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- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Needham, Christian (Griffith). FLAA. Librarian Brisbane Girls Grammar School. Born 3 November 1914 Medlow Bath NSW, daughter of Arthur Hill and Elsie Marion (Edwards) Griffith, married Gregory Needham, 2 sons. Education: St George High School Kogarah NSW, Sydney Teachers College Teachers Certificate 1943, Registration Examination 1964. Positions: Sydney Municipal Library library assistant 1933-40, Hobart High School teacher librarian 1944-46, present 1960. Membership LAA fellow (Australian Institute of Librarians federal president 1945-46), Geological Society of Australia. Special interest in school libraries.

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Carol Newton-Smith MCom, Grad Dip (Advanced Information and Library Studies), Grad Dip (Librarianship), BA, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2012
- ALIA Director 2004-2006

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

Carol Newton-Smith was nominated for the ALIA fellowship by colleagues for her advocacy and hard work for the library and information profession. Carol has made an invaluable contribution to the profession during her career, including establishing and developing successful key partnerships and relationships with a variety of stakeholders internal and external to the library profession. Carol continues to pursue higher education, contributing to excellent leadership skills. In an accompaniment to her list of qualifications Carol has been involved with authorship of many publications and presentations.

The Australian Library and Information Association has benefitted greatly since Carol joined in 1986, through her active volunteering for many groups and committees, representing ALIA at a national level, and participating as a director of ALIA from 2004-2006. Colleagues describe Carol as an exceptional leader, explaining that Carol leads by example, demonstrating skills on how to network, advocate, and collaborate. As a manager she is always willing to mentor and encourage fellow colleagues to reach their full potential.

Carol has been a valuable member of the library and information science profession over her varied career, and we look forward to her continuing positive impact on the industry.

Jennefer Nicholson BA, GDIM, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2014

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

The ALIA Board of Directors is delighted to confer the distinction of Fellow on Jennefer Nicholson. Jennefer has been an active and committed member of the library and information profession in Australia and also internationally.

Jennefer started working at ALIA in 1991 as Member Services Manager; this would be the start of a 14-year partnership between Jennefer and ALIA, which would later see her take over the tenure of Executive Director from 1999 until 2005.

As Executive Director, Jennefer took a leading role in the Association's advocacy program aimed at governments and policy makers. Her previous experience facilitated the implementation of a successful policy advisory structure and formation of strategic partnerships and alliances. Over Jennefer's six years as Executive Director, ALIA became recognised as a stakeholder in equitable access to information, internet filtering, copyright and intellectual property and trade agreements.

In 2005 Jennefer went to work for the Commonwealth Department of Communications, IT and the Arts. Jennefer was a key member of a small team that successfully progressed a $958 million grant for broadband services in regional and rural Australia. After success within the LIS community in Australia, Jennefer took up the position of Secretary-General of IFLA in 2008 and moved to The Hague. Jennefer's advocacy with governments, their bureaucracies and a wide range of other bodies has contributed to the recognition of the valuable contribution made by libraries to the social and economic well-being of local, regional, national and international communities, making Jennefer a very worthy recipient of the ALIA Fellowship.

Fay Nicholson BA, DipEd, GDipLib, MAdmin, FALIA (1932-2021)

- ALIA Fellowship 1991

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

Fay Nicholson has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship during the past twenty years. Her interest in the educational process, be it for children in schools or students at university has led to her involvement at the highest levels. Fay began her career in librarianship in 1973 as a teacher librarian at Oakleigh Technical School although it could be said that her interest was sparked in a previous position as a research officer with the Department of Defence. She then became a lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies at the Melbourne State College advancing to the position of senior lecturer in the same department when after two amalgamations it became the Institute of Education at the University of Melbourne. More recently she left academia to work as a consultant specialising in training and development whilst staying in touch as a senior lecturer at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

An inspirational teacher, Fay's students would describe her as well prepared, informative, challenging and entertaining. As executive officer for the Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies from 1985-1990, she was responsible for ensuring that the courses offered within the Diploma were constantly revised and abreast with current developments. Her role also included the marketing of the course and both graduates and employers were periodically surveyed with their responses being fed back into the development of the course. It must be said that Fay's interest in her students continues well after they have graduated and she is the inaugural chair of the Library and Information Management Alumni Group at the University of Melbourne.

An active member of the Australian Library and Information Association, Fay was a committee member of the School Libraries Section Victorian Group for many years and has been very involved with the Education for Library and Information Services Section having held positions as president of both the Victorian and National Groups. Her contribution included work on the conference planning committees for two seminal conferences conducted by the then Education for Librarianship Section on the Information Professional and the Information Workforce. In 1988 Fay participated in the planning for an international meeting of educators

held in conjunction with the IFLA Conference in Sydney. She was elected to the ALIA Board of Education in 1987 and became chair of the Board in 1990. Her contribution to the maintenance of professional standards saw her heavily involved in the work of the Board's Professional Standards Committee at a time when there was considerable discussion throughout the Association on the overall quality of library education. Fay worked tirelessly with General Council, Branches and schools of library and information science to promote and explain the work of the Board and instigated with the Board an ambitious program of policy review and reassessment of the Board's priorities. Her ambassadorship of the Board and its activities culminated in a most successful meeting with Educators and Practitioners at the 1990 Perth ALIA Conference.

Fay has also been heavily involved with the Australian School Library Association both at the National and State level through her membership of the School Library Association of Victoria. She is at present the Australasian director of the International Association of School Librarianship, representing Australian and New Zealand interests on all aspects of school librarianship and keeping the International Association informed of current trends in the region.

One of Fay's overriding concerns has been to improve the standards for beginning professionals and further training and development and she is presently the ALIA consultant on the Federal Government's Training Guarantee Act. Although she has written on a number of her concerns such as library management and the significance of teaching qualifications for teacher librarians, the focus of her career has been on interactive education. Constantly asked to speak at conferences or to lead workshops and seminars, Fay has also worked extensively as a consultant on projects such as an analysis of the training needs of the Victorian State Library.

She believes strongly in the value of the profession and in presenting the image of the profession well to other sectors of the workforce. Fay Nicholson possesses the driving energy and vision to motivate others to look not only at what currently exists but to see and prepare for future trends. The inspiration which Fay Nicholson instills in her students and colleagues bodes well for the future of library and information services in Australia.

As a member who has made a sustained contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship and provided leadership to the profession, Fay Nicholson well deserves the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Obituary

Fay Nicholson passed in April 2021; she will be missed.

Nancy Fay Nicholson, BA DipEd GDipLib MAdmin FALIA If one had to sum up Fay in one word, it would be abundance. Fay had an abundance of intellect; abundance of energy; abundance of compassion; abundance of style; abundance of curiosity and an abundance of charm. This abundance imbued her whole life, whether it was for her family and friends, her profession, or her many and varied interests and causes. The Early Years Nancy Fay Woodcock was born in Melbourne on December 10, 1932.

Her family moved to Sydney and she was educated at the Abbotsleigh Girls School in Sydney, where she made many lifelong friends. In her senior years, the Woodcock family had moved back to Melbourne where Fay attended Melbourne Girls Grammar School, bringing with it more friends and a long connection with the school. Fay did an Arts degree at the University of Melbourne and then commenced work in Canberra for Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes, an MP in the Menzies Government. Sir Wilfred was Minister for the Interior and Works and also chaired the Organising Committee for the 1956 Olympic Games. Fay's work entailed researching and writing speeches for Sir Wilfred. She subsequently joined the Department of Defence in a high-

security role based in Melbourne involving researching and recording information from agents in the field.

