1980. The National Library at that time faced many problems. Importantly, he championed the establishment and successful operation of the Australian Bibliographic Network. This was not his creation, but he worked hard to have it accepted by the government and the Australian library community.

Bryan's leadership of three major Australian libraries naturally led to his playing a leadership role in the profession generally. He served 25 years on the General Council of LAA, including two terms as President. He was twice Editor of the *Australian Library Journal*, and was for eight years Chairman of the Board of Examiners. He was a member of the Standing Committee of AACOBS for twenty years, he served on UNESCO's Australian Advisory Committee on Libraries for a decade and served several terms on the Council of the Commonwealth Library Association. Bryan's contribution to the professional literature, more than 300 items, exceeds in number those of any other Australian librarian.

Bryan was honoured for his achievements by his country, his profession, and the scholarly community. He was elected a Fellow of LAA in 1963 and received the HCL Anderson Award in 1984. Also in 1984 he received the Alfred McMicken Award of the Australian Library Promotion Council. A Fellowship of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia was bestowed on him in 1981, and in 1984 came national recognition with his appointment as an Officer in the Order of Australia. He received honorary doctorates from three universities, Monash, Queensland and Sydney.

He used to say that his success was due in large measure to good luck, but his ability and hard work played an equally important part. We are all fortunate that he was there at the right time to make the most of them.

A full obituary will be published in the *Australian Library Journal*.

Neil A Radford (*University Librarian, University of Sydney, 1980-1996*). *INCITE Volume. 29, issue. 4, April 2008, p90*. See also: *Australian Library Journal* articles about Harrison Bryan - vol 57, issue 2, 2008, and obituary from the *Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia*.

## George Buick BA, AM, FLAA (1923-1990)

- Fellowship 1971

### Obituary

(William) George Buick died on 8 December 1990. Born on 29 June 1923, he joined the staff of the State Library of South Australia as an attendant, passed his matriculation examinations and was transferred to a position of Library Assistant in the Country Lending Service. He enrolled at the University of Adelaide as a part-time student in Science, transferred to Arts towards the end of the degree, and graduated BA in 1955. In 1956 the award of a Carnegie Fellowship and a Fellowship from the University of Chicago enabled him to gain his MA from the Graduate Library School of that University. He returned to Adelaide and advanced quickly to become Deputy State Librarian until, in 1964, he was appointed Associate Librarian, Institute of Advanced Studies at the Australian National University.

The high-point of his career was his appointment as Foundation Librarian at the University of Papua New Guinea in 1966. Here his wide-ranging vision of a library which was not only for the academic community and would contain a national collection against the time when a National Library for the country could become a reality ensured that he would build much more than an academic library.



The professional examinations began in 1944. By the end of 1945 George had become one of the first matriculants to qualify as a professional. His commitment to the LAA was expressed in his service in executive positions in three Branches, in talks at meetings and in contributions to its journals. His book *Population and Government Studies for the Provision of Public Libraries in South Australia* was published by the Libraries Board in 1965. In 1971 he was awarded the Fellowship of the LAA 'as an experienced and inspiring librarian, scientist and dedicated educationalist'.

He set about building another new academic library and university when he became Foundation Librarian of Murdoch University in 1972.

After retirement in 1984 he concentrated on his first and abiding interest in malacology, the study of molluscs and their shells, working as a voluntary worker at the West Australian Museum. He built up his own great collection of molluscs and compiled a citation index of world mollusca. Just before he died he had the joy of having two species of mollusca named after him. So much for the record. What of the man?

George had a happy and optimistic personality which helped him cope with dreadful crises in health with fortitude and determination. He was also fortunate in his family life with his wife, Barbara, his son, Roger and his daughter, Janet. These people were his best friends.

His enthusiasm for his profession knew no bounds and ranged from clay tablets to computer databases. He saw all libraries, all media, museums, galleries and collections as essentially contributing to one end - the increase in human knowledge, understanding and happiness.

He visited the world's libraries and museums and was at home in them as he was excited and happy on so many of the world's sea-shores. A naturalist, a librarian, a gardener, above all an asker of questions and lover of life in all its variety, George Buick recognised no boundaries between the past and the present, between nature and man, or between the arts and the sciences. Think about this man and remember him.

*Jean Whyte, in INCITE Volume. 12, no. 1, 11 Feb 1991, p. 5.*

## Dr Alan Bundy BA, DipEd, MLitt, Mlib, PhD, AFAIM, FALIA

- ALIA President 1988 and 2001
- HCL Anderson Award 1998
- ALIA Fellowship 1990

### Fellowship citation

Alan Bundy was the last President of LAA, before it was granted its new Royal Charter to become ALIA. Bundy began his library career in the City of Perth libraries in 1966. By 1969 he was Senior Branch Librarian before moving into the college library sector. He contributed greatly to the literature of Australian Librarianship - publishing across the spectrum of library endeavour.

Alan Bundy has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship in Australia and to the objects and work of the Australian Library and Information Association. The contribution is characterised by energy and innovation. His major achievements are in the areas of publishing, clearinghouses and databases, continuing education and innovations in library services and administration.

He began his career in the City of Perth Libraries in 1966, becoming branch librarian in 1968 and senior branch librarian in the City of Melville Libraries in 1969. After entering the College Library sector in Perth in 1969 as the College Librarian of the Technical Education Division, he





became chief librarian of the Footscray Institute of Technology in 1974. Since 1983, he has been the College Librarian at the South Australian College of Advanced Education.

He has contributed immensely to the literature of Australian librarianship: through his own extensive writing and by his publishing activities, including initiating, editing and publishing journals, directories, monographs and other works. He has published across the spectrum of library Endeavour implementing publishing programs in his libraries and jointly founding and operating Auslib Press with his wife, Judith. A particular initiative as SACAE was the development of a Research and Development Register for the College, which is published annually by the library and is much used and appreciated by the academic staff.

In addition to his publishing activities, Alan Bundy has initiated a number of clearinghouses and databases, the most significant of these being ACHLIS, the Australian Clearinghouse for Library and Information Science established at FIT in 1982 and transferred to SACAE in 1983. Published and unpublished Australian material in library and information science is collected, and indexed and abstracted for the annual publication *Australian library and information science abstracts* and for online access through AUSINET and LISA. ACHLIS is an invaluable resource for making the nation's professional literature accessible. He initiated two other clearinghouses namely ACHPIRST (Australian Clearinghouse for Publications in Recreation, Sport and Tourism) and WESTDOC (Western Region of Melbourne documentation), both of which have produced electronic and print data of value to the profession.

In the area of continuing education, Alan Bundy has initiated a program of annual national seminars on a wide variety of topics. These have been organised by staff at his last two libraries as part of their own professional development. Recognition has come from beyond the library sector, with Alan having been invited to be a member of the Working Party for the Commonwealth Review of Higher Education in Libraries.

Alan Bundy has also contributed to the development of school libraries, serving as a library consultant for the School Commission from 1978 to 1984.

Alan Bundy has been an energetic and enthusiastic contributor to the objects and work of the Association throughout his career, with his most significant contributions coming from his term as president of the South Australian Branch and then as national president. His contributions to the South Australian Branch were many and long-lasting. They include the initiation of regular meetings with the Minister the initiation and initial sponsorship of the Val Gould Award for School Community Libraries and his campaign for Freedom of Information. Alan was the last president of the Library Association of Australia, before it was granted its new Royal Charter to become the Australian Library and Information Association. He had suggested and gained wide support for the new name. It was also during Alan's presidency that the Association decided to commence construction of a new national headquarters building in Canberra. Alan had been a strong supporter of this proposal. Further, it was during his presidency that the Association hosted the first IFLA conference to be held in Australia. His many initiatives include the Information for the Nation campaign, the first national Forum on Library Promotion, the first Industrial Forum and the Library Technician of the Year Award.

His achievements and leadership, both in the profession and the Association, make him a most worthy recipient of this Fellowship and the Australian Library and Information Association.

*Brief note: INCITE January 1997 p9.*

#### HCL Anderson Award citation

Throughout his career, Dr Alan Bundy has demonstrated an outstanding personal and professional commitment to the library and information sector. He has channelled his energy and selfless dedication to the affairs of the Association and to a wide range of activities within



the profession. His ability to influence and inspire others has gained him the respect and esteem of his colleagues both in Australia and overseas.

Alan's career in librarianship began in 1966 in the City of Perth libraries. In 1968 he was appointed branch librarian and, in the following year, senior branch librarian in the City of Melville Libraries. Alan moved to the college sector in 1969 when he was appointed college librarian of the Technical Education Division (WA) and in 1974, he took up the position of chief librarian of the Footscray Institute of Technology. From 1983 he was college librarian at the South Australian College of Advanced Education and in 1992 became university librarian at the University of South Australia.

During his term at the University of South Australia library Alan Bundy has helped raise the profile of Australian libraries overseas. He has overseen the establishment of Libtrain, the Library's Australian and international training and consultancy arm, and the provision of high-quality resource support for the University's twinning agreement with the University of Fort Hare Library in South Africa. Alan has also had primary responsibility in local and overseas consultancies which include the upgrade of library services in Indonesian Islamic universities, redevelopment of the Luther Seminary Library in Adelaide and of the newly-amalgamated City of Onkaparinga libraries which include public, TAFE and school joint-use facilities.

The announcement in 1997 that the University of South Australia would be home to the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre which is focussed on the library can be attributed largely to Alan Bundy's commitment to innovation and excellence in library and information services.

Just as Alan promotes the need for accessible library services, so too does he actively promote librarians as the means by which their clients can become information-literate. His initiatives in promoting information literacy as an issue for Australian society have included organisation of conferences, publishing and advocacy to government and other enterprises. He sees a strong connection between the provision of accessible, responsive library services and well educated librarians and information professionals. He believes that professional librarians must have both an initial and a continuing education which allows them to appreciate and respond to the needs of the communities they serve. His long involvement as a member of the advisory committees of the Adelaide Institute of TAFE Library Technician and University of South Australia Library and Information Studies degree courses attests his commitment to excellence in education for library and information services. In the workplace the encouragement and support he affords his staff enables them to maximise opportunities for professional development.

As a library professional Alan has always been committed to the development of library services and to the provision of accessible library services across a wider range of sectors than the ones in which he has been employed. As a library consultant for the Schools Commission from 1978 to 1984, he contributed to the development of school library services. His ongoing interest in the school sector is exemplified through his work in the establishment of the National Australian Periodicals Services for Schools in 1993 by the University of South Australia. This initiative, now conducted with the support of the National Library of Australia, has enabled the more than 150 participating school libraries across the country to offer improved client-service.

A long-term advocate of library services Alan has lobbied all levels of government, most particularly about public libraries and joint-use school community libraries and has published widely in these fields. His PhD dissertation which explored joint-use libraries and his continuing work with Professor Larry Amey from the School of Communication and Information Studies, University of South Australia, has enhanced the international reputation of South Australia in this area of library service. A significant aspect of Alan's contribution to the literature of the profession has been the publications of Auslib Press which he jointly founded and operates with his wife, Judith. Familiar titles from Auslib Press include APLIS, the public libraries journal, Australian libraries: an essential directory and the Challenges in librarianship series.



Another initiative of Alan's, the Australian Clearing House of Library and Information Science, has operated continuously since 1982 and forms the basis of the annual publication Australian Library and Information Science Abstracts.

Throughout his professional career Alan Bundy has made an outstanding contribution to the Association. As president of the South Australian Branch, he secured the initial sponsorship of the Branch's Val Gauld Award for School Community Libraries and developed the campaign for Freedom of Information. In 1988 he served as president of the Association, the last year it was known as the Library Association of Australia, and was responsible for suggesting and gaining member support for the change of name to the Australian Library and Information Association. He also played a major role in the successful decision to relocate the Association from Sydney to Canberra. During his presidency, the Association hosted the first IFLA Conference to be held in Australia. The Information for the Nation campaign, the first National Forum on Library Promotion, the first Industrial Forum and the institution of the Library Technician of the Year Award were the results of his initiatives. He is currently convening the Information Literacy Special Interest Group established in late-1997.

Alan Bundy has served the library and information profession in Australia and the Association with great distinction in his professional career. He has striven to improve access, deepen understanding and educate both his professional colleagues and the wider community to the nation's need for accessible library services. He has remained committed to fostering the professional interests and aspirations of library and information sector staff. At all times he has continued to innovate and to strive for excellence in library and information services. The HCL Anderson Award is the highest honour which the Association can bestow on a librarian. Dr Alan Bundy is a most-worthy recipient of the Award.

## Dr Alex Byrne AM, BE(Elec), GDip Lib, GDipAdvLib, MA, PhD, FALIA

- Order of Australia – AM 2018
- HCL Anderson Award 2015
- IFLA President 2005-2007
- ALIA Fellowship 1999
- IFLA Honorary Fellow

### HCL Anderson Award citation

Dr John Alexander Byrne has made a lifetime's commitment to the library and information profession. This is clearly demonstrated through an outstanding career, reaching the pinnacle as University Librarian at both the Northern Territory University, Darwin, and the University of Technology, Sydney, and as State Librarian and Chief Executive of the State Library of New South Wales.

He has also shown outstanding leadership and dedication as a scholar, as an advocate, and as a strong supporter of Australian library associations through his role as Chair of National and State Libraries Australasia, President of the Council of Australian University Librarians and his appointments by the General Council of the Australian Library and Information Association. In addition, he has made an exemplary contribution to the peak international organisation, IFLA. He has published extensively on information management, community empowerment and human rights, with particular regard to freedom of expression and access to information.

In 2009, Alex was a Visiting Professor at École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques (enssib), Lyon, France, demonstrating his willingness to share the considerable expertise and knowledge that he has developed through his years as a leader in the profession.



Through his work at the international level, Alex has enhanced Australia's reputation to contribute to the practice of library and information services. Alex's involvement with IFLA, the peak global body for libraries and information services, began in 1993 with his membership of the University and General Research Libraries Standing Committee. It gained momentum, however, when he was invited by the Governing Board to start a new program for IFLA in 1997: a new strategy to promote freedom of access to information and to fight censorship. He led that initiative for six years, transforming it from project to program: formulating strategic goals, establishing an office in Copenhagen and building a network of volunteers around the world, developing policy including manifestos and statements, and seeking to influence governments.

He was elected and served as Vice President / President-elect 2003-2005 and then President 2005-2007. His presidential theme was 'partnership' as he sought to strengthen IFLA through building strong – or stronger – relationships with other peak bodies, governmental agencies and businesses.

'Partnership is thus a key enabler for our work. We must work in partnership within our field, with those in cognate professions, with those with shared interests and with those who are influential. Thus, my presidential theme is partnership because we must work to develop even stronger collaboration across the IFLA Sections, with our members and especially the library associations, with other sections of the library and information service community across the world and with our colleagues in archives, museums, publishing, information technology and civil society. By working together we will do great things to assist the global network of library and information services to provide unrestricted access to information and thereby to respond to the needs of humanity including the strongly felt concerns of all peoples for freedom, security and development.' Alex Byrne, Presidential address, Oslo, 2005

During his leadership period, he led the development of a number of IFLA statements and declarations, including the IFLA Internet Manifesto, the Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom and the IFLA Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation. These documents have directly influenced policy development within ALIA and practice within Australia.

Alex has a deep interest in the roles of memory institutions, and specifically the complexity of issues relating to Indigenous peoples and transmission of knowledge. One of his significant achievements has been in focusing attention and leading discussion and action on Indigenous matters within Australia and at the highest levels of IFLA.

In the Australian context, Alex led the development of the ground-breaking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library and Information Resources Network (ATSILIRN) Protocols (1995) and participated in their renewal (2005). The Protocols have had a significant influence on the information sector nationally and internationally, raising awareness and establishing a foundation for continued dialogue to take place around the management of Indigenous cultural collections. The *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials*, for example, acknowledge the influence and importance of the ATSILIRN protocols.

Alex has actively encouraged robust discussion to take place within the profession around complex issues whilst creating a space for respectful discussion and conversation. In addition to this, he has actively encouraged Indigenous leadership and participation in the information sector, building true partnerships and relationships, so that Indigenous voices could be heard. In all his interactions, he has demonstrated genuine respect for Indigenous peoples and their culture, and has consequently been an outstanding leader for the profession.

