



AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) has been proudly representing the Australian library and information sector as the peak body for professionals, staff, institutions, vendors, educators and other stakeholders since 1937.

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

Membership of ALIA is open to professionals, non-professionals, individuals and organisations. We welcome anyone with an interest in libraries and information management. Our 4,200 personal members (individuals) and 800 institutional members (libraries and other organisations) are drawn from the library and information sector-related fields. We advocate on behalf of some 12 million library users.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The Association is a not-for-profit company, governed by an elected Board of seven Directors. ALIA's Board of Directors is led by President, Damian Lodge, and the Vice-President, John Shipp. Other board members include: Beatriz Aroche, Alyson Dalby, Anne Lahey, Marian Morgan-Bindon and Aileen Weir.

Advisory committees and self-nominating groups within the Association provide a focus for communication and participation by members. The Association is supported by staff based at ALIA House in Canberra and a local manager in every State and Territory. Sue McKerracher is ALIA's Chief Executive Officer, Judy Brooker is the Director Learning and David Pattrick is the Director of Corporate Services.

The goals in our strategic plan are to:

- Strengthen our members
- Strengthen our profession
- Strengthen our Association
- Understand the long term future for the sector.

ALIA COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

There are 12 Board-appointed Advisory Committees:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
ALIA Health Libraries Advisory Committee	Ann Ritchie
ALIA Higher Education and Research Libraries	Grace Saw
ALIA Public Libraries Advisory Committee	Jan Richards
ALIA Public Sector Information Advisory Committee	Roxanne Missingham
ALIA School Libraries Advisory Committee	Anne Girolami
ALIA Special Library and Information Services Advisory Committee	Julie Rae
ALIA TAFE Libraries Advisory Committee	Debra Hannan and Paul Kloppenborg (co-chairs)
ALIA Copyright and Regulation Advisory Committee	Derek Whitehead
ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee	Margarita Moreno
ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee	Wendy Davis
ALIA Research Advisory Committee	Diana Hodge
ALIA Education Working Group	

ALIA groups are formed by members and can be geographically or interest-based. They are run by energetic and committed volunteers who create active and vibrant professional networks that extend across Australia.





OUR AGENDA

- Advocacy — we actively work to increase public awareness of the important value of libraries and information. We look at the education, economic, social, arts and cultural contributions to the nation from this important sector.
- Education — we work with academics and researchers to ensure that library and information science courses produce graduates who are equipped for the modern workplace.
- Lifelong learning — we provide opportunities for professional development and training and promote continuous life-long learning for our professional Members.
- Literacy — our Members help people develop the reading and information literacy skills they need at school, at work, and in everyday life.
- Transformation — we create environments for our Members to share and learn about best practice and next practice.
- Intellectual freedom — we promote the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy and democracy. We believe in fair use copyright and do not believe in censorship.
- Preservation — we are committed to the preservation of the published and documentary record in all formats, and to ensuring enduring access to information.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

ALIA offers many services to its members, the library and information sector, and the people who work within it and use it. ALIA provides:

- Accreditation of education and practice standards
- Professional development through training, conferences and a formal professional development scheme
- Advocacy for issues of professional concern at local, national and international levels
- Professional support such as copyright, industrial relations and career advice
- Opportunities to develop professional networks through our groups and events
- Research and publications that inform members and the sector
- An awards program to recognise achievement
- Public campaigns to promote the value of libraries and library professionals
- A unified voice when advocating for the sector to governments and other organisations
- Publications to keep up to date — professional journals *Australian Library Journal* and *Australian Academic and Research Libraries*, free access to ebooks about library and information science, *INCITE* magazine and four e-newsletters.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact ALIA on 1800 020 071 or email membership@alia.org.au

Visit our website: www.alia.org.au

Friend us on Facebook: ALIANational Follow us on Twitter: @alianational