Whilst in Melbourne, Fay met the love of her life, Roger Nicholson. Fay and Roger were married in 1958 at Christ Church, South Yarra, the beginning of a long and very happy marriage. At this point, Fay was forced to retire from the Commonwealth Public Service, because at that time, married women were not eligible for employment. Fay and Roger had three children, a son, Robert, and two daughters, Diana and Fiona. Fay and Roger were vitally involved with their children's lives – with their education, their friends, their sports and their pastimes. Initially, Roger's roles with Shell required a lot of moving around. Fay would often recount the toll of moving the family 19 times, moves that encompassed Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne. However, all was planned with military precision and disruption to the young family was minimised. Career once settled in Melbourne, and with the three children at school, in 1971 Fay undertook a Graduate Diploma of Librarianship at RMIT. She followed this with a Diploma of Education.

Fay's first appointment as a teacher-librarian was to Oakleigh Technical School, where interest in the school library was decidedly lacking. As always, determined to make a difference, 'Mrs. Nic.' tried to change the culture where boys were sent to the library as a form of punishment.

It was at this time that Fay began a long-term commitment to marking Australian History Higher School Certificate papers, a role she relished for 13 years. After the federal Whitlam Government won office in 1972 it quickly moved to implement its election promises for school reform.

This entailed large amounts of money going to programs such as primary and secondary school libraries and teacher development. Money for these programs flowed to the states, and Victoria set up courses to train teacher librarians and to establish and/or enhance school libraries. Fay was one of only 17 people in Victoria to have the required qualifications to lecture in librarianship at what was then the State College of Victoria at Melbourne, commonly referred to as Melbourne State College, where she worked from 1974 to 1990. During this time, Melbourne State College morphed into the Melbourne College of Advanced Education, and then, in 1989, became part of the University of Melbourne to form the Institute of Education. On leaving the Institute of Education in 1990, Fay taught at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) as a senior lecturer, part time, for one year from 1991 to 1992. Lecturing in Library and Information Services was a very demanding but stimulating position. Fay thrived in the role.

An inspirational teacher, Fay's students regularly described her in course evaluations as 'challenging,' 'caring' and 'engaging'. Fay initially taught in the teacher librarianship course, but, in 1981, took a leading role in the design and delivery of a new course for generalist library and information professionals. Fay's interest in her students continued well after they graduated and she was the inaugural chair of the Library and Information Management Alumni Group at the University of Melbourne. Although a requirement of academia, research was no hardship for Fay. She relished it. Research projects were many and varied but included an analysis of the impact of reduced State Government funding on public libraries; the preparation of lobbying documents for teacher librarians and school librarians; an analysis of the training needs of the Victorian State Library; an assessment of the potential for regional cooperation among library services in the Geelong region and library surveys of various kinds. To her delight, in 1989 Fay's teaching and research expertise was recognised and she was promoted to Senior Lecturer. Her area of specialism was management, which led her to complete her MAdmin at Monash. As Executive Officer for the Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies from 1985 to 1990, Fay was responsible for ensuring that the subjects offered within the Diploma were constantly revised to keep abreast of current developments and to anticipate future trends in the profession. Her role also included marketing the course. Both graduate and employer feedback was used in the development and improvement of

the course. Professional Associations An active member of the Australian Library and Information Association, Fay was a committee member of the School Libraries Section Victorian Group for many years.

She was also very involved with what was then the Education for Librarianship Section of ALIA and held positions as president of both the Victorian and National Groups. Her contribution included the design and mounting of two seminal conferences, The Information Professional and The Information Workforce. In 1988 Fay participated in the planning for a highly successful international meeting of educators held in conjunction with the IFLA Conference in Sydney. In 1987, Fay was elected to the ALIA Board of Education and became chair of the Board in 1990. Her contribution to the maintenance of professional standards saw her heavily involved in the work of the Board's Professional Standards Committee at a time when there was considerable discussion throughout the Association on the overall quality of library education.

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Constantly asked to speak at conferences or to lead workshops and seminars, two of Fay's overriding concerns had been to improve the standards for beginning professionals and further training and development for the profession. As a result, she was the ALIA consultant on the Federal Government's Training Guarantee Act. Fay subsequently was awarded a Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association – one of the highest honours the profession can bestow. Consultancy Post academia, Fay capitalised on her management knowledge and expertise. She was a director of FLIST (Freelance Library and Information Services Training) 1990- 1995 – a company set up to fulfil the Commonwealth requirement for continuing education for the information sector. FLIST ran training courses in performance management, costings, total quality management, lobbying, marketing and train the trainer. Between 1990 and 2003, Fay was also an independent library and management consultant, a role to which she was ideally suited. Consultancies were very varied, challenging and enjoyable. The range of clients was diverse – from private schools like Scotch, public libraries throughout Australia and abroad, Melbourne Water, the Country Fire Authority and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Of particular note was the work she undertook for Emergency Management Australia. Fay developed a thesaurus of emergency management terms for use across emergency services throughout Australia. All states of Australia had different definitions and she found it quite a challenge to amalgamate and develop a consistent approach.

Yet another sphere of Fay's life involved the many facets of her volunteering and community interests. She played many roles within the Melbourne Girls Grammar School's Parents Association – Secretary, President as well as being on School Council.

Her involvement in the Old Grammarians ranged from helping organise International Women's Day events, career networking, archive projects, and then as a Trustee of the DJ Ross Scholarship for 12 years. She was also a member of the Probus Club as well as the Lyceum Club and she was involved with Zonta for 18 years. Fay was always keen to be involved in all members of the family's various activities – cleaning rosters for her son's Scout group, cutting up oranges for hockey teams and helping to run numerous fete stalls. She supported her husband's long association with Melbourne Rotary and Very Special Kids as well as the Lord Somers Camp and Power House.

Fay was very fortunate to be involved in the library and information sector at a time when information access and transmission were changing rapidly and becoming more valuable in all walks of life.

Fay was a consummate professional and was passionate about making a difference. She made a sustained contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship and provided valuable leadership to the profession. As a person, Fay was warm, positive, generous, honest, frank and fun. With her blue eyes sparkling, she lit up a room. Fay was blessed with boundless energy, a clear and constant curiosity about the world and devotion to those she cared about – her family, her friends, her students and her colleagues. Indeed, she believed it a great duty and privilege to serve and to care for others.

An extraordinary life force, Fay was inspiration to us all.

Janice Nitschke AM

- Member of the Order of Australia – AM 2014

Jim Crawford Award

Janice Nitschke has won the $10,000 Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Libraries. Ms Nitschke is the director of library and information services for Wattle Range Council, and was presented with her award during Library and Information Week. The award recognises outstanding contributions by individuals and groups associated with public libraries, and is named after the late Jim Crawford, AO who helped to modernise South Australia's library system.

The Advertiser (Adelaide), 22 May, 2002

Ena Noel OAM (1910-2003)

- Ellinor Archer Award 1984

Ellinor Archer Award

The first recipient of the newly created Ellinor Archer Award is Ena Noel, President of Australian IBBY *(full name Phillipena Noel)*.

Ena has been a member of the LAA since 1957 and a member of the Children's Libraries Section (NSW) since 1959. She was a foundation Committee member of the School Libraries Section (NSW) and is the longest serving committee member to date. She has also served on NSW Branch Council since 1977.

For many years Ena has worked tirelessly in the promotion of children's literature and in fostering a love of books in children and those working with children.

Since her appointment as Australian President of IBBY in 1967, Ena has devoted much time and energy to the implementation of IBBY's aims, which are: *The encouragement of higher quality in books written for children and young people. And the encouragement of international understanding through children's books.*

Today the Australian National Section is considered by the IBBY Executive in Switzerland to be one of the most flourishing national sections in the world. Within Australia Ena Noel has been assisted in her work by colleagues and friends who share her ideals, but the credit for her outstanding achievements belongs to Ena Noel alone, whose literary and artistic abilities, savoir faire, ability to plan, organise and lead others, has made this possible.

Mrs Noel is worthy of the high honour of being the first recipient of the new LAA Award. She is not a professional member, yet she has been a dedicated LAA Committee member for over 25 years, giving service on three of its committees.