Throughout his career, Alex has made a significant contribution to the library and information profession. He has demonstrated his commitment to the profession by his willingness to work at



the national and international level. He is also very generous in sharing his knowledge and expertise – to enable individuals, libraries and the sector to be enriched.

Alex Byrne is a worthy recipient of the distinction of the HCL Anderson Award.

#### Fellowship citation

Alex Byrne's career in the library and information profession began in 1979 when he took up a position in the library at James Cook University of North Queensland. In 1984 he was appointed deputy librarian at the Australian Defence Force Academy, a college of the University of New South Wales, in Canberra. Alex moved to the Northern Territory University in 1989 where he held the position of chief librarian until 1996. In 1996 he became director of information services and is now pro-vice chancellor (information services) within the University.

During his career Alex Byrne has made a distinguished contribution to the library and information profession. A champion of the information needs of indigenous people, he served on the Association's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy Steering Committee in 1996 and 1997 and was instrumental in drafting the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols for libraries, archives and information services*. The protocols are recognised as a model for the statement of guidelines for services to indigenous people.

His interest in developing Indonesian collections and relations with Indonesian libraries, especially in the eastern regions of Indonesia, has been important. Alex was a foundation member of the Northern Territory University's Board of Management of the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies from 1990 to 1997. It was through his initiative that the Intan Mas database which indexes material relating to the region and is available to researchers world-wide was established. Alex's participation in consultancies, including advice on library service to partners in the Northern Territory University's Memorandum of Co-operation and the Academy of Nursing, Kupang, Indonesia has also assisted the development of library services in the region. As pro vice-chancellor (information services) Alex plays a major role in the wider affairs of the Northern Territory University. He is a member of the Vice-Chancellor's Management Group, the Planning Board, the Academic Board as well as working parties and university internal committees.

He has also made a substantial contribution to other national professional activities including the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee AARNet Board of Management of which he was a member from 1992 to 1995, and the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee on Information Resources. He is originator of and leads the steering committee for the JANUS project which in December 1998 received Commonwealth funding to develop a business model for a collaborative approach to research collections and information and to test a pilot phase of the project.

From 1995 to 1997 Alex served as a member of the Commonwealth Public Lending Right Committee. He was appointed by the then Minister for Communication and the Arts who recognised the need to have a committee member with an education library background. At that time active consideration was being given to introduction of a possible Education Lending Right and Alex provided valuable input to the development of the principles for such a scheme which is as yet to be implemented by government.

An active member of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) since 1989, Alex held a position on the CAUL executive from 1990 to 1993, served as deputy president in 1993 and president from 1996 to 1998. Since 1993 he has been co-ordinator of the CAUL Key Performance Indicators Project and from 1994 has been the CAUL nominee to the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee Improved Information Infrastructure Program.



At a personal level and as a representative of the Northern Territory University, Alex has been active in a range of Northern Territory cultural, government and public activities which have benefited the library and information profession. He was appointed by the Northern Territory Cabinet to the Steering Committee to oversee the project to replace the Northern Territory Library's computer system in 1996 and as a member of the Northern Territory Review Panel for *Networking the Nation*. As associate editor [1992-1997], and previously as a member of the editorial board [1991-1992], Alex was actively involved in the Northern Territory liberal arts journal, *Northern Perspective*.

At the international level, Alex has also made an outstanding contribution to the work of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). In 1993 he was elected as a member of the Standing Committee on University and General Research Libraries and its chair for the period 1997-1999. However his most important role has been in the complex and sensitive negotiations leading to the establishment of the committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) at the 1997 IFLA conference. His subsequent appointment to chair of this committee recognises his international reputation.

As a library and information professional, Alex has been active in the Australian Library and Information Association. While at James Cook University Library he was involved in the North Queensland Regional Group of the then Library Association of Australia serving as secretary [1980], president [1981] and newsletter editor [1983-1984]. Later, in Canberra he was a member of ACT Branch Council and was elected to serve as branch president in 1989. Between 1986 and 1990 he served on the Reference and Information Services Section (formerly Reference Librarians Group) Committee and was involved in organising the 1987 and 1989 conferences. Following his move to Darwin he served the Northern Territory Branch as treasurer and vice-president before becoming branch president in 1991. He was also a member of the Branch Committee on Library Training in the Northern Territory during 1991 and 1992. Alex has further demonstrated his commitment to the Association by accepting General Council appointments to various national committees including the International Relations Committee on which he is currently serving.

Throughout his career, Alex has made a significant contribution to the library and information profession. He has demonstrated his commitment to the profession by his willingness to work at the national and international level and this, in turn, has enhanced the reputation of the profession. Alex Byrne is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

## Margaret Cameron AM, BA, FLAA

- Fellowship 1987

General Council at its meeting on 5 September endorsed recommendations for Fellowship Awards which were made by the Board of Education.

Margaret Cameron is currently the Chief Librarian at Deakin University in Victoria, a position she has held since 1977. She has had a distinguished career in Australian academic librarianship. Following some years' service in the then Public Library of Queensland and the Australian Reference Library at the Australian Consulate-General, New York, she was appointed to the staff of the Queensland University Library in 1964-65 as Librarian of the Thatcher Memorial Library. From 1965-69 she was the Assistant Librarian in charge of Reference Services in the Flinders University Library and from 1968-77 the Reader Services Libraries at Macquarie University Library.

Ms Cameron has developed Deakin University's Library to a point where it is now a source of pride for both its academic staff and students. She has also made significant contributions to



other facets of university life and in 1987 accepted a three year appointment as Pro-Vice Chancellor (Staffing and Academic Affairs).

Margaret Cameron has participated widely in a variety of professional forums. These have included membership of the National Library of Australia Advisory Committee on the Humanities, Chairman of the Victorian Regional Committee of AACOBS, Victorian representative on the AACOBS National Council. She has had a long-term involvement in assisting the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Department of Librarianship and has served as one of the judges for the Thomas Woodrow Award, presented each year to students of librarianship of outstanding potential from RMIT and/or Ballarat CAE.

Ms Cameron has been one of the key participants in the continuing debate over appropriate national strategies for interlending operations. She has also been a very active participant in the discussion of national strategies for the development of the Australian Bibliographic Network. Margaret Cameron is a tireless advocate of libraries and has been vocal, through letters to politicians, statements to the media and informed public advocacy, on major issues in Victoria in the last 10 years. She has also been an active member of the LAA, having served on Branch Councils in Queensland and Victoria and on the Executive of the University and College Libraries Section. She was President of the Victorian Branch in 1979 and General Councillor for Victoria in 1981-1982. She was President of the Geelong Regional Group in 1985-1986.

Ms Cameron has published extensively, including three articles in *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*. Her report in association with Winter on *External Students and their Libraries* is accepted as the definitive statement to date of the problems and possibilities for the development of effective library services in this area.

*From INCITE 6 November 1987, p. 12.*

## Dr Warwick Cathro BSc (Hons), PhD, Dip Lib

HCL Anderson Award 2012

The National Library of Australia's Trove discovery service and its newspaper digitisation project are synonymous with the name Warwick Cathro. Warwick has been highly active in the library and information sector since the 1970s, and these two projects are the most recent examples of his drive and commitment to ensuring that all Australians have access to their own piece of history.

Warwick embraced the opportunities of the digital age and has led complex and innovative projects such as these with enthusiasm and determination. Former colleagues say he has a particular skill for harnessing and managing the creative talents of the people around him, to produce exciting outcomes.

Central to his achievements has been his tireless work in fostering collaboration, not only within the library sector, but also with other cultural agencies and government departments. He understood that in the digital age, the real value and strength of Australian library collections could only be realised if they could be searched and found in the broader context of related resources.

This broad perspective, resulting in the involvement of non-traditional partners, was a key force behind the shaping of Trove. Warwick's technical expertise, knowledge and leadership placed the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN) team in a very sound position to achieve this master stroke for Australian Libraries. The ABN enabled libraries to share the costs involved with processing their collections and to share collections at a national level through inter library lending arrangements.

His extraordinary work in developing and implementing standards; advancing innovative solutions; championing national sectoral infrastructure and encouraging communication and



debate in the profession, place Warwick Cathro among the most important Australian library and information practitioners of our time.

## The Honourable Bruce Chamberlain AM

- Redmond Barry Award 2007
- Member of the Order of Australia 2005

The Honourable Bruce Anthony Chamberlain AM was an effective champion and leader on behalf of libraries for almost thirty years. He was always passionate about library service and his contribution was substantial and evident. His dedication to libraries went far beyond his public roles and responsibilities as a councillor and parliamentarian. Bruce was an outstanding exemplar of support for the library and information profession.

Bruce Chamberlain's support of libraries was evident during his 18 years as Chairman of the Glenelg Regional Library Service where Bruce, in a gesture that highlighted his commitment to libraries and rural communities, remained as Chairman of the large municipal library serving Western Victorian even after being elected to the Victorian Parliament. This action was a most prominent example of Bruce's belief in public libraries as fundamental to the health of rural communities. Bruce went on to Chair the Glenelg Regional Library Service for a further sixteen years while a Member of the Parliament of Victoria. The period to 1989 was remarkably fruitful for the region and for a stronger library service. Bruce's leadership and vision were vital to the beneficial outcomes.

During his years as Chairman, Bruce redefined the traditional role of Chairman. He knew all the staff. He used the library. He personally promoted the programs, the extension of services, and he emphasised the importance of celebration of outcomes. He was committed to delivering better services to remote and isolated settlements. While the jargon of good governance was then something for the future, Bruce lived and breathed best practice, best communication, and a belief in the service.

Bruce Chamberlain had almost twenty years' experience as a parliamentarian when he was elected President of the Victorian Legislative Council in 1992. He had all the right credentials for the job: a background in the law, plenty of parliamentary experience, a great appreciation of democratic processes and a desire to uphold the independence of the office and the parliament. He also recognised the unique role the Parliamentary Library could play in a robust parliamentary democracy and in improving community understanding of parliamentary processes.

Bruce was also enthusiastic about and committed to, implementing new technology both in the parliament and in the library. When Bruce became Chairman of the Library Committee, the Parliamentary Library was beginning to provide automated library services. When he resigned his seat and his term as President, the Parliamentary Library delivered almost all its services to members 24/7 to home and electorate offices via the internet and to Parliament House offices via a wireless LAN.

Bruce Chamberlain enjoyed over a decade as President of the Legislative Council and in many ways, it was his role as Chairman of the Parliamentary Library Committee that allowed him to leave such a lasting and positive legacy. He used the library to promote the use of IT among Members and to realise his vision of 'online legislators'. He used the library to encourage better understanding of government and democracy. He used the library to improve the public perception of the Parliament of Victoria.





Bruce took every opportunity to emphasise the importance of the Parliamentary Library as an integral element of parliamentary democracy. It is only with an effective library and information service that government and the executive can be called to account.

If doubts were ever raised about the future of the library in the parliamentary administration, Bruce would give the reassuring reply 'Don't worry about the library, you know it's my baby!'. The Redmond Barry Award is the Australian Library and Information Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual not eligible for associate membership. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to or promotion of library and information services, or the practice of library and information science. The Honourable Bruce Chamberlain's outstanding contribution to the promotion of library and information services make him a most worthy recipient of the ALIA Redmond Barry Award.  
ALIA President

## Ernest Clark MA, FLAA (1918-1971)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Clark, Ernest Hayden BA FLAA. The librarian Monash University Library Melbourne. Born 23 December 1918 Melbourne; son of Reginald Percy and Elsie Clark; married Robin Lorraine Knife; two sons, one daughter. Educated Scotch College Melbourne, University of Melbourne BA (Hons).

Positions: University of Melbourne Library 1936-1946, University of Tasmania Hobart librarian 1946-49, Australian National University London administration officer in the UK 1949-1952, University of Malaya Singapore Librarian 1952-1960, present 1960-. Member LAA fellow.

*Taken from Kosa, G.A.(Ed.). (1968). Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, p18.*

As part of our contribution to the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the University, Marta Chiba, a former Library director and branch manager, is writing a history of the library. Here she gives us a glimpse of the early years.

The library started in a bedroom of the Vice Chancellor's house. As it continued to grow, it was moved into the gardener's cottage, then into a warehouse of the Volkswagen Factory and later to the ground floor of the first science building of Monash University. One of the first actions of the Interim Council of Monash University was to appoint Ernest Clark, a scholar and a man of definite ideas, as University Librarian. Ernest Clark and his small group of senior staff: Brian Southwell, Chief Reference Librarian (later to be appointed as University Librarian) and Ken Horn, Acquisitions Librarian (later to become State Librarian of Victoria) laid down the principles governing the design of the Monash University Library.

*Monash repository, April 2008.*

## Professor Ann Clyde (1946-2005)

- Namesake of the Ann Clyde Memorial Prize

### Obituary

The international library and information community has been much saddened by the sudden death of Professor L Anne Clyde in Reykjavik. Anne has been a great friend and colleague of many of us in IFLA and the library and information profession. It is an untimely loss of an



outstanding library educator, a vigorous proponent for school libraries and a strong IFLA supporter.

Until her death, Anne Clyde was the 2003-2007 Chair of the IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres and professor in the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Iceland, an Associate of the Australian Library and Information Association, a Fellow of CILIP and a Member of the Australian College of Educators. In an outstanding academic career, Anne held academic positions in three Australian states, as lecturer in School Librarianship at Townsville College of Advanced Education (now part of the James Cook University of North Queensland); as lecturer in Librarianship at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga; and as senior lecturer and head of the Department of Library and Information Studies at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia, with which she continued her relationship as an adjunct professor. She has since held positions at the University of British Columbia in Canada and at the University of Iceland.

Anne has taught and researched in many other places in Australia and Iceland and beyond, including projects in North America, Europe, Latin America and Southern Africa. Her extensive list of publications includes *Weblogs and Libraries* (2004), *An Introduction to the Internet* (1994, twelfth edition 2004), *Managing InfoTech in School Library Media Centers* (1999), *School Libraries and the Electronic Community: The Internet Connection* (1997), and *Computer Applications in Libraries* (1993).

Although Anne's work has spanned many library fields, her contributions to school librarianship have been particularly noteworthy and valued. Besides her leadership in the IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres, Anne has contributed enormously to the International Association of School Librarianship for which she was most recently webmaster.

At a personal level, Anne and I have known each other since the time when she was doing her PhD at James Cook University and I was a novice reference librarian. We collaborated on a conference on Freedom of Information at that time and have since been working together in various ways, particularly of course in IFLA.

I know that I speak for many, many colleagues throughout the world in expressing both our great sadness at losing Anne and our gratitude for the ways in which she has enriched our lives. We join with her family, friends, colleagues and students in mourning Anne and in celebrating her achievements. We should lift a glass of good wine to her, as she would have liked us to do.

*Alex Byrne, IFLA president: INCITE volume 26, Nov 2005, p.12.*

## Emeritus Professor Thomas Cochrane AM, BA, MPhil, FALIA

- Order of Australia 2015
- ALIA Fellowship 2006

Tom Cochrane joined the library world in 1971 as a general library Assistant at the University of Sydney Library, and sat for the first of his registration exams two years later. A series of increasingly senior appointments followed his move to Queensland in the mid-1970s. Tom's career is a testament to his intellectual capacity, drive, strong engagement with and interest in library and information services, and most importantly, his ability to translate strategic thinking into practical outcomes that are of benefit to the whole industry. His contribution to the Australian information community has been most notable in two areas: copyright and intellectual property, and the application of ICT to the dissemination of information. He early recognised the importance of copyright law reform to libraries and higher education



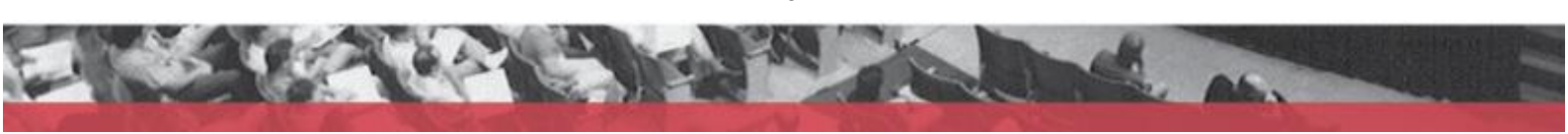
institutions; he worked tirelessly to prepare the library and information community for change and to direct that change.