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Obituary

There would be few individuals to have done more to promote internationally the quality and riches of Australian children's literature than Ena Noel. It has been said of her that, 'It is given to very few to become a legend in their own time. Ena Noel is one of the few.' A diminutive but commanding figure, Ena on several occasions swept onto the dais of the University of Sydney's Great Hall in step with the then Chancellor, Sir Hermann Black. Her carefully selected gown and copious flowing cloak complemented the Chancellor's equally resplendent academic attire. As she stepped forward to the microphone Ena captured the fixed attention of the vast audience packed into that seat of learning.

It was Ena's passionate commitment to life, her vitality, her ability to motivate and enthuse a great body of friends and followers that made her such a dynamic and unforgettable force in Australia's cultural life. Her interests were vast; but her major passions in life were first to her family — her distinguished son, Dr Michael Noel, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren — then to dance and, as a teacher and librarian, to the promotion of literacy and the love of reading among the youth of the world, believing as she did that true literature is a potent force in promoting international understanding and good will. Michael says of her, 'She was never still, either physically or mentally. She tried almost any physical activity. In recent years she tried sail-boarding, drove an open four wheel drive jeep, and continued to drive a car through the centre of Sydney — one of the few people over ninety years of age still holding a full drivers licence'. Until the week of her death Ena would drive from Darling Point to Penrith to be a true grandmother; reading to her brood and cooking the family's favourite meals. Also a community-minded woman she was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and other 'friends' of most artistic organisations in Sydney.

Ena was born in Sydney on 30 July 1910. Both parents were Russian immigrants and she inherited an enquiring mind, an artistic nature, and possibly that adventurous spirit that frequently took her travelling across the globe, often to conferences but also to enthuse over the great monuments and sights around the world. In 1998, for example, she organised a small party to travel via Russia to an international congress in Munich at which she was a delegate, then to travel by bus across Europe to Istanbul. There she joined an RSL tour to attend the dawn service at Anzac Cove.

From childhood Ena developed an interest in all forms of art and literature, especially music, theatre and dance. Inspired by the first Bodenwieser Ballet performed in Sydney in 1939, she trained in ballet under Gertrud Bodenwieser, winning the modern creative dance, solo and duo section in the eisteddfod. After dancing with the Bodenwieser Group for some years, Ena conducted a dance studio at Rose Bay for some twenty years. In 1952-53 she toured Britain and Europe with a solo lecture-dance program entitled *The life cycle of an Australian Aboriginal woman*, dancing to John Antill's music for *Corroboree*. She performed, representing Australia, in the festivities for the Royal coronation in 1953. Her interest in flamenco dancing led her to study that form in Barcelona, Spain.

In 1940 Ena had married Arthur Charles Noel, a British sea captain engaged in convoying merchant navy ships. Because of this position the couple were often parted, but were able to spend precious time together during Ena's time in England in 1952-53. After her husband's death in 1966, Ena, although remaining passionate about dance, pursued an academic career. From the University of Sydney she obtained a Batchelor of Arts and Diploma of Education. At first she taught in her chosen speciality of English and History at various high schools. While teaching at Dover Heights Girls High School she became convinced that her highest goal was to turn young people into enthusiastic and discriminating readers by working in school libraries. It was at a time that the crucial importance of such an educational tool was just being given due recognition. So Ena enrolled in two consecutive NSW Department of Education Library Services vacation courses in 1956-57. Later she was chosen to attend a special summer course at Alexander Mackie College organised by the Commonwealth with money made available for such special training following the Karmel Report on School libraries. In 1958 Ena had been appointed librarian at South Sydney Boys High, the only woman on an all male staff. As it always was with Ena Noel she quickly established herself as a major force in that group. Whether in a teaching situation or when, later, she was to organise a series of extremely successful conferences and seminars, Ena had the gift of co-opting a team of willing helpers and co-workers. In an unobtrusively quiet way she had the knack of obtaining whatever objective she had in mind while appearing to be utterly democratic. Few people in her field had such managerial skills.

Ena herself then went on to co-ordinate and lecture at short summer courses in secondary school librarianship at the University of Sydney in the 1960s. From 1956 to 1974 she was renowned for her skill as a teacher-librarian — especially at Fort St Girls High — where as well as inspiring her own students she supervised and became, as senior administrative mistress, mentor to Diploma of Education students undertaking practice teaching.

These professional activities brought her into active membership of the Library Association of Australia. Ena was a founding and continuing committee member of the School and Children's Libraries Section in NSW of the Library Council of the LAA. She was also an early and diligent member of the NSW branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It became understood that no children's book event in Australia would be complete without the presence of Ena Noel. As convenor of a sub-committee of the NSW division of the School and Children's Libraries Section she was partly responsible for the publication of *The new classics: a selection of award-winning children's books* — an invaluable guide to quality in children's literature world-wide. Ena also contributed to the planning of the visit to Australia of Professor Sara Fenwick, an American Fulbright lecturer, whose report on children's libraries in 1966 did much to stimulate the provision of quality children's library services throughout Australia. Such were Ena's many contributions to the development of school and children's libraries that in 1984 the General Council of the LAA created a special tribute, the Ellinor Archer Award. Along with the citation on that occasion the small sculpture with which she was presented took pride of place in the recipient's gracious apartment at Darling Point — along with her harp, sketches of herself as a dancer, paintings by Australian artists whom she had befriended and the many posters from countries around the world celebrating International Children's Day and a multitude of children's books as well as figurines representing characters from children's books from the many countries which Ena had visited.

These visits often had to do with Ena's activities connected to IBBY: the International Board on Books for Young People. IBBY is responsible for International Children's Book Day, observed on 2 April, the birthday of Hans Christian Andersen, sponsored each year by a different country. It is also responsible for awarding biennially the Hans Christian Andersen Medals for writing and illustration, regarded as the Little Nobel Prize for children's literature. After her husband's death Ena became absorbed in the work of IBBY — and was affectionately known in Australia as 'Mrs IBBY'. In 1966 she became the president of the Australian section of that organisation and from 1982 to 1986 she served on the international executive committee. It is largely through IBBY

that Ena Noel's name became an international symbol of enthusiasm, meticulous planning and hard-working dedication. Her activities became legion. Each year on 2 April Ena would organise a sumptuous Hans Andersen dinner which became a glittering affair for the children's book world. Ena herself, always wonderfully gowned, would rise above the crowd on a pedestal to open the proceedings, which always included a guest speaker: sometimes a local celebrity, but often an overseas writer or illustrator of renown, such as the British writer Alan Garner, author of the ground-breaking novel, *Red Shift*. The annual *IBBY Newsletter* edited by Ena contained items about children's literature events around the world. Ena was frequently invited to speak at conferences and seminars both at home and abroad: Poland (Poznan), Paris, Munich and Moscow. In Moscow she was a special guest of the Soviet Union in the International Year of the Child. She attended twice yearly IBBY executive meetings at her own expense and attended the annual children's book fair at Bologna, Italy. Her ability to speak French, Italian and Spanish facilitated communication with other members of IBBY and she had a wide circle of friends across the globe.

Perhaps the acme of her achievements with IBBY came in 1986 when at a conference in Tokyo Patricia Wrightson was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal for the body of her writing for children and Robert Ingpen received the Medal for his illustration of children's books. Ena had nominated both winners and had helped compile dossiers on both. It was the first time that the award had gone to Australia and the first time both awards had ever gone to the same country. At a celebratory dinner in Bologna to announce the award winners Ena was visibly overcome — almost to the point of fainting — claiming the occasion to be 'perhaps the proudest moment of my life'.

A regular delegate at each IBBY conference, held biennially in various cities around the world, Ena organised and led the largest ever Australian contingents to attend an overseas conference on children's literature: that in Cambridge, England in 1982, and in Tokyo in 1996. She was a respected critic of children's literature and contributed articles to international journals such as *Bookbird*. In 1971 she organised Australia's only entry for the Biennial of Illustrations in Bratislava; and in 1992 she was the Australian judge for the American Ezra Jack Keats Award in children's literature.