In the fast-changing field of copyright law in Australia he has promoted the interests of our industry on major policy and advisory bodies, including the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Standing Committee on Copyright and Information Policy, the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee, the Attorney-General's Copyright Law Review Committee and as an Australian representative at the Zwolle Copyright meetings in the Netherlands. All Australian librarians have been the beneficiaries of the revisions of copyright law that Tom played a large part in securing, particularly the benefits of fair dealing in the digital area through the workable and pragmatic amendments to the Copyright Act of the Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Act 2000. The Creative Commons and Open Access to Knowledge projects in Australia, in which he has leadership roles, aim to provide the capacity to improve access to knowledge through flexible copyright protection for authors and users that is integrated with Australian domestic law. Tom's work has helped reduce barriers to research, enabling international collaboration.

While copyright is the area where Tom's leadership and impact are perhaps most obvious, he has also contributed to the field of library and information science in many other areas; he has had a significant role in the higher education sector, bringing a wider library and information perspective to the higher levels of the sector. The list of committees, reviews and working groups of which he has been a member - often the chair - over the past three decades is extensive. His wide-ranging work for professional associations, state and federal government bodies, and tertiary institutions shows both the respect in which he is held and his generosity with his time and effort. Collaboration between Australian libraries has been advanced by his work with the Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS) and the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN). He played a significant part in the development of ABN in the period from the mid-80s to the mid-90s. Through a variety of roles including chair of the ABN Network Committee and of the Annual Users Meeting, Tom contributed to the evolution of a national service that has been the envy of colleagues from other countries. While many people have contributed to the success of the service that has made Libraries Australia possible, Tom's input over a decade of hard work is noteworthy.

In his professional life, one of his major achievements is combining library, IT and learning support services at QUT to create the Technology, Information and Learning Support Division. It is not an easy task to manage a converged service, but Tom appreciated the benefits to customers that could be gained from a true partnership between these three areas. He pioneered new ways of working, including job rotations of senior positions so that staff could benefit from the experience of managing different areas. His strategic interest in IT services led to involvement in the Queensland Parallel Supercomputing Foundation, the Australian Partnership for Advanced Computing and the creation of QUT's e-Print repository. His published contribution to the literature of the library and information sector covers several pages, principally in his areas of expertise: copyright, electronic delivery of services and the higher education sector.

In the Library Association of Australia, ACLIS and ALIA, he served more than capably in many capacities in an almost unbroken stream from 1987 to 1994. During the period when the library industry had both a professional association and an industry association, maintaining good relationships between the two was particularly important. Tom was national president of ACLIS from 1992 to 1994, and his low-key, inclusive approach was a factor in smooth working relationships. With the closure of ACLIS at the end of 1999, Tom was prominent among the negotiators of ongoing arrangements for copyright management involving ALIA, the Australian Digital Alliance and other players, and these have proved durable and effective. In his career, Tom has made a distinguished contribution to the library and information profession. He has demonstrated his commitment by working successfully in its interests at



professional, national and international levels. Tom Cochrane is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

In 2015 he was awarded an Order of Australia for significant service to library and information management particularly to copyright law and to education through electronic learning initiatives.

## James Collier FLAA (1893-1970)

- ALIA President 1944-1946
- LAA Fellow 1964

James Douglas Archer Collier (1893-1970), journalist and librarian, was born on 17 April 1893 at Hamilton-on-Forth, Ulverstone, Tasmania.

Although he lacked professional qualifications, in 1922 James Douglas Archer Collier was appointed librarian of the Tasmanian Public Library. On 28 February 1923 he married Vivien Erskine Copeland Dean in St David's Anglican Cathedral, Hobart. A regular contributor of literary articles and reviews to newspapers and periodicals, he edited the second volume of RW Giblin's *The Early History of Tasmania* (1939), to which he also contributed several chapters. Archer Collier was a member (president 1944-1946) of the Australian Institute of Librarians (later the Library Association of Australia) from its foundation in 1937. In 1943 Kenneth Binns, librarian of the Commonwealth National Library, praised his 'able and untiring efforts in the face of continued discouragement and difficulty' in providing library services for the people of Tasmania. Next year Collier was appointed Tasmania's first State Librarian; he was to hold the post until his retirement in 1954. He was actively involved in his work and under his aegis much progress was made. His most important contribution was in developing a State-wide children's library service, later used as a model by overseas librarians.

*Further information can be found in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.*

## Jean Conochie MBE, BSc, FLAA

- HCL Anderson Award 1985
- MBE for services to science in 1978
- ALIA Fellowship 1967

### Fellowship citation

Jean Athola Conochie was educated at the University of Western Australia. She entered librarianship in 1946 and was elected a professional member of the Library Association of Australia in 1952.

As in the case of other colleagues whom the Board has felt it to be not merely proper, but its duty, to recommend to Council as worthy of the Fellowship, there is no substantive corpus of published evidence to support the claims of Jean A Conochie.

On the other hand, the Board is quite satisfied both in its own mind and as a result of its investigations that, in three separate respects, Miss Conochie has contributed notably to the practice of our profession in Australia. It is in no doubt that these contributions could be described as distinguished. In the first place, there is a substantial body of opinion in Australia that Jean Conochie's personal contribution to the production of *Scientific Serials in Australian Libraries* has far outweighed what might properly have been required by her employers.



In the second place, the Board wishes unanimously to record the value to Australian librarianship of Miss Conochie's constructive service as a member of the Board. It is no accident that she should have been re-elected to it after her first term of service, and her wide variety of competence and experience has been of first importance at a time of change and development in the pattern of education for librarianship in Australia. Finally, the Board has become aware of the extent to which Miss Conochie's advice is sought by many people in the State of Victoria on a wide range of professional matters.

The Board has no hesitation in commending Jean Athola Conochie to Council as a member of the Association who, in this variety of ways, has made a distinguished personal contribution to the practice of librarianship in Australia. It recommends that she is well worthy of the honour of the Association's Fellowship.

#### HCL Anderson citation

The LAA is to confer the H.C.L. Anderson Award upon Miss Jean Conochie, Principal Librarian, Bibliographical Services at CSIRO.

The HCL. Anderson Award may be conferred on a professional member of the Association who has rendered outstanding service to librarianship or to the library profession in Australia, or to the theory and practice of librarianship.

Jean Conochie entered librarianship in 1946 with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and has remained with the CSIRO throughout her working life.

Miss Conochie enjoys an international reputation as a serials cataloguer and bibliographer. She edited *Scientific Serials in Australian Libraries* (SSAL) from 1960 until December 1984 during which time the number of serial titles recorded rose from 25,000 to 60,000. The value of this publication to librarians and the users of scientific and technical literature held in Australian libraries has been incalculable. It is conservatively estimated that SSAL has been consulted throughout Australia for not less than 2,500 records each working day, or 375,000 records each year.

Miss Conochie has been responsible for cataloguing standards across the entire CSIRO library network, and for the ongoing compilation of the CSIRO union catalogue, a tool heavily used by technical libraries. Her handbook, *You Name It! Helpful Hints for Editors and Publishers of Journals, Reports and other Serial Publications* which was published by AACOBS in 1979, has been used as a model for similar publications in Canada and South Africa.

Jean Conochie has also played an active and prominent part in the affairs of the Library Association of Australia. She was a member of its Board of Examiners from 1966-1972, holding the position of Deputy Chairman from 1970-1972. She has been a member of numerous other Association committees, including Continuing Education (1973-1974), Cataloguing (1968-1972), Editorial (1968-1970), and the Biennial Conference Committee (1974-1975). In addition, she has been a member of the Victorian Branch Council and both the Secretary (1961-1963) and President (1975-1976) of the Special Libraries Section. She has represented the Association at overseas conferences, and was accorded the distinction of Fellow of the Association in 1967.

She has also been an active member of AACOBS and was a member of its Working Party on Bibliography from its inception in 1974 until 1983.

Miss Conochie has had a lifelong interest in professional education and frequently lectures at library schools. She was awarded an MBE for services to science in 1978.

*Jenny Adams, Executive Director, INCITE Volume 6, no. 7, 17 May 1985, p. 1.*



## Dr Brian Cook BA, Grad Dip Lib, MEd, MA, PhD, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1997

Brian Cook's contribution to the library and information profession, both in the practice of his profession and its theoretical body of knowledge, has been outstanding. His administrative style and practice are regarded by colleagues as progressive and are recognisable by the use of technology to deliver services and by the importance he places on staff development and training. His recent work and writing in the area of convergence of library and computing services is especially notable.

Before concentrating his career on library and information science Brian Cook displayed leadership in the field of education and administration. While serving as a teacher and later as a deputy principal with the NSW Department of Education, Brian was a constant advocate for the library in the schools to which he was posted. In 1974 he became a lecturer in Curriculum Theory and Practice at Wagga Wagga Teachers' College, later to become Riverina College of Advanced Education, and within two years was appointed as director of the Information Resources Centre (IRC). As director, Brian had administrative oversight and policy direction responsibilities for the College Library, Computer Services Unit, Educational Technology Unit, Printery and several other services in support of the College's off-campus studies program.

Realising the importance of professional qualifications in the field of library and information science, Brian enrolled in a Graduate Diploma in Librarianship which he completed in 1980. In the same year he was admitted as a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oregon and was invited to become Head of the Department of Library and Information Science at Riverina CAE. At the same time the library school at Riverina was pioneering the off-campus delivery of library and information science courses in Australia and consequently its courses were subject to close review and attention by the library profession. It is a tribute to Brian's leadership and advocacy that those courses could be defended and accepted by the profession.

In August 1982 Brian was appointed the foundation librarian of the newly formed Brisbane College of Advanced Education. Under his direction the library systems of four previously separate Colleges of Advanced Education were merged into a single integrated information system. Through outstanding management and leadership, Brian drew the new organisation together obtaining increased respect and increased financial support for the library. An important achievement in this period was the design and installation of computer-based systems serving technical services and circulation as well as a system-wide take-up of on-line information retrieval services.

Notwithstanding the intensity of these activities, Brian was becoming increasingly involved in the wider affairs of the College and, in 1987, he was promoted to assistant director. In this role he was responsible for a wide range of services, including educational technology, audio-visual services, library and computing. In this position Brian also became heavily involved in a wide range of committees, reviews and new initiatives such as directing the College's new programs for fee-paying overseas students.

When Griffith University resolved to integrate its library, computing, audio-visual and educational technology services, Brian was appointed in 1990 as director, Information Services and University Librarian. As his role expanded to include university policy matters, he was promoted to pro-vice-chancellor (information services) in 1992. Brian was instrumental in establishing the Brisbane University Libraries' Office of Co-operation, the first substantial co-operative venture among the three university libraries in Brisbane. The organisation has evolved



into a co-operative body of nine university libraries in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Brian was successful in obtaining major funding from Commonwealth Government sources for co-operative library projects including the regional linking of library systems. In 1994, as part of its library program, the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee asked Brian to co-ordinate a major component of the information infrastructure projects. Projects ranged from investigating the copyright issues of electronic reserve collections to the development of software for improved transmission of electronic documents.

Throughout his career, Brian has adopted a strong mentoring role towards younger and more junior members of the profession, nurturing and developing individual staff, in particular those who may have believed they lacked the experience to seek positions which they were capable of performing. In his capacity as pro-vice-chancellor at Griffith University, Brian has retained his interest in and relationship with the activities of the profession. He continues to explore innovative methods for meeting university information needs. In particular, his work at Griffith University aimed at integrating major aspects of its library and computing services is seen by many as a model for university libraries of the future.

An Associate of ALIA since 1980, Brian has demonstrated his support for the objects and work of the Association through his willingness to serve as president of the Queensland Branch in 1985 and 1986 and subsequently as a member of the Queensland Branch Council. Brian has contributed papers and presentations to ALIA conferences and to Branch Council sponsored activities. As part of his commitment to staff development and training, Brian encourages his colleagues to develop papers for ALIA conferences and facilitates their attendance at various ALIA activities.

Brian Cook has been dynamic and inspirational in his work for the library profession. Colleagues speak of his preparedness to push the boundaries of the profession, his personal integrity and his leadership style which wins the total loyalty and support of staff. Brian Cook is a most worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

## Dr Russell Cope MA, PhD, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1968

Russell Leslie David Cope received his education at the University of Sydney. He has been a member of the Library Association of Australia since 1950 and was elected a professional member in 1960. His career in librarianship has been in the New South Wales Parliamentary Library, culminating in his appointment in 1963 as librarian of the Parliament of New South Wales.

The Board of Examiners is satisfied that, particularly though not exclusively as New South Wales Parliamentary librarian, Mr Cope has made a distinguished contribution to both the theory and practice of librarianship, such as well merits the award of the Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia. From the Board's own observations and from reports which have come to it, the Board is of the opinion that, in the area of practice, Mr Cope has effected a transformation of the library service rendered to members of the New South Wales Legislature and that his efforts in this direction go well beyond what might properly have been expected of a librarian in his position.

The opinion is borne out by a study of the series of reference monographs which the library has published under Mr Cope's direction. It is strongly supported by a more substantial publication, Library Services to the Legislature brings together papers submitted by librarians in Canada, Great Britain, India, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States of America and Australia. In



a foreword to this book, the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales refers to it as 'a unique contribution to the study of Parliamentary librarianship'. The Board concurs with this opinion. Beyond his immediate interests as Parliamentary librarian, Mr Cope has developed a considerable expertise in the bibliography of Government publications within the School of Librarianship of the University of New South Wales. He has recently convened a committee of General Council on Government publication.

Mr Cope's writing is not restricted to Parliamentary librarianship or Government publications. He has, in addition, used his linguistic ability to considerable effect in studies on Soviet libraries and bibliographic endeavor. Two papers in this field have appeared in the Australian Library Journal. The Board of Examiners commends Russell Leslie David Cope, Master of Arts, Associate of the Library Association of Australia, to Council as a distinguished colleague, whose contributions to practice may be said to have set a new standard in the area of his specialty and whose writings display both an impressive spread of interests and a high level of knowledge and ability. It is the unanimous recommendation of the Board that the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia be conferred upon him.

## Marjorie Cotton (d2003)

- Namesake of The Marjorie Cotton Award

Marjorie Cotton Isherwood, whose pioneering work as a children's librarian was recognised by the creation of the Marjorie Cotton Award, passed away on 2 February 2003. Marjorie was delighted to have this award honouring her, and in years past has personally corresponded with those children's librarians who received the award, presenting each winner with a book from her own library.

Marjorie Cotton was NSW's first professionally qualified children's librarian. She initiated programs that are the basis of services to children in public libraries today: weekly story sessions, contacts with schools, providing material for children in languages other than English, appointing qualified children's librarians.

Marjorie Cotton's influence reached far beyond the Ku-ring-gai, Newcastle, Randwick and Woollahra libraries in which she worked. She was the first president of the LAA Children's Libraries Section in 1953, and her expertise was recognized by overseas organizations such as UNESCO who sought her advice on children's library services.

The Children's and Youth Services Groups of today, strive to continue the work that Marjorie pioneered, we provide continuing professional development opportunities for our members and colleagues and champion the provision of library services for children, we encourage our colleagues to network and celebrate their achievements.