As president of IBBY, and as an authority on children's books, Ena was called upon to speak at conferences and seminars too numerous to list. Small though she was, her presence was always commanding. Yet she never consciously drew attention to herself. Her dignity was innate; almost regal. She was always in perfect control without drawing attention to the fact. This was most especially evident at the opening ceremony for each of the huge IBBY conferences which she, with her band of loyal and devoted fellows, organised so meticulously. The 1978 conference *Through folklore to literature* with its cast of international speakers is still spoken about with reverence. It was perhaps the first truly international conference of its kind to be held in this country. It was followed in 1979 by *Storytelling for children and young people*; in 1981 by *Able to enjoy: books and the young disabled*; and in 1983 by *Changing faces: story and children in an electronic age*. In 1994 Ena founded her own biennial prize — the Ena Noel Award — to encourage young emerging writers and illustrators. The first to receive that award was Raymond Arone Meeks, author and illustrator of such books as *Pheasant and kingfisher!* 1987) and *Enora and the black crane* (1991).

For her services to children's literature Ena Noel received the Children's Book Council's Lady Cutler Award in 1983, and in 1986 she was presented with the Medal of the Order of Australia. On the occasion of the Lady Cutler Award it was said: 'In the world of children's literature Ena Noel's name is a password nationally and internationally. It is a password amongst those who believe that literature of quality and integrity is a powerful potential in the growth of children's imagination, insight and understanding — understanding of themselves, their society and their world; that books can be bridges linking person to person, culture to culture, nation to nation.'

At a time when Australia's focus is on children's literacy and their ability to process literature and when the need for international understanding and the acceptance of 'others' has never been greater, the contribution of Ena Noel will provide inspiration to all who believe in the universal republic of childhood.

Maurice Saxby was nominated by Ena Noel, and then elected to the jury of the Hans Andersen awards in 1984 and 1986. He was to join Ena on some of her many travels, including that to Gallipoli.
January/February 2004 inCite ALIA, Maurice Saxby

Raymond Olding Bec, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1967

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

Raymond Knox Olding received his education at the University of Adelaide. He entered librarianship in 1946 and was elected a professional member of the Library Association of Australia in 1956.

In 1956 F W Cheshire published *Reading in Library Cataloguing*, edited and introduced by R K Olding. This book has since gone into several overseas editions and has attracted very favourable comment both in Australia and abroad. The Board of Examiners has had no hesitation in adding it to the reading list for the registration examination.

In addition to this major work, Mr Olding has had published, articles, letters and reviews in the *Australian Library Journal*, in the *Proceedings* of the Association's conferences and elsewhere. He writes clearly and incisively and always with an eye towards the development of education for librarianship, an area in which he has always keenly interested.

He has also demonstrated a well-developed practical interest in technical processes. He carried out significant research on the applications of xerography to catalogue card production long before this process was available commercially. More recently, he has worked on the design and production of printed catalogues in book form through the employment of modern data processing equipment.

The Board's investigations support the view that Mr Olding has been noted for the help he has given to young librarians in South Australia in their professional development, both formally and informally.

He has given long and distinguished service to the Association as an associate examiner and has recently brought honour to our profession in this county being invited to lecture in an American Library School of high repute.

The Board of Examiners commends Raymond Knox Olding to Council as a member of the Association who has achieved an international reputation for work in the field of cataloguing theory and practice. It is the Board's recommendation that he is well worthy of the honour of the Association's Fellowship.

Diana Oliver BA, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1988

Diana Oliver is an outstanding contributor to librarianship and to the Library Association of Australia.

She has been chief librarian of Sutherland Shire Public Libraries since 1976, was deputy in that service from 1964, and previously held positions at Sydney Technical College and Ryde Municipal Library. She holds the preliminary and Registration Certificates of the Library Association of Australia, and was a foundation Associate.

Diana Oliver's participation in the activities of the LAA and its NSW Branch is vigourous and productive, encompassing all aspects and levels of education of library staff, publications, lobbying and policy development. She was NSW General Councillor from 1977 to 1979, has been a NSW Branch Councillor on a number of occasions, most recently from 1986. She has had a long term involvement as a committee member of the NSW Group of the Public Libraries Section.

Diana Oliver's interests are extensive and include local studies, library technicians, conservation, library management and industrial issues. She has been an active committee member and convenor of conferences and continuing education activities in many of these areas for the NSW Branch and the Public Libraries Section. She has been a moving spirit behind the very successful 'No frills supervision' workshops for public library staff sponsored by the NSW Group of the Section.

For the past fifteen years Diana Oliver has compiled and edited the NSW Branch publication *so you want to work in libraries: a guide to courses in librarianship in NSW and the ACT*, a most valuable resource for potential entrants to the profession.

She represented the NSW Branch for some years on the Department of TAFE's Course Advisory Committee for the Library Practice Certificate, and in 1987 was joint NSW co-coordinator, with Faye Lawrence, of the multicultural library services component of the Commonwealth Assistance to Public Libraries Campaign.

Diana Oliver was a member of the AACOBS National Council from 1979 to its disbanding in 1988, serving two terms on the Standing Committee in 1983-84 and 1987-88. She contributed over a long period to the work of the AACOBS NSW Regional Committee, and is a member of the NSW Committee of ACLIS.

Her achievements on the Committee of Metropolitan Chief Librarians in Sydney are considerable, and include the establishment of the Working Party on Serials, membership of the Management Sub-Committee, production of funding submissions to government and the publication of the *Union List of Periodicals* in 1986.

Diana Oliver is a committed member and participant in the work of the Municipal Employees Union. From 1979 to 1985 she was deputy and chief librarians' representative on the Management Committee of the Local Government Officers Branch of the Union, and she has been active in raising awareness and negotiating for improved conditions and salaries for public library staff.

Diana Oliver has always championed the broadest possible access to formal education for the staff of public libraries. She has attended hundreds of careers activities for many different organisations. She is ever ready to provide opportunities for students to observe and undertake work placements in the Sutherland Shire Public Libraries. She is widely regarded by local government officers, her professional colleagues and present and past staff as an excellent and effective library manager whose respect and concern for individuals not only enhances

their capabilities but also the effectiveness of the library services she manages and the wider jurisdiction of which they are part.

In the period of her association with Sutherland Shire, Diana Oliver has introduced a number of innovative services, including joint school/community libraries in two isolate areas, and the Home Library Service which has been widely copied in New South Wales and other states. She has been a driving force in the introduction of computerised systems, and is regarded as an authority on corporate planning and devolution of responsibilities in public libraries. With Bernard Sargeant she represented the LAA on the NSW Local Government Association's Working Party on Corporate Management, which developed and published a manual designed to assist local government authorities to introduce corporate management techniques.

She is a champion of the public's access to free library services, and challenges the new orthodoxy of charging by research libraries for interlibrary loans.

The General Council of the Library Association of Australia considers Diana Oliver to be a most worthy recipient of the award of Fellowship of the Association.

Cynthia Paltridge FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1967

Fellowship citation

Cynthia Paltridge was educated in South Australia where, for a period, she attended the University of Adelaide. She entered librarianship in 1941 and became a professional member of the Library Association of Australia in 1949.

Miss Paltridge is not represented by any major publication, although the pages of the *Australian Library Journal* carry perceptive reviews over her name and the *Proceedings* of the Association's conferences record the clarity of her thought.

The Board of Examiners, however, wishes to bring forward her name in this recommendation in proper recognition of a long record of work, which it is satisfied has gone far beyond the requirements of her employment, in the development in Australia of library work with children and young people.

In an area of librarianship which has been distinguished in this country for selfless devotion, the name of Cynthia Paltridge occupies an honoured place.

The Board is satisfied in its own mind, and by reason of its investigations, that Miss Paltridge can properly be claimed to have made, in her special field, by example and encouragement alike, a distinguished contribution to the practice of librarianship in Australia. It is the unanimous and considered recommendation of the Board that she be awarded the distinction of Fellow.

Edward Parr BA(Hons), MLib, FALIA (1936-2020)

- ALIA Fellowship 1990

Fellowship citation

Ed Parr has brought to librarianship in Australia a combination of vision, vigour and adventurousness. He has made a distinguished contribution to library and information services through his dedication to the development of the potential for co-operation and resource sharing, his vision for extending information services beyond the traditional limits of an academic library and his active participation in furthering education for the library profession.

He began his career in 1963 as a branch librarian in Perth. After a period as a librarian at the University of Papua New Guinea from 1968 to 1972, he took up a position as a lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies in the Western Australian Institute of Technology. Ed was later to return to the Department of Library and Information Studies after three years of service as principal librarian at Nedlands College of Advanced Education. He was also associate college librarian at Western Australia College of Advanced Education before taking up his current position as director of the Learning and Information Centre at the University of New England, Northern Rivers.

Ed Parr's involvement in networking began in 1982 when he was elected chairman of the interim board of the Western Australian Library Network. This Board comprised university, college and state library authorities and assessed the feasibility of an integrated library network for Western Australia. His appreciation of the potential for networks and his ability to give life to concepts of co-operation later led to his election to the CLANN Board of Directors, and subsequently to his election as deputy chairman of that Board.

In 1989 Ed carried out an investigatory study on multi-campus university libraries in the United Kingdom and the United States. His report to the deputy vice-chancellor is being used to lay the groundwork for linking the disparate systems of the constituent members of the new networked University of New England. His visit further strengthened his ideals if equity and access. A paper on this study was later presented at a conference titled *Merge and mutate: the administration and organisation of multi-campus academic libraries* which was held in Adelaide in February 1990.

At the University of New England, Northern Rivers he has been entrusted with a range of responsibilities extending well beyond those of his position as director of the University Library. He serves on the Executive Committee of the University and the Northern Rivers Combined Schools Academic Board and is widely respected for his administrative skills and his ability to bring people of divergent views to a workable consensus. In so doing, he has achieved an excellent name for librarians, their capabilities and their contribution to the academic and the university community.

He has also extended the role of the University Library staff in a similar way, such that they play an interactive role in the learning process and are perceived by students as a resource in themselves and not as passive custodians of materials. Library staff work closely with academic staff towards a common goal of promoting individual student learning.
Ed Parr has served as a member of the Association's Board of Education for nine years, and has participated in many course recognition visits. At the time of his retirement from the Board in 1989, he was convenor of the Professional Standards Committee. He has also served the Association in numerous other capacities. He has been the president of two Association Branches: the Papua New Guinea Branch from 1970 to 1971 and the Western Australian Branch from 1979 to 1980. He has also represented both Branches on the Association's General Council.

Ed Parr's professional interests and publications have been wide ranging. This can be illustrated by his publications which are as diverse as *Curriculum design in librarianship: an international approach* to his most recent *The keeping place: an annotated bibliography and guide to the study of the aborigines and aboriginal culture in Northeast New South Wales and Southeast Queensland*. He has also successfully completed consultancies with the Commonwealth and

New South Wales Parliamentary libraries and the International Development Programs of Australian Universities and Colleges (IDP).

Colleagues are impressed with his thoughtful and thought-provoking approach to the profession. He inspires colleagues to develop and extend themselves, his sense of humour often serving as a catalyst. The energy and stimulus he has contributed to the profession make him a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

<u>Vale Edward A Parr M.LIB FALIA 1936-2020</u>

After a short but fatal illness, Ed Parr died at his home in Fremantle in December. Born in Taunton, England, Ed migrated at a young age with his first wife to Canada. He had a varied working life there before coming to Australia where his career in librarianship took root. His qualifications were capped by a Master's Degree in Librarianship from the University of New South Wales in 1975. He worked in several universities in Australia in both teaching and management capacities. Ed also spent five years in Papua New Guinea at the Library of UPNG.

Among his abiding interests were education for librarians, professional standards, and public relations with users. He carried out consultancies on user needs and services which included those available in the Parliamentary libraries of the Commonwealth and New South Wales. His range of professional papers was also broad and he well merited the Fellowship the Library Association bestowed on him for contributions listed in the impressive Fellowship Citation he received.

Ed's involvement in the Affairs and activities of the professional library associations he joined was also characteristically considerable and varied. They too are recognised in his Award of the Fellowship.

Ed Parr was a softly-spoken and unassuming man with a sharp mind and a wide knowledge of the human condition. His character was both attractive and warm to those whose path crossed his. Very striking was his passion for trekking and doing major walks in Europe, Asia and Australia. He was a fascinating raconteur on his experiences. He was not what we call a limelighter, but easily earned and merited the respect and affection he received. His record speaks for itself and is not done justice by this short memorial.

Russell Cope
Former Parliamentary Librarian New South Wales

Professor Helen Partridge PhD, Grad Cert Ed, M Inf Tech, Grad Dip Psy, BA, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2012

Helen Partridge has made an impressive contribution to Australian and overseas library and information science education and practice. Her commitment to scholarship in the library and information science field as well as her passion for teaching new information professionals make her a dedicated professional worthy of the title of Fellow.

In Australia, Helen inspires the next generation of LIS professionals through her innovative teaching strategies and passionate engagement with the industry. Her teaching excellence has been recognised throughout her career with seven teaching awards garnered.

In addition to being an award winning and excellent teacher, Helen is recognized internationally as a leader and researcher in the field of information literacy. She has published more than ninety articles, chapters and papers, including twenty-two peer reviewed publications. Helen is a strong advocate of evidence based library and information practice, especially its practical application in library and information services. She is committed to developing a thriving research culture within the Australian LIS professions.

Within our own Association, Helen has contributed widely as an educator, author, researcher, member of the Board of Directors and office-bearer. Her passion for the industry and advocacy of the Association has been incalculable. Helen exemplifies the objects of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Perhaps the most impressive part of Helen's many achievements is that she is only mid-career. The Association and the Library and Information Science Industry will look forward to many more exceptional accomplishments from Helen.

Dorothy Peake BA, FLAA (1930-2014)

- ALIA Fellowship 1980

Fellowship citation

The Distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia has been conferred on Dorothy Peake, Head, Information Service, New South Wales Institute of Technology. Dorothy Peake has been a notable influence on library services and developing networks in Australia and especially in New South Wales with the design and development of CLANN, College Libraries Activities Network in New South Wales.

She was one of the first librarians in this country to appreciate the advantage of automated systems in libraries and their significance in the development of library services of the future.
As is evidenced in her writings, Miss Peake is a firm believer in the co-operative efforts of librarians and in co-operation by librarians with others in the communication and information fields.

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Obituary

Dorothy Graeme Peake was a talented and creative librarian who had a profound impact on the development of the library profession in Australia. She was a mentor to many young librarians and was particularly effective in sponsoring female talent in both the library profession and academe generally.

Dorothy was the foundation University Librarian of the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), and a pioneer in implementing automated systems and encouraging the electronic networking of Australian libraries.

Before the UTS grew out of the New South Wales Institute of Technology (NSWIT), Dorothy was appointed in 1972 as the first Head, Information Resources Services, quartered in the old Anthony Hordern's Building on George Street, which is now the site of World Square. The move to the new Markets building occurred in 1984 and its architect Philip Cox accepted Dorothy's plans for the Library's interior almost without change. (By coincidence, Dorothy's office in the concave wall overlooking the restored bell tower was exactly where her mother had worked when she was secretary to the Manager of the Banana Market before 1920).