*References: M Cotton, 'A Good-kids-book-knower: autobiographical notes on the career of Marjorie Cotton in Children's Libraries of NSW', April 1989. This book was printed for private circulation and consists of her experiences at Ku-ring-gai, Randwick and Woollahra Libraries. M Cotton, 'Imaginative literature and the development of the individual' in Children's Libraries Newsletter Vol.7 No. 1 Feb 1971 p.28 M Cotton, 'Margaret Cotton: the story of an Australian Children's Librarian' Orana, Aug 1988 p.129. HM Saxby, 'A history of Australian Children's Literature 1941-1970' (with supplementary chapters by Marjorie Cotton), Sydney 1971.*

## Jennifer Cram (b1943)

- ALIA President 1993





Jennifer Kathleen Cram BA Dir Ed Dip Lib AALIA. City Librarian Brisbane. Born 6 October 1943 Sydney. Education University of Natal Pietermaritzburg South Africa BA 1964. H Dip Lib 1976, University of New England Armidale NSW Dip Ed 1969, Canberra CAE Dip Lib 1982. Positions Russell High School Pietermaritzburg librarian, Southern Tablelands Education Centre Goulburn resources officer 1978-79, Argyle College of TAFE Goulburn librarian in charge 1979-81, Southern Tablelands Joint Library Service Goulburn NSW chief librarian 1981-84, Wyong Shire NSW chief librarian 1984-86, present 1987 -. Member ALIA Assoc (Public Libraries Section NSW President 1984, Queensland branch Councillor 1988-, ACLIS: Councillor 1987, Queensland Committee 1987-; AIM, Southern Tablelands Education Librarians Association President 1980-82. Special interests: public libraries, services to the disabled.

*From Kosa, G.A. (Ed). (1990). Biographical dictionary of Australian librarians. 4<sup>th</sup> edn. p. 50*

Jenny Cram has worked in school, university, TAFE and public libraries, both in Australia and overseas. The latter experience brought home to her the front-line importance of all libraries in preserving the freedom of the individual to inquire and to know. Since January 1987 she has been Brisbane City Librarian, managing the largest municipal library service in Australia.

Jenny has been a member of ALIA since 1978 and has actively participated in Association committees and activities as a Member of Queensland Branch Council, convener of its Promotion and Publicity sub committee, President of the Public Libraries Section, NSW and Committee Member of the Public Libraries Section, NSW.

Her other professional activities have included membership of the AACOBS/ACLIS Queensland State Committee, of AACOBS National Council, she has been President of the Queensland Library Promotion Council and has worked with related bodies and with library schools. Jenny has written widely on matters of interest to all librarians, particularly on the question of the image of librarians, and on the free public library.

Jenny believes that 'We tend to blame others for our image problems, instead of firmly shouldering the blame and getting on with positive and workable steps to change that image. Also there seems to be an acceptance in our profession that prominence equals success. When most of us think about people who we think of as examples of success and motivation we tend to choose prominent people. I suggest that one of the reasons that librarians have a less than great self image is because the prominence myth is a shabby view of success.

'A lot of unhappiness arises when people are taught to see themselves as failing when realistically they are not. People tend to imagine that success is getting to the top 1 per cent of one's profession and that those who have achieved that are somehow better qualified to set the direction for all of us and what is worse, that until you have made the grade what you have to say is of little account.

'Yet every single person who is part of our profession brings to that profession a unique combination of experience, talents and insight, and has therefore a unique contribution to make. In the commercial world, at least 90 per cent of ideas for profit improvement and growth flow upwards in an organisation.

'We must change the way we look at ourselves, and start behaving as if we are the people we want to be, rather than the people we believe we are. The image the world has of us, and which does have a bearing on our effectiveness, will only change if our self-image changes first.'

*INCITE 7 October 1991*



*Additional information: Resigned from position as City Librarian Brisbane City Council and on 15 June 1992 took up the newly created position of Manager Library service at the Queensland Education Department. Queensland Special Librarian in 1996*

## James Crawford AO (1922-1999)

- Redmond Barry Award 1981
- Honorary Member 1981

Mr Sidney Crawford (1885-1968) founded Adelaide Motors Ltd and then established Commercial Motor Vehicles Pty Ltd of which he was chairman and managing director until his death. In its first year of trading, CMV paid bonuses to its workers, but no dividends to its shareholders. Staff continued to receive the greater share of the firm's profits. He dedicated his book *Hauling for profit* to truck drivers. He advised federal and state governments on economic matters and was a member of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust during World War II. In 1947 Sidney Crawford established the C.M.V. Foundation, a charitable trust which fostered educational and cultural activities for children by supporting kindergartens and library services. In the 1960s he and his son Jim (who succeeded him as head of the business) donated money and vehicles for South Australia's first mobile libraries.

Mr James Allen Crawford (1922-1999) continued in the role of philanthropist businessman after his father's death. He became a member of the Libraries Board of South Australia in 1972 and was Chairman from 1977 until 1987. The report of the Library Services Planning Committee, which he chaired in 1977, was supported by Premier Don Dunstan and led to a program to increase the number of public libraries in the state, especially in the Western suburbs of Adelaide and in country areas. Jim Crawford was an important friend to public libraries and the Jim Crawford Award recognises achievement in the state's public library network.

## The Honourable Justice Sir Peter Crisp Kt, LLB, Fellow

- Redmond Barry Award 1976
- Honorary Member 1976

### Obituary

It was with sadness that members of the library world learned of the death of Sir Peter Crisp on 14 February, 1984.

Sir Peter Crisp was a distinguished Tasmanian lawyer and Judge who made a significant contribution to society. This is not, however, the place to comment on his legal career, which included periods during which served Tasmania variously as Crown Prosecutor, the Crown Solicitor, the Solicitor General and finally Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court.

One of the many ways in which he served the citizens of Tasmania was through his chairmanship of the State Library Board from 1956 to 1977.

Nationally he was pleased to serve as a member of the Interim Council of the Museum of Australia, and of the Council of the National Library. He was chairman of the latter Council in 1971. He was President of the Library Association from 1963-1966 and was awarded its Redmond Barry Award in 1976. This award is made infrequently and is restricted to distinguished laymen.



Sir Peter's most recent and perhaps most significant contribution to the advancement of libraries flowed from his service to the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services, including a period of ten years as chairman from 1973 to his recent death.

His background inevitably affected his style. For example his manner while chairing AACOBS could, I believe, be described as judicial, firm but fair and patient, controlling the loquacious and encouraging the timid. His insistence on a measure of formality in the proceedings of the Council, where he generally insisted on its Councillors standing while speaking, served to restrict the garrulous and to improve the audibility of comments. He could do little to improve the comment except to restrict the irrelevant. On the other hand, his willingness to assist the less coherent to make their point by summarizing it to the meeting and his willingness to assist with the sharpening of the form of a resolution added much to the success of our meetings.

Never intrusive and always regarding himself as a facilitator rather than a direction setter, he was nevertheless generous with the time he gave to AACOBS and its members. Until the last he found time to attend the meetings of Standing Committee where his advice was always available and invariably invaluable. Privately he was always available to comment helpfully and thoughtfully on an idea or a draft, placing his judicial mind at the disposal of a correspondent.

Australian libraries are deeply indebted to a number of laymen who have lent their status to the support of libraries, used their persuasive powers to advance the cause of libraries or shared their visions of libraries with the community. Sir Peter was such a layman, and one who was deeply committed to the principle of free public libraries. He recognized the dangers in which they now stand and constantly warned of these. Such laymen bring an impartiality in advancing the cause of libraries which no librarian can. Sir Peter may be numbered among this select company.

Sir Peter was a deep-water sailor, undertaking a number of voyages through the years. AACOBS will miss his guiding hand on its tiller. His friends in the profession will miss him.

*Allan Horton, Obituary in INCITE Volume. 5, no. 6, 27 April 1984, p. 1. See also entry in Australian Dictionary of Biography.*

## Alison Crook AO, HonDUniv, BA(Hons), DipEd, DipLib, MBA, FAICD, FAIM, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1993
- Officer of the Order of Australia 1993

Alison Crook has made a distinguished contribution to the profession of librarianship since 1976, when she was appointed lecturer, Resource Centre, in the South Australian Department of TAFE with responsibilities for College resource Centres at the Flinders Street Technical College and the Adelaide College of Further Education. Subsequently, from December 1979 to May 1982 she was principal librarian of the North Brisbane College of Advanced Education responsible for the management of the College Resource Centre. From June 1982 to December 1987 Alison was deputy state librarian in the State Library of New South Wales. Her major achievements in this position related to the internal management of the state library, including the preparation of a strategic plan, the implementation of automation, a strong emphasis on staff development and training and more effective organisational structures.

Alison was appointed as state librarian of New South Wales in September 1987, and has made an outstanding contribution to the State Library of New South Wales' development since that time. In leading the State Library, Alison has displayed outstanding vision and management skills. Her achievements have included the dynamic high profile range of public program activities, the establishment of a series of specialised business enterprises marketing carefully



designed services to raise additional funds to supplement government sources, the establishment of a Foundation that has raised over five million dollars in five years, the introduction of new services targeting specific groups, with a particular commitment to library services for people with disabilities, the use of technological innovations, and an emphasis on 'best practice' with improved workflows and greater productivity. The State Library of New South Wales has in the last five years built a very high profile as a public institution, and Alison has capitalised skillfully on the opportunities provided by the new Macquarie Street Wing of the library, and the remodeled Mitchell Wing opened in 1988.

Two aspects of these achievements need particular note. The first is that they have required the concurrence, co-operation, support and effort of her staff. Refocusing a major public sector bureaucracy is a difficult enterprise, and in this respect, the commitment gained from her staff demonstrates the strength of her vision and her outstanding leadership skills. The second is that, in very difficult economic and political circumstances, the State Library has generated considerable revenue from business activities and fund raising initiatives, while at the same time skillfully preserving the Library's basic commitment to free public access.

Alison has also made a major and sustained impact on national professional development during her career. She has given considerable service to ALIA, including positions as a Branch Councillor, Queensland General Councillor in 1982 and as vice-president and president of the South Australian Branch in 1978-79 and the New South Wales Branch in 1985-86. Alison has made a major contribution to the work of the Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS), as vice-president of the National Council from 1988-90, president from 1990-92 and NSW representative from 1988-93. She was also active in the work of ACLIS' predecessor, AACOBS, the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services. Her leadership in ACLIS has included a strong commitment to implementing the outcomes of the Australian Libraries Summit of 1988, and in particular the development and implementation of the concept of the Distributed National Collection.

Australian librarianship benefits when its senior practitioners in addition to meeting their professional responsibilities involve themselves in wider community activities, and Alison has done so extensively in recent years. She is one of the most senior women in the NSW government and is the current president of the NSW Division of the Royal Australian Institute of Public Administration. She is a director of Open Learning Technology Corporation and the Open Learning Agency of Australia. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Western Sydney. Her achievements have been recognised through the ALIA Library Manager of the Year Award in 1988, the Achievement award for outstanding achievement since graduation of the South Australian Institute of Technology Graduates Association in 1989, the Business Leader of the Year (Professions) in the Business Review Weekly/Alcatel Award for 1991, and the Bulletin/Qantas Businesswoman of the Year for 1993.

Alison is well regarded as a public speaker both within the library and information sector and the wider community. She has also written articles that are both provocative and visionary. She is an innovator in organisational change in libraries, constantly emphasising the need to respond to environmental changes and focusing on the centrality of clients in service development. As an energetic and inspiring leader in the re-positioning of libraries and in stressing the value of information for the economic and cultural growth of Australia, Alison Crook is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

**Dr Kenneth Cunningham** MA, DipEd, PhD, FACE, FBPsS, HonFAIM (1890-1976)

- Honorary Member 1941



## Obituary

The death on 27 June this year of Dr Kenneth Stewart Cunningham, MA, DipEd, PhD (Columbia), Hon FAPS, Hon FACE, Hon FAIM, Hon Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia, Director Australian Council for Educational Research 1930-54; UNESCO Consultant to Ministry of Education Indonesia 1955-57, should not go unrecorded by librarians. For not only did Dr Cunningham make a most distinguished and lengthy contribution to the development and understanding of education in Australia, but he was one of that small but remarkable group of Australians outside the library profession who made a decided impact on the development of Australian libraries and librarianship.

Dr Cunningham spent most of his working life as Director (at first termed Executive Officer) of the Australian Council for Educational Research. The Foundation Honorary President of this organisation was the remarkable Frank Tate and it was Tate and Cunningham, with a vision of education which included the provision of libraries, who established the close association with the Carnegie Corporation of New York which had among its most fruitful results the funding of the Munn-Pitt Survey and Report of 1934-35.

After this historic Report, ACER continued its close support of Libraries and was one of the parties associated with the visit of L R McColvin to Australia. McColvin examined public library provision in Australia in 1947 and his subsequent Report, published for ACER, was another major milestone. The direct supportive role of ACER ended in 1950 when it handed to the Library Association of Australia £1125, the balance remaining of a special Carnegie Grant it had gained to assist library provision.

In 1961 Dr Cunningham published *The Council for Educational Research and Library Services in Australia*, a 31-page pamphlet which is of fundamental importance to the history of Australian libraries.

Cunningham the man has been best and most justly described in the words of Frank Tate himself. In his introduction to Cunningham's *Educational Observations and Reflections* (1934) Tate wrote that Cunningham 'had just those qualities of mind likely to garner the maximum of good from such experiences as we had – the mind hospitable to new ideas and singularly deficient in national prejudices; not easily carried away by cheap enthusiasms, but always cautious and critical; prepared to test and try every new experience by its suitability within its own environment, and, accordingly, to make just comparisons between what he saw amid new surroundings and what he was accustomed to meet'.

It is with pleasure that we can record that the Association recognised its debt to Dr Cunningham during his lifetime. In 1941 he was made an Honorary member, the third such honour to be awarded. His name remains in the records of the Association as one of only seven so honoured from 1938 to date.

All members of the Association extend to his daughter, Lesley, and his son, Kenneth, our regret at the passing of their father and our gratitude for the historic role he played in the development of our libraries.

*Barrett Reid, Australian Library Journal October 1975, p 349. Also see entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.*

## Merlie Cuzens BA, ALA, FLAA (1921-2013)

- ALIA Fellowship 1973

### Fellowship citation



Merlie Ivy Cuzens graduated Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne after serving in His Majesty's Forces in World War II. She completed the Registration Examination in 1961 and has been a professional member of the Association for eleven years.

Her working life as a librarian has been spent in Commonwealth Government Department libraries. After working in the medical library of the Repatriation General Hospital at Heidelberg and the libraries of the Departments of the Air and Defence, she was appointed in charge of the Repatriation Department Library Service, and subsequently of the Engineering Library Service, Australian Post Office.

The Board of Examiners has looked carefully at the evidence presented to it and is satisfied that Miss Cuzens fully merits the distinction of a Fellowship.

Miss Cuzens has for many years been one of the most active members of the Special Libraries Section. She has been both President and Secretary of the Section and also convener and a committee member of the Victorian Division. In 1965 she was convener of the co-ordinating committee of the Section which conducted the Costello course on co-ordinate indexing, and she has been heavily involved in the organization of several other successful courses conducted by the Section, including the seminar on on-line libraries, which was presented earlier this year by the IBM Advanced Systems Development Division, Los Gatos, California. These courses have undoubtedly been one of the most seminal influences in Australian librarianship during the last ten years.

In addition to her work for continuing education, Miss Cuzens delivered lectures in special library administration to Registration students in Victoria for a number of years and has acted as senior associate examiner in this subject for the Association. She was a member of the Victorian Branch committee which was largely responsible for securing the establishment of the Library Technician Course at the Whitehorse Technical College, Melbourne, the first course of its kind in Australia, and since 1972 she has been a member of the Commonwealth Public Service Workshop on training for assistant library officers.

As senior librarian in the Engineering Library Service, Australian Post Office, Miss Cuzens was responsible for introducing one of the first manual SDI systems in Australia. Her work with the Department has also involved an investigation into the requirements for a library service for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and the preparation of a detailed procedure manual to guide its development.

Miss Cuzens has been actively concerned to improve the status and salaries of Commonwealth librarians. She was responsible for the formation of the Librarians' Group of the Professional Officers' Association in 1962, and was its convener for a number of years. She worked on the first case for Commonwealth librarians to go before the Commonwealth Arbitrator, and she has acted for librarians on a number of occasions in negotiations between the POA and the Public Service Board.

Miss Cuzens has been a member of the Association and Victorian Branch Committees on Standards and Status. She has served as a special librarian on AACOBS and on the Victorian Book Resources Committee since 1967, and is a member of the Australian National Committee of the FID. Miss Cuzens has always been keenly interested in new developments in librarianship, and has travelled overseas on a number of occasions to further her knowledge.

Her influence has not been confined to the field of librarianship. She has published relatively little, but articles by her have appeared in journals concerned with public administration and telecommunications as well as librarianship. She is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, Victorian Regional Group, and not only has her participation in Institute activities given Victorian administrators a better understanding of librarianship, but she has encouraged a number of other librarians to join her as members of the Institute.



In the opinion of the Board of Examiners, Merlie Ivy Cuzens, Bachelor of Arts, Associate of the Library Association of Australia, has made a distinguished contribution to the profession of librarianship in Australia through the scope of her activities and the initiative and energy with which she has pursued them, and the Board recommends without dissent that she be invited to accept the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia.

*Margaret Ramsay, Chairman, Board of Examiners, August 1973, from the Australian Library Journal, October 1973, pp 377-378.*

## Dr Kate Davis BA, GDipLib&InSt, PhD

- Metcalfe Award 2008

### Metcalfe Award citation

Kate Davis is an outstanding candidate for the Metcalfe Award. She has contributed to the profession through her work in national and public libraries, and has supported her new generation/graduate colleagues through her very active participation in newgen groups, her support of the New Librarians Symposium, and through personal support to her colleagues. She is currently chair of the ALIA New Generation Advisory Group (NGAC) which provides advice to the ALIA Board of Directors. Her national contribution, through the work she has undertaken on the Instant Messaging trial in AskNow, has demonstrated Kate's ability to work with a widely distributed team, to inspire and enthuse, and, just as importantly, to share with all Australia library staff the outcomes of the trial.

Since graduating, Kate has been an active library information professional, and an active member of ALIA. Although Kate has worked for Gold Coast City Council Library services for less than two years, her contribution to the branch has already been considerable. As Electronic Services librarian, Kate leads a team, drawing on staff from a large distributed network, to deliver a vast range of electronic services to almost 500 000 residents across the city. Within three years of graduating, Kate was appointed to a strategic library role that has significantly more responsibility than many graduates would achieve within their first ten years. This, in Gen Y terms, is a true indicator of ability, beyond awards and professional publications.

It is in activities embracing new technologies that Kate is most enterprising. She is quick to see the potential of new developments in information technology and demonstrates her initiative by quickly working out what is necessary to make the most of them, then actively seeking to acquire relevant skills when she discovers a gap in her knowledge. Her impact stands out from that of others similarly skilled in that she actively brings both staff and clients along to share her enthusiasm, and makes herself available as a willing mentor for others.

In 2006-2007, Kate made a unique and significant contribution to the development of virtual reference in Australia through her management of the Instant Messaging trial. With a team at the National Library, she researched and developed first a feasibility paper, then a proposal for a trial service. She then took on the management of the AskNow Instant Messaging service. She introduced a world first in trialling IM across multiple libraries and operators. Kate evaluated and reported on the project in an article in *The Australian Library Journal* and a presentation to VALA in 2008, as well as reports for library management.

Her demonstration of all that is best in modern librarianship and conveyance of the importance of service delivery and innovation to all she meets is to be commended. She shows personal commitment to developing innovative and inclusive services and sets a model to which we should all aspire.



## Ron Davis

- President 1985

Ron Davis was involved with Western Australian Branch and served on Branch Council for over ten years before being elected president in 1985. Davis' concerns encompassed the special needs of librarians living in more remote areas who could not easily participate in LAA activities.

'Why would anyone being of sound mind, wish to devote three years of their life to the national Vice President, President and Past President cycle. Cynics will conclude that people seek the office because it will add a certain lustre to their curriculum vitae. Others argue that those who seek to be the centre of attention will be happy to accept nomination.

'There is no doubt that the three-year cycle is very demanding of one's time and energy. And regrettably, there are few librarians who are willing to make the sacrifice. Both the scarcity of applicants for high office and the very low voting patterns are a sad reflection on our profession.

'I would encourage any librarian who is not daunted by the prospect of public speaking and as communicators we should not be daunted by that prospect - to give very serious consideration to standing for national office, preferably after considerable exposure at Branch or Section level. I certainly found my period of national office with the LAA to be stimulating and demanding. It gave me the opportunity to participate at the highest level of policy making, contributing to the future direction of the Association. However, at the end of my three-year cycle in December 1986, I retired with a mixture of relief and satisfaction. Relieved, that I would no longer have to devote such a large amount of time attending meetings in distant capital cities, yet satisfied with my contribution to what I considered to be important developments within the LAA.

'During that period the LAA had gone through a Corporate Review, and had accepted the restructuring proposal in the review. During my office we had also come to grips with the escalating cost of membership, dramatically reduced membership fees and reversed the perception, that some members of the profession had, that the cost of membership was too high. My experience as Vice-President, President and Past President of the LAA was a rewarding one. Along with a very able group of colleagues, an impact was made on the future development of the Association. Contacts were made and two successful biennial conferences were held.

'It is easy to complain about your professional association. It is not so easy to make a commitment to seek to change the LAA. But if you are prepared to make that commitment, the rewards are tangible.'

*INCITE January 1997 p9 and INCITE Volume 9, no. 16, 23 Sept 1988, p. 6.*

## Peter Dawe BA, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1984
- ALIA President 1987

Special Librarian Peter Dawe began his library career in the State Library of South Australia. For ten years, from 1958, he was librarian of the Division of Soils of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), beginning an association that was to dominate his career. In 1985 he was appointed Acting Manager of CSIRO's Information Resources Unit.





Dawe was deeply-involved in the introduction of automation to library systems, his interest and expertise leading to him being the inaugural Assistant Examiner in Data Processing for Information Retrieval for the Library Association of Australia. For his distinguished service over a wide range of activities in librarianship he was made a Fellow of the Library Association of Australia in 1984.

*INCITE January 1997 p9.*

#### Fellowship citation

Peter Dawe has played an active role in the Association since 1959 when he became president of the South Australian Branch. From 1964 to 1966 he was president and councilor of the Special Libraries Section; associate examiner, Data Processing and Information Retrieval, 1969; and committee member, Information Science Section, Victorian Group, 1978. His latest position is that of convener, Working Party on Document Delivery in Australia, a group that was established by General Council in 1983.

Peter Dawe has been at the forefront of the change in the role of the professional librarian from custodian to active purveyor of information, particularly through the application of technology. It is significant that he was chosen as one of the two Associate Examiners for the inaugural Registration Examination paper in Data Processing and Information Retrieval in 1969. Similarly, he was the first convener of the AACOBS Working Party on Systems and Communications in 1973 and is still a member of that group.

His contributions to AACOBS on the Victorian Regional Committee, as a participant in the full council and on the Standing Committee have always been practical and farsighted. His interest in the future of the profession is evidenced by his service on course advisory committees associated with RMIT, Ballarat CAE, Canberra Technical College and on the Program Development Committee for the International Training Course for Librarians in 1976/77.

At the international level he has been secretary of the Australian National Committee of the International Federation for Documentation (FID) since 1971, was secretary of the FID Commission for Asia and Oceania from 1973-76 and has represented Australia at the General Assemblies of that body several times. His personality and co-operative spirit have impressed themselves on our Asian and Pacific colleagues.

Another area in which he excels is in encouraging and facilitating co-operation between libraries and ensuring that scarce resources are not wasted in duplication of effort. Almost his first act when taking over as chief librarian of CSIRO was to persuade the executive of the Organisation of the importance of bringing *Scientific Serials in Australian Libraries* up to date, which was achieved in 1975/76. He has been a most active participant in the CSIRO/NLA Joint Consultative Committee which meets regularly to plan complementary activities of the two bodies. As a result of his paper at the National Interlending Conference in 1983 he was chosen as the convener of the Working Party on Document Delivery in Australia, the report of which was presented at the LAA Conference in August.

At a time when the profession is undergoing massive change Peter Dawe is seen as an encourager and facilitator as well as a leader among his colleagues. The Library Association of Australia believes that Peter Dawe's contribution to librarianship makes him a most worthy recipient of the award of Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia.

*Note: Peter Dawe's obituary was published in inCite vol. 13, no. 10, 12 October 1992, p. 17.*



## Ainslie Dewe BSc, Grad Dip (Arts Admin), DipNZLS, FNZLIA, MCLIP, AALIA, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2010

### Fellowship citation

The Board of Directors may confer the distinction of Fellow on a member who, in the opinion of the Board, has reached an exceptionally high standard of proficiency in library and information science and has made a distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. The Board of Directors welcomes Ainslie Dewe to an elite group of distinguished members of the profession.

Ainslie Dewe is University Librarian at La Trobe University, in Melbourne. Prior to taking up this appointment in 2008, Ainslie was University Librarian and Director of Knowledge Management at Auckland University of Technology from 2002 and 2008 and was Director, RMIT University Library, also in Melbourne, from 1997 to 2002.

Ainslie has been a member of Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) from 1997-2002 and from 2008 to date. Ainslie was a member of the CAUL Statistics Focus Group from 1997-2002 and chaired it from 1999-2001. As Chair, Ainslie worked to enable the collection of accurate, relevant and authoritative data to inform the management of Australian and New Zealand University libraries, and she promoted methodology for valuing the economic costs and benefits of libraries, developed with Coopers and Lybrand. Since her return to Australia in 2008 Ainslie has been a member of the CAUL Executive Committee, and is currently the Deputy President. Additionally, Ainslie is a member of the CAUL Library Staff Development Conference 2010 Committee. This two day conference aims to raise awareness of the major issues affecting the higher education sector and the implications for university libraries. It also provides an excellent opportunity for delegates to exchange experiences and develop a national network of colleagues.

Ainslie was a significant contributor to CAUL's submission to DEEWR's inquiry into An Indicator Framework for Higher Education Performance Funding in 2010. Ainslie represented CAUL at the Productivity Commission roundtable on parallel important of books in April 2009. She represented CAUL at a committee hearing of the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs in 2001, as well as at The Inaugural Tertiary Education Associations Forum in 2009 (8/10/09) and at Exploring Educational Possibilities: Emerging Technologies and the National Broadband in 2009.

Ainslie was the Convenor of Librarians of the Australian Technology Network (LATN) from 1998-2000, during which time she led strategic planning sessions and development of action plan. She was a Board member of CAVAL (Cooperative Action by Victorian Academic Libraries) Ltd from 1997-2002.

Ainslie has presented papers at a workshop in Hanoi aimed at collaborative decisions on library standards for the Vietnamese Ministries of Education and Training, Culture and Information, and Science, Technology and the Environment (2001) and has prepared and presented the submission from the Council of Australian University Librarians to the Australian Senate Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee on "The capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs" (2001).

Ainslie has represented Australia and New Zealand on the IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries) Board since 2006. She is the current President. In 2008 she was the convenor of the IATUL Conference 'Digital discovery; strategies and solutions' held at Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand.



Ainslie's contributions have been recognised in New Zealand through the awarding of a LIANZA Fellowship. In 2007 Ainslie was appointed as the Inaugural Chair of the Kiwi Research Information Service (KRIS) Governance Group. KRIS is a gateway to open-access New Zealand research documents.

From 2003-2006 Ainslie was the Inaugural Chair of the New Zealand Library and Information Advisory Commission, LIAC is an advisory body reporting to Minister Responsible for the National Library on the role of library and information services, including Mātauranga Māori, in the social, cultural and economic life of Aotearoa New Zealand. Ainslie was a Director on the LCoNZ (Library Consortium of New Zealand) Ltd Board from 2004-2008, when she returned to Australia.

Ainslie was a New Zealand Vice Chancellors' nominee member of the New Zealand Tertiary (e)Learning Reference Group (Ministry of Education) from 2004-2007. Ainslie was a member of the Committee of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL) from 1988-1997 and again in 2002, and was Convenor from 1996-1997. From 1992-1997 Ainslie was a member of the New Zealand Vice Chancellors' Committee Standing Committee on Copyright.

Ainslie was the president of the New Zealand Library and Information Association (NZLIA) from 1994-1995, during which time she was a member of the Vision Group for national strategic planning process "to improve the effectiveness of information use by New Zealanders for learning and prosperity", and she chaired the Project team for Te Ara Tika - research into Maori information needs. Her Presidency coincided with the NZLIA/ALIA Joint Conference held in Wellington in 1994.

In awarding the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association on Ainslie Dewe, the Association recognises the significant and valuable contribution Ainslie has made to the library and information services profession in Australia, and also abroad, and her dedication to the aims of the Association.

## Betty Doubleday FLAA, OBE(C), MA (1913-1976)

- Fellowship 1964
- President 1962-1963

### Obituary

Betty CL Doubleday, OBE, MA, FLAA, Chief Librarian of CSIRO from 1954-1973, died suddenly at her home in Melbourne on 7 December, 1976, after a short illness.

Miss Doubleday was widely known throughout the library and information community and not only played a major part in building the organisation's library and information network but also made a significant contribution to the development of library services in this country.

Within CSIRO, Betty Doubleday's contribution to Australian bibliography was noteworthy, with the initiation, for example, of the regular publication of *Australian Science Index*, *CSIRO Abstracts*, the directories *Scientific and Technical Research Centres* and *Australian Scientific Societies and Professional Associations* and, importantly, the conception of the loose-leaf successor to Pitt's Catalogue - *Scientific Serials in Australian Libraries*. Numerous subject bibliographies were also conceived or continued under her guidance.

She also made a significant contribution to the profession of librarianship in Australia. She served on the Standing Committee of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services from its formation in 1956 until her retirement, and also in a number of official capacities in the Library Association of Australia, of which she was President for 1962-63. Her



advice on library and related matters was widely sought and her services much in demand by the Australian government and other bodies. In 1959, she undertook a comprehensive survey of all Government departmental libraries and, again in 1965, as a member of a Working Party of the Public Service Board, the National Library, and CSIRO, played a major role in redefining library qualifications and salaries in the government sector.

As a woman holding relatively high office in a predominantly male-dominated society, her path was not always an easy one. However, with an incisive mind and articulate voice and a determination for maximum achievement, she made a contribution to CSIRO and the Australian community which was fittingly recognized in the honour of the OBE, which was conferred on her in 1972.

Miss Doubleday's funeral service, held at St John's Church of England, Toorak, on Thursday, 9 December, was attended by a large gathering of friends and former colleagues. The many tributes included flowers from those organisations with which she had been most closely associated and provided testimony not only to the esteem in which Betty Doubleday was held but also the contribution which she has made to her profession.

*The Australian Library Journal, March 1977, p. 40.*

## Russell Doust BA, MLib, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship

Doust, Russell Fletcher BA, M Lib, DALIA. Retired. Born 19 September 1927 Lindfield NSW, son of Harold Stephen and Dorothy Annie (Fletcher) Doust, married Margot Jamieson, 1 daughter, 2 sons. Education: Sydney Boys High School, University of Sydney BA 1948, Registration Exam 1953, M Lib. Positions: Public Library of NSW Sydney 1944-49, Newcastle Teachers College NSW librarian 1950-51, Balmain Teachers College NSW librarian 1952-58, Alexander Mackie teachers College Sydney librarian 1958-60, Public Library of NSW Sydney Circulation deputy to extension librarian 1960-62, senior archivist 1962-70, deputy principal librarian 1970-73, State Library of NSW state librarian 1973-87, retired 1987. Membership: ALIA fellow (general secretary 1963-65, general treasurer 1966-67, NSW Branch secretary 1961).

*From Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, p 6.*

## Professor Walter Duncan (1903-1987)

- ALIA President 1961

Academic, adult educator and library activist, Duncan was born and educated in Sydney, graduating MA from the University of Sydney in 1926, before spending four years at the University of London, where he secured his PhD in 1930, and two years at American universities, working mainly on population problems and immigration. In 1932 he became Assistant Director of Tutorial Classes in the University of Sydney, in 1934 Acting Director and Lecturer in Economic History, and Director 1935. In 1950 he secured the Chair of History and Political Science at the University of Adelaide, retiring in 1968. From 1958 to 1968 he was the chairman of the University's Board of Adult Education and he remained a member of the Board after his retirement.

An eminently readable scholar, Duncan published widely on economics, education, foreign policy and immigration but, ironically enough, may well be remembered best for his 1944 landmark report on Adult Education in Australia, the far-sighted recommendations of which were not taken up by the Commonwealth Government which had commissioned it.