Dorothy spearheaded the implementation of computer applications in libraries in Australia and was appointed to the first Systems Librarian positions at both the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales. At Sydney in 1968, she was undaunted by the initial indifference of computer experts on campus and by having to write her first programs in machine language – a step-up from the punched card systems she had adapted to library tasks in her previous post as a librarian of the New South Wales Department of Main Roads.

Dorothy was quick to introduce automation into the operations of the NSWIT library and to promote the importance to networking the whole college library system of which NSWIT was a part. With the mixture of creativity, visionary intelligence and charm, which marked her whole life, Dorothy convinced not only the Higher Education Board but also the New South Wales Public Service Board that the libraries of the colleges of advanced education could be combined into a cost-effective network. Therefore, CLANN Ltd based on her design came into being in 1978. Its scope was quickly broadened to include the State's TAFE libraries and in 2015 continues to offer a wide range of services to the libraries and information services generally. Through CLANN, the benefits of library automation flowed to staff and students of many colleges, which could not have afforded such services from their own resources.

Dorothy was also a founding member of the Library Automated Systems Information Exchange (LASIE). From 1969 to 1996, LASIE was a key player in educating and informing the profession through its journal of the same name, its meetings and especially by inviting international experts to lead seminars, including Fred Kilgour, founding Director of OCLC, the first global online cataloguing service. Dorothy also had great entrepreneurial flair. In 1977, she set up the Division of Information and Library Services, a company of Insearch Limited, the UTS research company, and, through this, she negotiated the Dialog agency. For a decade, she managed profitably the Australian and New Zealand agency of this US company, which pioneered the global distribution of bibliographic and later full-text databases online. One of her associates wrote to her that she was 'a model manager and a pleasant, cooperative and willing person with whom to do business'. Anyone who worked with her in any capacity appreciated her ability of making realistic assessment of situations without rancour and finding solutions. Dorothy always dressed elegantly and maintained strong feminist principles along with a lively sense of fun.

Dorothy was born on 27 February 1930 at Sans Souci in the house built by her maternal grandfather for her parents when newly wed in 1920. After graduating BA in 1916, her father, Harry Peake (1894–1968), enlisted in World War I along with his father and his two younger brothers, one of whom, aged nineteen, was killed at Lone Pine less than a week after arriving in Gallipoli. Her mother, Gladys Hannah Johnson (1894–1979), came to Sydney as a child from the WA goldfields with her parents and graduated from business college. Postwar Harry became a high school teacher and was headmaster in various schools until promoted as an inspector in 1956.

Dorothy went to St George Girls High School and spent the year 1947 at the Conservatorium of Music, studying singing and piano, and then completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Sydney in 1952. She also completed the professional examinations of the Library Association of Australia and became an associate in 1958. Her notable contributions to librarianship were recognised in 1980 by her election as a Fellow of the Association. In 1983, she graduated with a Master of Librarianship degree from the University of New South Wales. In 1994, UTS conferred on her the honorary degree of Master of the University for her outstanding contributions to the institution. Dorothy was also a gifted artist and, especially between 1950 and 1990, often exhibited examples of her painting and printmaking talents. For several years, she was secretary of the Contemporary Art Society and she exhibited works in various shows.

In 1972, Dorothy married Alex Robertson, an Associate Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Sydney. After both retiring in 1989, they made generous gifts to the State Library

of New South Wales. They also travelled widely mainly on tours to visit gardens and study plants in Europe, Africa, Madagascar, Asia and North America, as well as all over Australia. They were very active as Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens and were honoured with its rare Life Membership in 2008. Dorothy took especial delight in the flora of the outback. One of her acrylics on a waratah motif hangs in the entrance area of the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah.

Dorothy died on 3 October 2014 after a long illness from secondary breast cancers. She is survived by Alex, and her older brother Ashley and sister Lorna.

Australian Academic and Research Libraries, 27 May 2015.

Francis Perry ED, BA, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

If you have information to expand this entry, please contact ALIA.

Ernest Pitt (1877-1957)

- LAA President 1938-1939

Obituary

The recent death of Mr ER Pitt has removed from the Australian library scene one who had played a long and notable part in the development of library services in this country.

Mr Pitt was a son of Mr Mark A Pitt, of Wexford, Ireland. He was born at Strathlodden, near Guildford, Victoria, on 16th October, 1877, and educated at St. Patrick's College. Melbourne. He graduated in Arts at Melbourne University. He joined the staff of the Public Library of Victoria on 4th April, 1900, before the days of accession registers, when Dewey was just being 'discovered', and when internal telephones were a novelty. After serving in the Reference Library in various posts, he was appointed in charge of the Lending Library in 1922, became Assistant Librarian in 1926, and Chief Librarian on the retirement of Mr RD Boys in 1931. He retired from the library staff on 16th December, 1943.

Mr Pitt's interests and activities were widespread. In the library field he was at various times President of the Library Associations of Victoria and of Australia, Chairman of the Library Service Board, 1940-44, President of the Australian Public Service Federation and of the Retired State Employees' Association of Victoria. He was also Chairman of the Joint Superannuation Board and later a member of the State Superannuation Board. His two main contributions to librarianship, however, may be reckoned as his part in the Munn-Pitt Survey of 1934 and as editor of the CSIRO's Catalogue of Scientific and Technical Periodicals. These alone will ensure the remembrance of his name and his achievements for years to come.
Mr Pitt was in all things methodical. He brought deliberation, clear thinking, and balanced judgement to every task and every occupation. He was a skilled and steady tennis player, an enthusiast for bridge, a devotee of Henry George, an imperturbable chairman, a logical debater. Privately he was whimsical and quietly genial, fond of young people, and respected by all.

After a serious illness during the early part of this year he made a remarkable recovery, but his health began to fail again and he died on 28th June at the age of seventy-nine years.

Mr Pitt was a link with the librarians of other times. He moved in the circle of Armstrong, Boys, Brazier and Morris Miller, Ifould and Purnell, Battye and Collier. If these were giants in their day as they seemed to the younger amongst us Pitt was of no less stature. His contribution to twentieth century librarianship in this country was indeed a worthy one.

There is a more extensive piece in the Australian Dictionary of Biography, by Margaret C Ramsay, from 1988.

The Australian Library Journal, July 1957, p. 116.

George Pitt BA, FLAA (1891-1972)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Obituary

George Henry Pitt BA. FLAA. was born on 21 January 1891 and joined the staff of the Public Library of South Australia 1906 at the age of fifteen. In 1919 he became the first archivist of the state and in 1946 was appointed to direct the Adelaide Lending Service (the first free lending library set up by the Libraries Board). In 1948 he became principal librarian and retired from that position in 1955. He died on 4 April 1972.

His own estimate of his good fortune in his appointment as archivist was: It gave me an opportunity to become a specialist in a worth-while field, one in which I would be continually learning; it brought me into friendly touch with many writers; it enabled me to taste for myself the pleasures of historical research; and above all, it meant that I would have a part in creating something of enduring value.

'Something of enduring value' sums up G.H. Pitt's attitude towards libraries. He saw this in the catalogues and indexes that he made, and when he was given the chance to set up the Adelaide Lending Service he gave himself wholly to the task. While still spending his normal working day as an archivist he spent his evenings ordering and processing the books for the new department. Its opening and excitement of those early days when the staff had to run to keep up with the huge demand for books was one of the happiest periods of his life, recalled often in later years.

On the morning that his appointment as principal librarian was announced his staff were waiting in the street to greet him and he entered the library between two lines of smiling well-wishers. Within five minutes of his entry he was talking to the assembled staff about the task as he saw it. He was the leader of his team, his mind was always open to suggestions from the other players, as his door was always open.

He was a man without any conceits, always careful to acknowledge publicly any ideas that came from members of his staff. His method tackling a problem was to gather all the evidence that he could and then to formulate his solution as clearly and concisely as possible and try it out on his colleagues, and he insisted that time should not be wasted in agreement. It was our task to try to prove him wrong.