Firmly committed to libraries for the people, Duncan was a very active lay president of the South Australian Branch of the Library Association of Australia (LAA (q.v.)), in which capacity he scathingly criticized, publicly, the lack of provision of public library service in South Australia. His term as President of the LAA in 1960 was highlighted by his passionate defence of freedom to read in the form of a presidential address entitled 'A Librarian's First Loyalty'.

*Walter George Keith Duncan from Bryan, Harrison (Ed). (1988). Australia's library, information and archives services – an encyclopaedia of practice and practitioners, vol. 1, p. 204. Also see entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.*

## John Dwight BCom (Melb)

- Redmond Barry Award 2004

### Redmond Barry Award citation

John Dwight, executive chair of DA, has been a leader in enhancing the library and information services sector in Australia, and promoting the Australian library sector in the international arena for the past twenty years.

John Dwight joined DA in 1985. Through his work and activities with DA, John has done much to ensure that the Australian library profession operates at the forefront of international developments. He has encouraged the adoption of technological advances, promoted new products, and negotiated attractive consortial arrangements for the benefit of Australian libraries. DA have shown a creative support for the Australian library and information industry beyond the norm generally associated with commercial suppliers. Through DA, he has worked with major library and information organisations, such as the Council of Australian University Libraries and the Group of Eight libraries, and the company is a long-standing supporter of the sector, and ALIA, through participation in conferences and trade exhibitions. The company has an outstanding reputation for excellence with the Australian library community.

John has an excellent understanding of the needs of Australian libraries and has provided these insights to the publishers and organisations DA represents. He actively seeks advice from his customers, facilitates contact between publishers and librarians, and willingly shares his experience and expertise. The financial and intellectual support given by John and DA has encouraged discussion and collaboration between libraries both within Australia and overseas.

With a passion for providing a complete service to the library industry, John has led the transformation of DA into a full service provider for its Australian and New Zealand customers. He has built a very strong team at DA - they take time to listen to the views of customers, and like John, their conduct is professional.

John's enlightened management philosophies and his leadership qualities are much admired. He has embraced the Young Presidents' Organisation's slogan 'Better leaders through education and ideas exchange', and encourages his staff to fully participate in the profession through the exchange of ideas and sharing of their experience.

John Dwight has been personally involved in working with significant library organisations to develop their reach into and relationships with international bodies such as OCLC and the British Library. He was instrumental in liaising with senior management of OCLC to set up the OCLC Australia Advisory Committee. Together with the committee, he worked to ensure that not only were leading members of OCLC able to attend meetings, but that the committee was able to provide policy input which benefited the entire library community.



Through his support of the library and information profession, at an individual and a collective level, John Dwight has shown himself to be a most worthy candidate for the Redmond Barry award. It is the combination of a willingness to invest, without obvious financial return, in the development of the Australian library and information sector and the professional interaction with members of ALIA that has allowed DA to become an integral part, beyond the commercial settings, of Australia's library and information sector.

John is a very genuine and caring friend to many in the library profession. He has supported the activities of ALIA for many years and encouraged others to do so as well. His work has been exemplary and his wide knowledge and extensive experience have sharpened both bibliographical practices and efficient operations within libraries.

The Redmond Barry Award is the association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an individual not eligible for associate membership. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to or promotion of library and information services, or the practice of library and information science. John Dwight's outstanding contribution to the library and information services sector, make him a most worthy recipient of the ALIA Redmond Barry Award.

## James Dwyer BA, FACE, FLAA

- LAA Fellow 1982
- ALIA President 1981
- HCL Anderson Award 1976

### HCL Anderson Award citation

Mr Jim Dwyer is well known for his extensive contribution to the field of school librarianship and in particular for his expertise in the areas of joint libraries and networking in school libraries. His involvement with schools began as a teacher in Melbourne, Hobart and Perth. He later worked as a librarian in the National Library and the Canberra Public Library Service, reaching the position of Deputy Public Librarian and Acting Public Librarian.

In 1964 he was appointed to the position of supervisor of the School Libraries Branch of the South Australian Department of Education. Under his guidance the school community library movement has flourished in South Australia.

Mr Dwyer has travelled extensively overseas to develop his expertise at an international level. He has contributed to many seminars and journals on the subject of school librarianship. In 1978 the Schools Commission invited him to undertake a three-month survey of Australian school/community libraries. In 1981 he became a member of the Joint Use Libraries Evaluation Committee established by the South Australian Departments of Education and Local Government and was largely responsible for the report produced by this committee. In late 1981 he became a member of the National Joint Use Libraries Review Committee established by the Schools Commission.

Mr Dwyer was appointed to the South Australian Library Advisory Committee in 1983 as the nominee of the Minister for Education. Since 1984 he has been a member of the Board of Directors of ASCIS (the national schools automated cataloguing service) first as Deputy Chairman and later as Chairman. Thanks, in part, to his enthusiasm and perseverance, ASCIS is now fully functional with membership in every state. In 1985 he became inaugural Convener of the Department of Education's Library Resource Curriculum Committee.



As organiser in South Australia of the Association's 50th birthday celebrations, Jim Dwyer has continued his long-standing involvement with the LAA. He was inaugural President of the South Australian Group of the School Libraries Section in 1966-67 and President of the Association in 1981. In 1982 he was made a Fellow of the LAA.

*INCITE* Volume. 8, no. 10, 19 June 1976, p. 1.

## Vicki Edmunds Grad Dip Lib and Info Science, BA (Honours), AALIA (CP)

- ALIA President 2021-2023

Statement 2021: Vicki started working in libraries in 1988 while still studying Ancient History, Archaeology and Art History and Theory at Sydney University. On graduating, she completed a Graduate Diploma of Library & Information with Charles Sturt University. Vicki has worked in Public Libraries in Sydney, University Libraries and Special Libraries. Highlights included working with the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) in the Library & Research area (1994-2001) and in the Natural History Museum Library in London (1993). Public Libraries are Vicki's passion and she now works with Blue Mountains City Council as Manager, Community, Library & Customer Services. Vicki believes in the access and inclusion principles that underpin library values.

## Averill Edwards (1939-2016)

- ALIA President 1989

Averill was President of the ACT Branch, a stalwart ALIA member, committee member and contributor for decades, and was the AGM Parliamentarian on several occasions before her move to Sydney in 2013. Averill was also General Secretary of the Library Association of Australia from 1982 to 1985.

Averill Edwards was the first President of the Australian Library and Information Association. She oversaw the construction of the new ALIA National Office ensuring that the building reflected ALIA member requirements.

Edwards was involved with the Library Association of Australia since 1961, acting on Branch Council for many years. She was also convenor of the By-laws and Regulations Committee for three years. She saw her presidency as a time to concentrate on consolidating the foundations of the new Association.

*inCite* Jan 1997 p9. A full biography was published in *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*, 24 June, 2016.

*Her papers are held by the National Library of Australia.*

## Peter Eldershaw BA, FLAA (1927-1967)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

### Obituary

The sudden death of Peter Ross Eldershaw, Principal Archivist of the Archives Office of Tasmania, at the age of 40, has saddened his colleagues and friends in the archives and library



professions, and his many acquaintances and friends throughout Australia. Peter died on 23rd July 1967 at his home at Kingston, near Hobart.

There can be very few people who have achieved so much in such a short life time, especially in view of the very severe physical handicaps under which Peter laboured for so long. He was crippled in both legs and both arms as a result of the poliomyelitis epidemic of 1937/38, and he underwent most of his education at Wingfield House, the polio after-care hospital in Hobart; and subsequently at the University of Tasmania, which he attended in a wheeled chair. He also suffered from rheumatic fever, and this weakened his heart and, in the ultimate, was responsible for his death. Despite these disadvantages, he taught himself to walk, with the aid of calipers and a frame which he designed himself.

Peter obtained a good degree at the University of Tasmania, and was awarded honours status in history. He was a tutor in English for a while under the Commonwealth Office of Education, and in 1951 he was appointed to the staff of the Tasmanian State Archives. He soon became Assistant Archivist, and contributed a great deal towards the mammoth task of applying order, and a system of classification and description, to the documents held in the State Archives. His scholarly mind, and tremendous capacity for hard work, were applied to a task which would have daunted many people in good health. The sections of the Guide to the Public Records of Tasmania which were produced from 1957 through to 1965 were essentially his work, and represented a significant contribution to the application of archives techniques to Australian records. The Introductions to these Guides demanded painstaking work, including the thorough analysis of the records themselves, and the study of a great many other original documents and publications. No more significant compositions exist in the study of Tasmanian administrative history.

Peter was invited to accept a foundation Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia when the Association received its Royal Charter of Incorporation. He accepted this offer, which was made as a mark of the esteem in which he was held for his outstanding work as an archivist. He acted as an associate examiner in the Registration Examination, and made many important contributions to the work of the Archives Section of the Association.

In 1959 the position of Archives Officer in the Tasmanian State Archives became vacant, and early in the following year Peter was appointed to this vacancy. In the following years one of his greatest achievements was the drafting of a new Archives Act, to replace the Public Records Act of 1943, which had been found wanting. When the new Act came into force (1965) Peter became Principal Archivist of the Archives Office of Tasmania.

He shared his knowledge and experience generously. He prepared papers for delivery at three of the Association's Conferences, though he was present to read the paper at only one of these gatherings - that in Hobart in 1963. His last writing was a paper on 'Archives and the winds of change' prepared for delivery at the 14th Biennial Conference in Brisbane. It was a matter of great regret that death intervened, so that he was not able to read the paper he had written. It was read, however, by the writer of this appreciation, and it will be published in the proceedings of the Conference. Peter was active in the affairs of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association. In 1951 he was one of those who pioneered the Association, and he served as Honorary Editor from that date until his death. The Papers and Proceedings of that Association (its quarterly publication) owe more to him than to any other person, and the high standard both as to content and format is the result of his work. He was honoured with an Honorary Life Membership in the T.H.R.A. He was largely responsible for many of the Association's other publications, and the amount of detailed editorial work that he did in an honorary capacity will never be known. His ready assistance to historical research workers became a by-word throughout the history departments and schools with allied interests in the universities of Australia. It has been stated that 'scarcely a piece of historical research concerning this State [i.e. Tasmania] was undertaken or accomplished in recent years which did not owe much to Mr. Eldershaw'.





In 1966, when the decision was taken to invite an archivist to become a member of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services, the Standing Committee of A.A.C.O.B.S. invited Peter Eldershaw to be that archivist, and he accepted the invitation. His death occurred, however, almost exactly a month before he would have taken his place at an A.A.C.O.B.S. meeting for the first time.

Peter leaves a widow and three young children (Jane, Susan and Tristram). His widow, Shirley (nee Shirley Franks) is herself an M.A., and first met Peter when she was a research student doing postgraduate work for the University of Tasmania in the field of history.

The Tasmanian Historical Research Association has established a memorial fund, which it proposes to use so that some form of memorial can be instituted for Peter Eldershaw. It is possible that some significant document in Tasmania's history will be published to constitute the memorial; another possibility is the institution of a commemorative lecture. Donations to the fund can be forwarded to Dr. O. M. Roe, History Department, University of Tasmania, Box 252C, G.P.O., Hobart, 7001.

*RC Sharman, Australian Library Journal December 1967, pp. 253-254. Also see entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.*

## The Honourable Justice Rae Else-Mitchell CMG, LLB, DLitt, FRAHS

- Redmond Barry Award 1986
- Honorary Member 1986

### Redmond Barry Award citation

The LAA has awarded the Redmond Barry Award to Mr Justice Rae Else-Mitchell, Chairman of the Commonwealth Grants Commission.

Mr Justice Else-Mitchell has been awarded the Redmond Barry Award in recognition of 25 years' distinguished service to the library profession.

Mr Justice Else-Mitchell was a member of the Trustees of the Public Library on NSW from 1961-69 and a member of the subsequent Council of the Library of NSW from 1969-75 during which time he became its Deputy President. In March 1975 he was appointed as a member of the Library Council of NSW and served as its President until his resignation in 1979. He was also a member of the Archives Authority in NSW in 1974-75. Mr Justice Else-Mitchell served three terms as a member of the National Library of Australia Council from 1974-84. He was Chairman of the Council's Canberra Public Library Service Committee from 1975-81 and been Chairman of the Canberra Public Library Service Advisory Committee since that date.

Mr Justice Else-Mitchell has also had a very extensive concurrent involvement in Australian Historical Societies as President of Royal Australian Historical Society from 1970-77 and as President of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies since 1977. This expertise has been of particular value in his involvement with the affairs of the Mitchell Library and the National Library of Australia. He has been Chairman of the Commonwealth Grants Commission since October 1974.

*INCITE Volume. 7, no. 9, 6 June 1986, p. 8. Papers in the National Library of Australia.*



## Dr Frederick Exon BA, DipLib, PhD, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1996

### Fellowship citation

Dr Frederick Charles Andrew (Andy) Exon began his association with the library and information profession in Australia when, in 1980, he joined the (then) Western Australian Institute of Technology for the joint positions of Assistant Librarian and Lecturer in the School of Library and Information Studies. In 1984, Dr Exon was appointed to the position of Research and Development Librarian of the WAIT Library (now the Curtin University of Technology Library and Information Service).

Dr Exon has made a significant and sustained contribution to the theory and practice of library and information services both in Australia and internationally. His career is distinguished by his commitment to the development of library and information services and its practitioners. Andy's leadership has taken many forms: he has initiated and conducted several major research projects, initiated and organised meetings and seminars on issues related to theory and practice, participated actively in Australian and international professional associations and published widely. Moreover, he has been a generous and valued mentor of students and professional colleagues throughout his career.

Dr Exon's professional concerns have been the development of theory in library and information studies as the basis for effective practice, and the development of structures for transferring theory into practice. These concerns have driven his professional activities, research and publications and resulted in a coherent body of work from which Dr Exon's outstanding contribution internationally, and to practice in Australia, can be judged.

Dr Exon's international contribution includes his activities as a member of international associations in the field, organisation of meetings, seminars and speaking tours by leading international researchers and practitioners, and research and publication. A corollary of his beliefs in the importance of diffusing theory into practice has been Dr Exon's commitment to the sharing of knowledge about library and information services. He has been active in attending, speaking at and organising meetings, seminars and conferences. He was a co-founder of the International Meeting on Research into Information Science which has held successful meetings coinciding with the annual meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

An active member of the ALIA Western Australian Branch since 1981, Dr Exon was a member of the State Library and State Archive Legislation Working Parties, led the Branch's delegation to the State Minister for the Arts to advise on the redrafting of legislation for the State Library, and Convened a Task Force to mount a national Think Tank on Library Statistics. He contributed significantly to the 1990 ALIA Conference held in Perth in his capacity as conference secretary. An active participant, organiser and/or facilitator of ALIA continuing professional development programs, Dr Exon has played an integrating role in many of these activities. His contribution to the profession and the Association is all the more outstanding because, while contributing to ALIA, he has drawn on international sources and professional bodies.

Dr Exon's concern with the development of theory as the basis for effective practice and the development of structures for transferring theory into practice were explored in a compilation of essays by international experts which has since become a textbook in Australia and the United Kingdom. Together with an English colleague, Dr Exon founded a journal to explore the methodological crisis within information research, and a report on the most recent international conference on information research methodology has influenced subsequent research in the field. Dr Exon's research has also examined the effect of the paradigm shift within modern librarianship from passive collection-building to pro-active delivery of access to



information sources, and has included the results of the first national survey of Australian document supply traffic - significant for the innovative techniques used, including the production of a training video, and for being the first time that all Australian libraries co-operated in the gathering of data for a research project. Other studies have become a part of the received literature of library performance measurement and Dr Exon's doctoral thesis extended this work with a survey of inter-library loan clients.

The conduct of research and development, including the supervision of higher degree students, has underpinned Dr Exon's contributions to library and information studies. Dr Exon has also been engaged as a consultant on both local and national projects. Many of Dr Exon's consultancies have been undertaken on a voluntary basis, reflecting his view that the results of research and development in library and information studies should be disseminated widely. Throughout his employment at Curtin University of Technology, Dr Exon has been an active advocate for both the library and information services and for information research. His activities in these areas have helped to promote a positive image of librarians and to raise the status and awareness of the profession within the University. The energy and commitment reflected in Dr Exon's many activities is not limited to formal contribution. He has given his time generously to students and colleagues who have sought information or advice about theory and research, and acted as mentor to many Western Australian librarians who have embarked on research since 1980. His vision and method have informed applied and theoretical library and information research in Western Australia in practical ways and he is held in high regard both nationally and internationally. There is no doubt that Dr Exon has made a significant contribution to the development of library and information services in Australia and is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

## Dr Andrew Fabinyi PhD, OBE (1908-1978)

- Redmond Barry Award 1974
- Honorary Member 1974

Andrew (Andor) Fabinyi (1908-1978), publisher, was born on 27 December 1908 in Budapest, son of Imre Fabinyi, lawyer, and his wife Margit, née Nagel. Andor was educated at Minta Gymnasium and Pazmany University. After graduating, he continued his studies part time and was awarded what he described as 'the equivalent of a D. Phil' for his thesis on the psychology of aesthetics. He worked at Lauffer's Bookshop, Budapest, and in 1932 established an agency for the distribution of British books in Hungary.

An enthusiastic committee-man and the central switchboard for trade intelligence, Fabinyi was president of the Australian Book Publishers' Association in 1965-70. He chaired the Australian Book Trade Advisory Committee (1966-68) and the A.B.P.A. book export development committee (1971-1973), and served the wider book community as president of the Australian Book Fair Committee (1955-60), and of the Victorian branch (1955, 1959, 1965-1967) and public libraries division (1962) of the Library Association of Australia. In recognition of his contribution to the work of libraries, he was given the L.A.A.'s (Sir) Redmond Barry award in 1974. Fabinyi further promoted the interests of the book and the book trade through articles in newspapers and journals, and in *The Development of Australian Children's Book Publishing* (1971). He also wrote *Living in Cities* and *Social and Cultural Issues of Migration*, both published in 1970.

*Further information can be found on the Australian Dictionary of Biography.*

## Pauline Fanning MBE, ISO, BA, MA (Honoris Causa,) FLAA (1915-2012)



- Fellow

## Obituary

Pauline Dixon was born in Hobart on 18 January 1915 and educated at the Collegiate School and the University of Tasmania. In 1936, she was recruited by the Commonwealth National Library as a cataloguer and came to live in the small town of Canberra. Five years later, she married Bill Fanning, a lawyer in the Attorney-General's Department, and as a result she lost her permanent position in the Public Service. She remained in the Library as a temporary officer and only in 1967, when the marriage bar was lifted, did she regain permanency. By that time, she had achieved an almost legendary position within the National Library as the great authority on the Australian collections and as a confidant of Governors General, politicians, senior public servants, academics, journalists, writers and artists.

At the time of her retirement in 1980, she held the position of Director of the Australian National Humanities Library, one of the divisions created by George Chandler. In 1945, Pauline Fanning succeeded L.F. Fitzhardinge as the librarian in charge of the Australian collections, encompassing books and other publications, manuscripts, maps and pictures. She immediately took on the task of overseeing the gradual transfer of the collection of John Ferguson, the largest collection ever acquired by the Library, and of assisting him with the compilation of the multivolume *Bibliography of Australia*. This work was only completed in 1970, the year after Ferguson's death.

Mrs Fanning also played a central role in the acquisition of the Nan Kivell Collection, another complex and protracted acquisition. Years spent checking Ferguson entries, examining variant editions, cataloguing maps, paintings, and manuscripts, and compiling the annual publication *Australian Books* (1949-91) gave her an extraordinary knowledge of the collections and of Australian bibliography. Her general Australian knowledge was also impressive, attributable not only to wide reading but also her work for the *Australian Encyclopaedia* (1963). She was, for instance, surprisingly well-informed on the history of Australian boxing.

The original clientele of the Library were parliamentarians, some of whom, like Dame Enid Lyons, Clyde Cameron and Sir Paul Hasluck, were friends and admirers of Mrs Fanning. From the 1940s onwards academics and postgraduate students were increasingly attracted to the Library, a trend that accelerated after its permanent building was finally opened in 1968. Most of these researchers met Mrs Fanning and drew on her knowledge. J.C. Beaglehole, Manning Clark, Russel Ward, Tom Inglis Moore, A.D. Hope, Sir Keith Hancock, Bernard Smith and Dorothy Green are just a few examples of scholars who warmly acknowledged her help. Other requests for research assistance came from the upper levels of the Public Service, sometimes from powerful mandarins such as Sir Arthur Tange, Sir Frederick Wheeler and Sir John Crawford, all of whom had known Mrs Fanning since their early days in Canberra.

As collection-builders, Pauline Fanning and Sir Harold White, the National Librarian, were a formidable team. They maintained a huge correspondence and travelled widely, visiting donors, dealers and auctioneers, and they encouraged their staff and liaison officers overseas to follow up every possible lead. They were not always successful, but the great growth of the Library's collections between 1945 and 1980 was largely due to their determination, energy, diplomacy and their grand vision of an Australian national library.

White and his deputy, Cliff Burmester, were known to call her 'Paul', but to the rest of the staff she was always 'Mrs Fanning'. Some were intimidated by her reserved manner, but those who worked closely with her found her to be extremely supportive. They shared her enthusiasm for acquisition and reference work and they enjoyed her wit and humour and her stories of Kenneth Binns, White and other distant figures. Pauline Fanning remained associated with the



Library during her long retirement, as a researcher for the *Australian National Dictionary* and as a valuer for the Cultural Gifts Program. She died at her home in Canberra on 24 April 2012.

Graeme Powell, from *Australian Academic and Research Libraries* 43.3 (Sep 2012): 249-250.

## The Honourable Sir John Ferguson OBE, BA, LLB, LittD

- Honorary Member 1958

John Alexander Ferguson, Australia's foremost bibliographer, was born in Invercargill, New Zealand, on 15th December, 1882, the eldest son of the Rev. John Ferguson. The family moved to Sydney. The father, as minister of old St. Stephen's from 1894 to 1925, carried on the long tradition of outstanding Presbyterian divines: he was Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, 1909-10, and with the Rev. John Flynn one of the founders, and first chairman, of the Australian Inland Mission.

J. A. Ferguson graduated Bachelor of Arts in the University of Sydney at the age of 19 with honours in Latin and the University medal in Logic and Mental Philosophy. Logic went with law and in 1905, with a long list of prizes to his credit, he graduated Bachelor of Laws with honours. Just fifty years later the University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Letters in recognition of his outstanding record of scholarship.

In May 1905 he was admitted to the Bar where he practised in all jurisdictions but particularly in equity and constitutional law, and in industrial arbitration. His first mature published work was an article in the now defunct *Commonwealth Law Review* in November, 1905, on "A defect in our commercial law". He lectured in industrial law and became recognized as a leading figure in it, and his practice led him to appear before the High Court and the Privy Council. In May, 1936, he was appointed a justice and member of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales and remained on the Bench until his retirement in 1952.

Meanwhile, however, in the midst of a busy life that included a period from 1921 to 1936 as Procurator of the Presbyterian Church, he was developing a taste and an aptitude for bibliography, for historical research, and for the collecting of Australiana. The first volume of his *Bibliography of the New Hebrides and a history of the mission press* was published in 1917. Then over the years followed books and articles, original contributions to history and to bibliography, ranging from "George Peat and his Ferry" to "Edward Smith Hall and the Monitor"; from "The Reverend Samuel Marsden" to "Studies in Australian Bibliography" and "The Howes and their Press". These alone established his reputation, but far above them came, in 1941, the first volume of the great *Bibliography of Australia*, now with its fourth published volume bringing Australian bibliography to 1850 in something more than 6,000 entries. It remains the only work yet published that every serious historian of the period must use.

He became a Fellow of the Royal Australian Historical Society in 1927 and in 1940 crowned a second term as president of the Society by a munificent gift of the furnishing and equipment of the Society's council room in its headquarters at History House, newly acquired under his leadership. With his learning in the law and in Australiana he was appointed a trustee of the Public Library of New South Wales in October, 1935, and in the following March was elected to the Trustees' Mitchell Library Committee, becoming a member of the Standing Committee when it replaced other committees in 1953. In 1957 he was created an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

He has been an active and interested member of the Library Association of Australia since its inception and has readily given expert advice and help from his great store of learning. His collection of Australiana, great enough even in 1928 to make a substantial contribution to



the *Bibliography of Captain James Cook* contains much that is unique and more that is very rare. Much of it has already been transferred to the Commonwealth National Library.

Patient, courteous, and unassuming, he has nevertheless given a lifetime of service to Australian bibliography, to libraries, and to the Australian community, that few can hope to equal.

Ferguson, J.A. Honorary Member. *The Australian Library Journal*, vol. 8, no. 1, January 1959, pp. 33-34.

## Derek Fielding MA, ALA, FLAA

- HCL Anderson Award 1991
- ALIA Fellowship 1970

### Fellowship citation

Fred Derek Osmond Fielding was educated in Ireland, securing his Master of Arts degree from Trinity College, Dublin. He was elected to the register of the Library Association in 1951 and held a series of positions in the Sheffield City Libraries prior to taking up appointment as deputy librarian, University of Auckland in 1958.

In 1960 Mr Fielding re-emigrated to Western Australia, again to the position of deputy university librarian and, in 1965, moved to his present position of librarian, University of Queensland.

Australian librarianship owes much to Britain and a surprising amount to Britain by way of New Zealand. Mr Fielding exemplifies the good sense and the capacity for hard work that Australia has learned to expect of those who come to it after this two-stage peregrination.

Since going to Queensland Mr Fielding's energy and persuasiveness have lifted his library to second place by size among the Australian University libraries, a remarkable feat in view of the somewhat discouraging record of the University concerned, in earlier days, in relation to its library.

The Board would not regard a good, or even perhaps an outstanding, performance by a librarian of his duties as by itself grounds for recommending the Association's highest distinction. It has been impressed, however, in Mr Fielding's case, by the additional evidence that can be adduced of his quality as a librarian.

Firstly, in relation to developments in his particular specialty, Mr Fielding has displayed a flexibility of mind and a determination not to be hampered either by tradition or by the apparent size of problems. As an example, he has developed a most interesting program for computer involvement in the re-classification of his library's half a million volumes from Dewey to Library of Congress.

Mr Fielding has shown a keen interest in library administration and his *Administrative Organisations of Australian University Libraries*, while largely a compilation of material supplied by others, nevertheless occupies a unique place in the continuing record of Australian libraries in action.

In articles in the *Australian Library Journal*, in a range of reviews, and in papers published in the records of the Association's conferences, Mr Fielding's breadth of interests as well as his knowledge and vigour of expression are well demonstrated.



Second, in the affairs of the Association itself, Mr Fielding has come increasingly to the fore. He has been president of the Queensland Branch on two occasions and has represented the Branch on General Council since 1968. He is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Freedom to Read. He was a member of the Association's Committee on the Teaching of Librarianship and was chairman of the committee which organised the highly-successful Brisbane Conference in 1967.

Mr Fielding is also a member of the Standing Committee of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services and has been chairman of the Automation Committee set up by that body.

Third, with reference to the development of libraries and librarianship in Queensland, the Board has been made aware that Mr Fielding's contribution has been highly significant. In this State where, for a variety of reasons, there has been a continuing, urgent need for promotion work in the broadest sense, Mr Fielding has demonstrated determined leadership in an area only marginally related to his specialty. In public testimony, in direct negotiation with Government, and in the unremitting exercise of pressure on the responsible authorities, Mr Fielding has carried out a difficult and at times invidious task with determination and skill.

The Board of Examiners commends Fred Derek Osmond Fielding, Master of Arts, Association of the Library Association, Associate of the Library Association of Australia, to Council as an outstanding university librarian whose work in a variety of fields for the Association, for its objects, and for the improvement of his specialism constitutes a distinguished contribution to the practice of librarianship in Australia.

The Board recommends that Council invite Mr Fielding to accept the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia.

#### HCL Anderson Award citation

Fred Derek Osmond Fielding has made a major contribution to Australian librarianship since he came to the country in 1960. He took up the appointment of Deputy University Librarian in the University of Western Australia in 1960, and was appointed James Forsyth Librarian in the University of Queensland in 1965. He has filled that position with distinction for 26 years, during which the University Library has made major advances in terms of collections, buildings and services. He has been an outstanding leader to his staff in the University Library, and also quite remarkable in the consistency of all of his communications to his senior staff and his academic and administrative colleagues.

The Association and the profession gain when senior practitioners play wider and distinguished roles in their working environments, and Derek Fielding has undoubtedly done this in the University of Queensland throughout his employment. His high standing is demonstrated by his Presidency of the University of Queensland Staff Association in 1970-72 and elected membership of the Senate of the University of Queensland from 1972-1983. He also chaired the Committee appointed by the new Vice-Chancellor to review the academic structure of the University in 1980. Derek Fielding has also played a significant role as a citizen in wider Queensland affairs, and in particular as President of the Queensland Council of Civil Liberties from 1975-79.

He has also given distinguished service throughout his career in Australia to the Australian Library and Information Association, of which he was elected a Fellow in 1970. He was President of the Queensland Branch of the Association in 1968-70 and 1983-84, and sat on the General Council on several occasions. He was Chairperson of the Brisbane Biennial Conference Committee in 1967, and of the 1984 joint LAA/NZLA Conference Committee in Brisbane. His overall contribution to the development of libraries and librarianship in Queensland has also been highly significant for the last 26 years. He has displayed a deep and continued interest in



the development of the profession in areas outside his speciality, and has been a key figure in the unremitting exercise of pressure on Queensland Governments throughout those years.

Mr Fielding has also made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS), and the establishment of its successor the Australian Council of Library and Information Services (ACLIS). This included a distinguished and hard-working period as a member of the AACOBS Standing Committee in 1968-72 and from 1976 until the abolition of AACOBS in 1988. He was the last Chairman of the Standing Committee from 1984-88, and played a key role as a member of the steering committee which negotiated the abolition of AACOBS and the Australian Libraries and Information Council (ALIC) and the transfer of their responsibilities to ACLIS. He then served as its first Interim President in 1988 and as a member of its National Council from 1988-90.

Derek Fielding has also given distinguished service to Australian librarianship in broader professional spheres. Examples include his membership of the Scientific and Technological Information Services Enquiry Committee (the STISEC Report) which was established by the Council of the National Library of Australia from 1971-73 to investigate the national need for more effective scientific and technological information services in Australia. He subsequently was one of the major players in the professional debate over the need for a Australian National Information Policy, and was heavily involved in the writing of nearly all the profession's policy statements on this issue over the next decade. He was also one of the key figures in the national debate over freedom of information issues through the 1970s, and has represented the profession expertly throughout the 1980s on copyright matters. Since 1981 he has served on various committees on copyright established by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee, and has been an appointed member of the Commonwealth Government's Copyright Law Review Committee since 1983. A feature of his involvement in copyright has been his regular and lucid reports to the profession on new developments through *inCite* and other professional avenues. His other extensive writings reflect his professional concerns, and are in the main about library administration, library buildings, and censorship issues.

Derek Fielding has made a long and distinguished contribution to libraries and librarianship in Australia and to the Australian Library and Information Association. He has given many years of sustained professional leadership to his colleagues in Queensland and of commitment to his profession in Australia. The General Council of the Association considers Derek Fielding to be a most worthy recipient of its highest award, the HCL Anderson Award.

*inCite* vol. 12, no. 12, 12 August 1991, p.5. Also, *Derek Fielding special issue of Australian Academic and Research Libraries - vol 31, issue 3, 2000.*

## Beatrice Fincher BA, BEd, ARMIT, FALIA (1924-2016)

- ALIA Fellowship 1989

Fincher, Beatrice Margaret (Shady). BA, BEd, ARMIT ALAA. Senior lecturer in librarianship Melbourne CAE. Born 8 June 1924 Hamilton Victoria; daughter of James Rayner and Beatrice Annie Hartnoll (Parker) Shady, married Roy Fincher, 2 daughters. Educated at MacRobertson Girls High School Melbourne, University of Melbourne BA 1948, B Ed 1975, RMIT ARMIT. Positions Melbourne State College lecturer in librarianship 1970-73; present 1974-; Membership LAA associate, Victoria Branch president 1982, Schools section president 1976-81, AFUW Victoria president 1977, scholarship secretary 1970. Honours: Queens Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal. Special interest in collection development, school libraries.