He always got on with the job, and was not afraid to make decisions nor appalled by the size of the task. He said 'they will blame me anyway because we all make mistakes, but I hope they blame me for what I did, not for things left undone'. He was a happy man who worked long hours (at one time he wrote that he rose at 5.00 am and was at work at 6.00 am); who believed in the value of his work; in argument ruthlessly logical and dispassionate; a lover of music and animals; a voracious reader, who laughed often at the world and at himself;

intolerant of humbug, arrogance and laziness. Those who were privileged to work him can be recognized by an enthusiastic belief in libraries that cannot be put down.

'I have had a good innings', he said to me a few weeks ago. Indeed he played well.

Jean P Whyte

G.H. Pitt's service to the South Australian archives was certainly the most notable of his achievements in the early part of his career. He came to this position at a time when no other Australian state had an archives institution. It fell to him to devise systems and to draw up a blueprint for a service at a time when even his British colleagues had not published any basic code for the arrangement and description of archives. He applied himself to the tasks of creating order out of archival chaos with attention to detail and a sense of mission which his friends soon came to recognize as being typical of him.

G. H. Pitt is remembered as a tireless worker, a capable organizer, a good librarian and teacher, and as a strict but invariably courteous and understanding supervisor. An avid reader, he was a regular borrower from the Adelaide Lending Service until quite recently.

R.C. Sharman, President, LAA The Australian Library Journal May 1972, pp. 176-177.

Kay Poustie OAM, BA, AIMM, FALIA (d 2009)

- ALIA Fellowship 1997
- Namesake of the Kay Poustie OAM Scholarship

Fellowship citation

Kay Poustie began her distinguished career in the library and information sector in 1963 as a library assistant at the University of Melbourne. After completing the registration examination of the Library Association of Australia she became assistant librarian at Blackburn Public Library and from 1974 was employed as librarian at the Shepparton Technical College and College of TAFE. Following relocation to Perth in 1978, Kay began her successful association with the City of Stirling Libraries, initially as a cataloguer and supervisor of the Central Services section, then in 1983 as Karrinyup Branch librarian.

In 1984 Kay was appointed as city librarian, now manager, libraries, arts and culture, City of Stirling. In this position she is responsible for the management of one of the two largest public library systems in Western Australia. Kay's area of responsibility also includes management of the Community Information Service and the Arts and Culture portfolio for the City of Stirling which includes community arts, art exhibitions and other cultural activities. Since her appointment the libraries have upgraded to a computerised system and the effectiveness with which this was accomplished was recognised by a Silver Award in the Commonwealth Technology Event in 1989. Strategic plans developed for the library service under Kay's leadership now see the library enjoy a national reputation for excellence in this area.
Kay's commitment to client-focussed service has seen the implementation of innovative services within the City of Stirling Library Service, including being the first Western Australian public libraries to provide Sunday opening hours. Her energy and dedication have resulted in a significant growth in library usage.

Kay's expertise in the public library sector has been recognised in Australia and overseas. In 1991 Kay was appointed to the Library Board of Western Australia as the Local Government Association representative. The first public librarian to be appointed to this position, she served in this capacity for three years. In 1995 Kay was invited to be a keynote speaker at the First International Conference on Library Performance Measurement held at the University of

Northumbria in the United Kingdom. In the same year she was invited to join British consultant and author Charles Landry in a strategic planning day for Australian public libraries and the subsequent strategic forum. In 1996 the Bertelsmann Foundation in Germany invited Kay to represent Australia in an international public libraries network comprising nine 'outstandingly experienced and motivated practitioners who have adopted new approaches in their libraries'. The task for this select group of international librarians has been to prepare a report on management systems for improved client services in public libraries.

Kay is active in her profession and in the Australian Library and Information Association. She generously shares her broad experience with colleagues; her enthusiasm for ALIA and the professional comradeship it offers encourages others to support and enjoy the Association. Kay's commitment to the Association has seen her serve as WA branch president in 1989 and 1990 as well as in various offices within the Public Libraries section (WA Group). She also acted as chair of the finance committee for the first ALIA Biennial Conference held in Perth in 1990.

Between 1991 and 1996 Kay served as a member of the ALIA Board of Education, for four of those years from 1993 as its chair. In this role and as a member of the executive committee of General Council, Kay fostered the productive working relationship between General Council and the Board which ensures that the Board and the Association contribute to education for the library and information profession in Australia and overseas. Under Kay's leadership of the Board of Education, relationships between the Association and educators of library and information workers were enhanced.

In recognition of the importance of professional development Kay has instituted initiatives into the City of Stirling libraries which provide a progressive program of development and advancement to assist younger members of the profession. Her staff are esteemed for their high standards of professional practice and their willingness to mentor younger staff and students. As chair of the Board of Education Kay championed the introduction by ALIA of the *Framework for continuing professional development* for its members.

Kay's activities are not restricted only to the field of librarianship. She is active in the wider community through Zonta International, an international service organisation for executives in business and the professions, and from 1989 to 1992 served on the board of Meath Homes for the Aged in Western Australia.

A librarian held in high regard by colleagues both nationally and internationally, Kay has contributed tirelessly to the library and information profession and to the promotion of ALIA. Through her positions in the WA Branch and on the ALIA Board of Education, Kay has been able to influence the development of the library and information profession in Australia. She has contributed to the quality of public libraries and is dedicated to the delivery of excellent service and to ensuring free access to information through the public library system. Kay works unstintingly to raise the awareness of influential decision-makers about the importance of public libraries. Kay Poustie is a most worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Obituary

Colleagues and friends are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Kay Poustie OAM, ALIA Fellow, on 29 October 2009, after a brief illness.

Kay was a deeply respected and treasured colleague whose immense contribution and passion for public library services was recognised Australia wide, and in international circles. Kay will be sorely missed, but her legacy to the library profession and public library members will live on.

Kay contributed tirelessly to the library and information profession and to the promotion of ALIA throughout her 46 years of ALIA membership. Through her positions in the WA Branch, the Public Libraries section (WA Group) and on the ALIA Board of Education, Kay influenced the development of the library and information profession in Australia. She contributed to the quality of public libraries and was dedicated to the delivery of excellent service and to ensuring free access to information through the public library system. Kay worked unstintingly to raise the awareness of influential decision-makers about the importance of public libraries. Kay was also committed to the importance of continuing professional development. She generously shared her broad experience with colleagues; her enthusiasm for ALIA and the professional comradeship it offers encouraged others to support and enjoy the Association. As part of that commitment, she was chair of the finance committee for the first ALIA Biennial Conference held in Perth in 1990, and then returned as program chair of the ALIA Biennial Conference when it was held again in Perth in 2006.

Kay's activities were not restricted to the field of librarianship. She was active in the wider community through Zonta International, an international service organisation for executives in business and the professions, and from 1989 to 1992 served on the Board of Meath Homes for the Aged in Western Australia.

Kay was awarded an ALIA fellowship in 1997. Her Fellowship citation provides more details of her contributions to ALIA and our profession.

In 2008, Kay was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the library and information services sector, to the community through the Zonta International movement, and to aged welfare.

ALIA mourns the passing of a very distinguished ALIA member.

Jan Richards, ALIA President. From the ALIA Retirees blog, 30 October, 2009

Dorothy Prescott OAM

- Order of Australia Medal 2003

Dorothy Prescott's career has been as a Map Curator working in libraries. She has an Honours degree in Geography and qualifications in Librarianship. She has worked in Nigeria where she first became a Map Curator and established a collection for the University of Ibadan Library. Later after migrating to Australia she established a map collection for the University of Melbourne Library. Her last appointment was as Map Curator of the National Library Collection in Canberra from 1979 to 1983. In 1984 she established a business consulting to libraries and other organizations holding map collections. She became an Approved Valuer of cartographic material for the Commonwealth Government's Taxation Incentives Scheme in 1987.