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. *Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians*, p. 73.





## Laurence Fitzhardinge MA, BLit, FLAA (1908-1993)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Laurence Frederic (Laurie) Fitzhardinge. the author of a monumental two-volume biography of Prime Minister William Morris (Billy) Hughes, and a much admired teacher and bibliophile, died on Sunday in Queanbeyan Hospital of heart failure, aged 85.

Mr Fitzhardinge was born on July 6, 1908, at Chatswood, and was educated at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, the University of Sydney (BA with Honours in Greek and Latin) and New College, Oxford (BA with Honours in Classics 1932, B. Litt 1933. MA 1937).

When he returned to Australia from Oxford in 1934, he was appointed research officer in charge of the Australian collections at the National Library, then still part of the Parliamentary Library, where he educated himself in Australian history and librarianship.

*Excerpt from the Obituaries Australia website.*

## Allan Fleming CBE OBE mil (1912-2001)

- Honorary Member 1994
- Ellinor Archer Award 1989

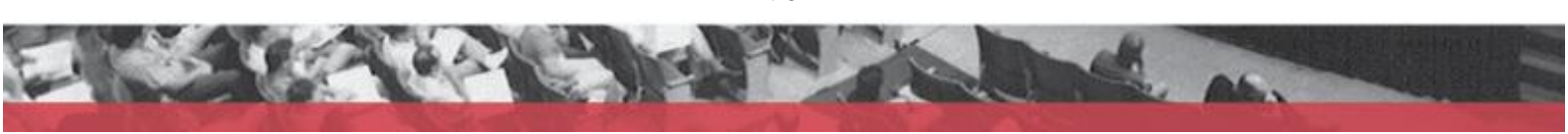
### Obituary

As a soldier journalist and senior Commonwealth public servant, Allan Fleming had a long, distinguished and exceptionally varied career, marked at times by high romanticism. In all that he undertook, he showed initiative, creativity, ability to adapt readily to new situations and relate well to people.

Entering the Public Service through the Defence Department, Fleming played a significant part in the formative stages of Australia's post-war military-intelligence agencies as director of the Joint Intelligence Bureau, Controller of Joint Intelligence, later becoming an assistant secretary, then Controller of Joint Service Organisations. Later he held senior positions in the Department of Trade and Industry before becoming Parliamentary Librarian and later National Librarian. At the behest of Sir Peter Lawler, as Secretary of the Department of Administrative Services, he came out of retirement in 1976 to spend two years as Commonwealth Government VIP Security Coordinator, his last public-service appointment.

However, Fleming, who has died in Melbourne from lung cancer aged 88, is probably best remembered in his role as National Librarian, where he succeeded the long-serving Sir Harold White. The task confronting him was not an easy one, particularly as he was not a librarian. Interestingly, it was Sir Harold White who had recruited him for the parliamentary job. It was a time of change in library practice, as computer technology was introduced. He set about producing a national information policy oriented towards user needs. He built up staff with the expertise needed to integrate all areas of information and make it available to users as speedily as possible. And in seeking to extend the library's scope beyond the humanities and social sciences, he sought to make information on science and technology available to users. He was not averse to seeking the cooperation of outside bodies.

The library entered a major development phase with his appointment of Alec Bolton, from Angus and Robertson, to establish a publishing section; the acquisition of a major music collection and, in the film area, copies of the Cinesound-Movietone collection, now a prized item in ScreenSound Australia's holdings.



The emphasis he put on the dissemination of information at the National Library was a natural progression from what he had put in train as Parliamentary Librarian. There he had consolidated and expanded the research service. As well as generally building up staff, he encouraged the development of the current information section.

Born in Melbourne on 5 March 1912, Fleming was educated at Lee Street State School, North Carlton, Scotch College and Melbourne University, where, among other things, he edited *Farrago*, the student newspaper, and from where he graduated with an arts degree. At university he helped support himself as a teacher-in-training and housemaster at Scotch. There he met his future wife, Margaret, a nursing sister, whom he married in 1940.

He abandoned the prospect of a teaching career to become a cadet reporter on the now-defunct Melbourne *Argus*. Approached by the Herald company in Melbourne, he went to the *Courier-Mail*, Brisbane, where he became assistant editor of the *Sunday Mail*, and wrote editorials and a daily column for the *Courier-Mail*.

Enlisting in the AIF as a private in 1939, he saw service in North Africa, Greece, New Guinea and the South West Pacific. He rose to lieutenant colonel, and, after various intelligence appointments, finished the war as air liaison officer Advanced Land Head quarters. He was made an OBE and twice mentioned in dispatches.

Though he had no specific training for most of his jobs, he left none of them without having made a significant contribution. This was recognised when he was appointed CBE in 1979. After his retirement he lived in Melbourne with his wife, Margaret, who died in 1999. His daughter, Alannah, and two grandsons survive him.

*Extracted from an obituary by John Farquharson in The Canberra Times, 26 January 2001. Also see Obituaries Australia, inCite vol. 22, March 2001, p26.*

#### Ellinor Archer Award citation

Allan Fleming occupied the highest position in Australian librarianship as Director-General of the National Library of Australia from June 1970 to September 1973, following a term as Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian from February 1968, until his appointment to the National Library. Prior to that he had a distinguished career in the military forces in World War II and then serving in the Defence and Trade Departments.

When Mr Fleming was appointed to the post of Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian he took over a library which 1 month before had completed the process of separation from the National Library and which 2 years before had set in place an embryonic Research Service modelled on the pattern of the Library of Congress.

He served for only 28 months in the Parliamentary Library but made a remarkable contribution in that short period of time. He brought a fresh radical view to parliamentary librarianship, articulating the role and purpose of the library as never before: 'Democracy in action' was one of his expressions, and the staff quickly became enthused and imbued with his concept of service and the importance of their role in servicing the Parliament.

The Parliamentary Library will for decades reflect his views, ideals and style of leadership. It is now, largely due to him, a dynamic research and information service promoting its services well to its clients and ever mindful of their needs as it strives to fulfil its role in the democratic process.

Allan Fleming performed so outstandingly in the Parliamentary Library that he was invited to become National Librarian in 1970. Although he occupied this position for only slightly over 3



years, he again made a dynamic and distinguished contribution to Australian librarianship and to the development of the National Library of Australia.

The library's Annual Report, 1973-74, records this contribution in the following fitting terms: 'Mr Fleming brought to the National Library his great gifts of administration and leadership, a wide and varied experience in a number of senior posts in the Departments of Defence and Trade, and above all a genuine concern for people and for the advancement of knowledge and dissemination of information for all. His imaginative concept of a national information system has stimulated Australian thinking on the achievement of this ultimate goal.

During his term of office he was responsible for a major reorganisation and upgrading of the Library's staff structure, for presenting to Government on behalf of the Library Council the findings, conclusions and recommendations of STISEC, now known familiarly as the STISEC Report and for the encouragement and development of participation by the staff in the activities of the Australian library community. He exerted a strong personal influence in making the library's activities and services known both within Australia and overseas.'

As in the Parliamentary Library Allan Fleming again saw a very active and positive role for the National Library, rather than a passive collecting role alone. He fostered a new level of liaison and credibility with Government at both the ministerial level and interdepartmentally, and in gaining the strong confidence and support of the Government, created opportunities for new roles and levels of funding.

It was solely due to Mr Fleming's initiative that the National Library Council invited Dr Bjorn Tell, Head Librarian of the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, to visit Australia in 1973 for consultations on the future development of the library's role and activities, within the framework of a national information policy and with particular reference to computerised information retrieval systems.

The library took advantage of Dr Tell's visit to hold in April an advanced working seminar on national information policy and the impact of social and technological change on national information planning, thus bringing to the attention of those people in Australia who ought to be concerned with such matters, the importance of creating a national information policy and of planning a national network of information services. Allan Fleming's work in promoting the importance of national information policy and effective planning was of central importance to the widespread debate on these matters in the next 15 years.

The intention of the Australian Library and Information Association in establishing the Ellinor Archer Award was to recognise those rare cases of an outstanding contribution to our profession from somebody working within libraries but not eligible for professional membership of the Association. The General Council in conferring the Award on Allan Fleming now fittingly recognises the services of one of the major figures in our professional since World War II.

*inCite* vol. 11, no. 1, 19 Feb 1990, p. 8.

## Edward Flowers MA, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1982

Mr Flowers, who is currently Librarian at the University of Newcastle, has made a lengthy and dedicated contribution to librarianship and the LAA. His most recent post was Chairman of the Association's Board of Education until April 1982.

*INCITE* 28 January 1983, p. 14, on his fellowship.



Flowers, Edward. BA MA FALIA. Retired. Born 13 August 1926 County Durham, United Kingdom, son of Samuel and Clara Elizabeth (Redpath) Flowers, married Patricia Jean Stephenson, 2 daughters, 1 son. Education: Newcastle Boys High School, University of Sydney BA (Hons) 1947 MA 1959, Registration Exam 1951. Positions: State Library of NSW Sydney library assistant 1948, Newcastle Technical College library assistant 1948-51, Newcastle Public Library deputy city librarian head cataloguer 1952-57, Lake Macquarie Shire Council NSW shire librarian 1957-61, University of Newcastle NSW university librarian 1961-88, Queensland Board of Advanced Education consultant on library education 1979, Department of the ACT consultant on public service in Canberra 1982, International Development Programme of Australian Users and Collections consultant on library development in the Philippines 1983-88. Membership: ALIA fellow (Committee on Standards for Public Libraries chairman 1970-72, Board of Education 1976-82, member various committees), AACOBS Standing Committee, Working Party on User Needs and on Research and development, TAFE Community library consultant 1973-77.

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. *Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians*, p. 75.

## Eric Frazer

- Fellowship 1964

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## Jackie French AM

- Redmond Barry Award 2015

### Redmond Barry Award citation

Jackie French is one of Australia's best known authors and her children's books especially have given many hours of pleasure to thousands of families. She is also described as 'an historian, ecologist, dyslexic, and a passionate worker for literacy, the right of all children to be able to read, and the power of books'.

It is this passion that saw Jackie appointed as the Australian Children's Laureate for 2014 and 2015, and Senior Australian of the Year for 2015. Her advocacy for reading and books and support for libraries spans many years and she believes strongly in the need for trained professionals to work with children in libraries and schools.

Jackie is generous with her time and experience and has been a supporter of children's reading clubs and initiatives in Canberra public libraries and schools in particular. She was also an ambassador for the 2012 National Year of Reading.

Perhaps the best description of that experience, and Jackie's service to the industry, is from her own words: *"The Year of Reading has been exhausting, wonderful, inspiring and at least 106 subjective years, and there are still two months to go. I reckon almost every group in Australia, from CWA to View Clubs, RSL to libraries, schools to book clubs, has organised something. I've spoken to over 30,000 kids, 3,000 adults (not counting those who listen to the radio) and over 30 schools, seven literary festivals, five conferences, and haven't tried to count how many workshops I've given on books, why books aren't broccoli, or help for parents and kids with reading problems. There has also been an irregular stream of packages of books heading out to schools to help them celebrate. My voice is hoarse, the last pair of stockings laddered, and I've eaten through an entire lipstick. (One usually lasts me a decade). And in*



*between I have even managed to write, rewrite, smile briefly at my husband and make biscuits, even in a post-festival zombie haze, and occasionally scratch a wombat's back. I wouldn't have missed it for quids."*

Jackie French is a tremendous advocate for libraries and library professionals and an outstanding recipient of the Redmond Barry Award.

## Jan Fullerton AO, BA (UQ), Grad DipLib (UNSW), FAHA, ALAA

- HCL Anderson Award 2010

### HCL Anderson Award citation

Jan Fullerton has made an extraordinary contribution to library and information profession in Australia, in particular to its practice. Jan's library background has spanned all the fundamental areas of library operations including cataloguing, acquisitions and collection development, preservation, information services and document supply. In her position as Director of Collections and Reader Services, and subsequently as Director-General, she was instrumental in leading the development of the National Library's digital collection and access policies and services.

Jan Fullerton is a worthy recipient of the HCL Anderson award for the outstanding leadership she has shown, particularly in recognition of her work to make unique Australian library materials accessible to all through innovative resource discovery services and digitization, not only at the National Library but through collaboration with other libraries and cultural institutions. This commitment to increase the visibility of collections and services can be seen in the Treasures exhibitions, resulting in a greatly increased awareness of the value of national and international documentary heritage. In opening up free access to the national catalogue, Libraries Australia, Jan has taken the nation's collections to the virtual doorstep of all Australians.

Jan has led the development of a range of new digital services and initiatives at the National Library. It was her visionary approach that led to the establishment of the world renowned PANDORA archive, the first archive of its type in the world. From the first small scale experimental approaches to archiving the web at the National Library, PANDORA has become a truly collaborative national service with state libraries contributing, in addition to the National Film and Sound Archive, the Australian War Memorial and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. Examples of significant documentary heritage material that now exist only in the PANDORA archive are the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games site, the first Olympic Games site to be archived and the Centenary of Federation site, a perennial in the top ten most visited sites in PANDORA. In 2005 digital archiving expanded with the commencement of whole domain harvesting whereby the Internet Archive is contracted by the National Library to capture a snapshot of the entire .au domain. It is typical of Jan's pragmatic attitude that regular whole domain harvests are being made even though the limitations of Australian copyright law and Legal Deposit provisions mean much of the archive cannot yet be made available to the public. The 2008 harvest has captured a billion pages, which might otherwise be lost to posterity.

Picture Australia is an outstanding example of a collaborative national discovery service instigated under Jan's leadership. From modest beginnings as an experiment with cross searching between the digitised pictures collections of the State Library of NSW and the NLA, Picture Australia now includes 1.5 million images drawn from 46 collecting institutions, the latest being Warringah Library Services in NSW.



Another example of Jan's determination to improve access to significant documentary resources is the recent launch of the beta service of Australian digitised newspapers. When applications for external project funding for this major national initiative proved fruitless Jan decided the National Library would support the project using its collection depreciation funds. When the Beta service was launched on 25 July 2008 it contained 70,000 newspaper pages from 1803 onwards with thousands of additional pages being added each week.

In 1999 when Jan became Director-General the National Library was digitising only about 4000 pictures each year, using the services of an external contractor. Under Jan's leadership digitisation was brought in house and extended to cover many formats including maps, sheet music, manuscripts and selected print items as well as pictures. At 30 June 2008, a total of 134 228 National Library collection items have been digitised, earning the Library inclusion in the list of the 25 Most Modern Libraries in the World, for its extensive digital collections.

Jan's formative professional years were spent as a cataloguer. The National Library's record in creating online bibliographic holdings for its vast and rich collections is testimony to Jan's belief in the fundamental importance of basic cataloguing to make collections accessible. Currently more than 88% of the Library's collections have online catalogue records which can be discovered through Google and OCLC as well as the Library's OPAC.

The redevelopment of Kinetica to become the new Libraries Australia service, launched in 2006, is another example of Jan's vision that information about library collections should be free to all Australians and those interested in Australia. To make the subscription service free to anyone with access to the Internet required a degree of risk taking. In order to prevent loss of the subscription revenue from participating libraries which essentially funds the operation of the service, great advocacy was needed to convince libraries to maintain their subscriptions in the public interest and support the new business model. There were more than 14 million searches on Libraries Australia to June 2008, showing the relevance of this service.

Jan has provided outstanding leadership to the Australian library sector in a time of major change and challenges relating to the emergence of the internet as a powerful and complex information creation and delivery tool for libraries and other collecting institutions. Jan has raised the profile of libraries and improved services across the sector through a wide range of collaborative and innovative initiatives. Jan has brought the library and other collecting sectors closer together in an effort to provide services at the national level that all Australians can use with ease.

With a fine combination of vision, extraordinary personal skills and great commitment, Jan has provided inspiration to all in the Australian library sector. The HCL Anderson Award is ALIA's highest honour, noting outstanding achievement. In conferring this honour to Jan Fullerton, the Association recognises the significant and valuable contribution she has made to the field of library and information sciences. Congratulations Jan.