In 1980 she became a member of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials which has published two editions of Cartographic materials: a manual of interpretation for AACR2. In 1980 she also became an Associate Member of the Australian Institute of Cartographers and then a Member of the same Institute which later became the Mapping Sciences Institute of Australia. She represented Australia on the International Cartographic Associations's Commission F History of Cartography from 1982 until she retired in 2003. The last piece of work carried out for the Commission was a Bibliography on the History of Australia's National Topographic Mapping Agencies (2003).

She has published many articles on maps and map librarianship and has taught the subject to both cartography and librarianship students. In 1996 she published with Dr Thomas Perry Guide to maps of Australia in books published 1780 to 1830: an annotated cartobibliography.

She has been involved with both the cartography and surveying professions serving on boards and committees since the middle seventies. Her commitment to surveying has been recognized by a number of awards among which is 'Eminent Spatial Scientist of the year 2003' and in June 2003 she was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for services rendered to Map Librarianship and Cartobibliography.

Since retiring her chief interest has been map history and cartobibliography work on John Arrowsmith's mapping of Australia being her principal interest.

Taken from Arrowsmith's Australian Maps.

Sir Archibald Price CMG, MA, DLitt, Dip Ed, FRGS (1892-1977)

- Redmond Barry Award 1973
- Honorary Member 1973

Sir Archibald Grenfell Price (1892-1977), geographer, historian and educationist, was born on 28 January 1892 in North Adelaide, second and only surviving son of South Australian-born parents Henry Archibald Price, banker and businessman, and his wife Elizabeth Jane, née Harris.

He was appointed by the South Australian government in 1936 to inquire into the State's library system, he wrote a report that led to the widening of public library services and he was a founding member (1940-1972) of the Libraries Board of South Australia. Chairman (1953-1971) of the advisory board of the Commonwealth Literary Fund, he anticipated in 1956 the implementation of the public lending rights scheme for authors. As chairman (1960-1971) of the council of the National Library of Australia, he had the honour in 1970 of showing the new library building to Queen Elizabeth II. In 1956 he had helped to found, and for some years held various offices in, the Australian Humanities Research Council.

Price's broad-ranging intellect, and his experience and interpretation of a wide variety of physical environments and their modifications by human endeavours around the world, led to the recognition of his multi-faceted contribution to Australian society. He received the John Lewis gold medal (1949) of the South Australian branch of the RGSA and the Redmond Barry award (1973) of the Library Association of Australia. Knighted in 1963 for his services to education, he was made an honorary fellow of the American Geographical Society in 1973. Recognition had its rewards, but appears not to have affected the modesty of a man who described himself as 'a good second-class brain'. Not surprisingly, Archie was variously described by contemporaries as 'an all-rounder of an uncommon kind', as 'a Renaissance man . . . at home in several fields of knowledge' and as one who 'possessed . . . kindly wisdom'.

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

Herbert Purnell (1883-1944)

- LAA President 1939-1940

A well-respected member of the library community, Purnell was Principal Librarian of the Public Library of South Australia from 1912 until his death in 1944. Before coming to Australia, he worked

in the Bodleian Library and the Croydon Central Reference Library in London, securing his Fellowship of the Library Association and rising to be in charge of the Croydon Central Lending Library. A complete professional, Purnell's appointment was fortunate for the Library which had just lost Ifould to New South Wales.

On his arrival, he called for the establishment of a free municipal circulating library in Adelaide. His great ambition was the establishment of free public libraries in South Australia, but even his own Library Board included members from the Institutes Association who believed that the institute system, which combined government subsidy with user subscriptions, was the best one for the State.

He continued to comment on the Library's problems and weaknesses in the newspaper press, and to feed other men of influence with material to do so. He strongly and publicly opposed the proposed federal book tax in 1931 and took a prominent part in the formation of the Friends of the Public Library in 1932. After the publication of the Munn-Pitt Report he worked ferociously to implement its major recommendations, only to be frustrated by some members of his own Board, by the political power of the institutes and the coming of World War II.
Purnell did, however, achieve much - the establishment of the Children's Library in 1915, the Archives in 1920, the Country Lending Service in 1938 and the Research Service in 1942. Planning for the Adelaide Lending Service was well advanced when he died. He was an enthusiastic member of the Australian Institute of Librarians (AIL), and the Library Group.
Tall, austere in appearance and reserved in manner, Purnell was very English. Intensely patriotic, he joined the AIF in World War I and spent much time on intelligence work in World War II. His fighting qualities, which meant that he never gave up, are revealed in the official records of the State Library of South Australia.

Jean P Whyte, Australia's Library Information and Archives Services, Ed Bryan, Harrison, vol 2, p. 210.

Note: Purnell was President of the Australian Institute of Librarians from 1939 to 1940.

Sherrey Quinn BA, DipLib, FALIA(CP)

- ALIA Fellowship 2007

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

The award of an ALIA Fellowship is made only after high achievement in our profession and an outstanding contribution to the Association. Sherrey Quinn joined the Association and the profession in the same year, and she very soon became an office bearer on ALIA's committees and sections. There have been very few, if any, years between 1971 and 2007 when her name was not to be found in the list of members committing their time, talent and energy in various ways to the Association and their profession. Her unique strength is the application of LIS concepts to information technology to improve access to information. Much of her recent work has been undertaken outside the traditional areas of librarianship, where she has raised awareness of LIS skills in both the indexing community and the broader IT profession.

Following a cadetship at the National Library of Australia in 1971, Sherrey developed her interest in special librarianship in a series of positions with other employers, including a return to the NLA. Her expertise grew in technical services in special libraries, particularly those allied to the applied sciences - her workplaces between 1971 and 1985 include the libraries of the Aeronautical Research Laboratories (ARL), the NSW Traffic Accident Research Unit and the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB).

She played a major role in establishing some of Australia's first collaborative database projects. Among these was the AUSINET public database service, which she contributed to during the period she spent in the Social Sciences Information Services team at the NLA. She also contributed input to the Australian Defence Science and Technology Information System database when Technical Services Librarian at ARL. At the ARRB, the library produced and published material in print and online, and was the Australian clearinghouse for the contribution of bibliographic and current research records to the OECD's International Road Research Database.

One of the special IT projects with national significance that Sherrey was involved in was at CSIRO Information Services, which she joined in 1994. There she co-ordinated the migration of the CSIRO science and technology databases from AUSTRALIS system to the NLA's OZLINE service. She was a member of the team that implemented SIM (Structured Information Manager, now known as Teratext) with CSIRO, and she co-ordinated the post-implementation development of user specifications, software testing, and product development. She also wrote the user documentation and managed the help desk and user support services. Her contribution to special libraries continued at BHP Research, where she reviewed requirements, existing services, best practice and made recommendations for service provision.

Her entrepreneurial streak has led her to set up two consultancy businesses, where she has been able to supply expert advice to clients in projects both major and minor. Online Information Services Pty Ltd (1986-1995) was the first, specialising in the design, specification, implementation and documentation of databases and information retrieval services. She was later co-founder of Libraries Alive!, based in the ACT. Sherrey has worked closely with, among many that could be mentioned, the ACT Library and Information Service on several major projects. Project stakeholders praise her capacity to build rapport, to process information, and to provide sound recommendations that give positive results when implemented.

Special mention should also be made of Sherrey's significant contribution to the Aurora program, run since 1995 to assist future leaders in the library and associated cultural and information fields to maximise their leadership skills and potential. Participation in the Aurora workshop has encouraged many high-performing newer members of the profession to greater contributions to both the profession and ALIA.

Sherrey has been a key organiser of the event over almost a decade, assisting in many aspects of the organisation and delivery of the program. She has mentored participants, assisted them to think about their careers, edited their draft publications and generally encouraged them to grow. Sherrey's professional contribution to varied organisations concerned with the development of information services, such as the Australian Database Development Association and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers, has been extensive. In early recognition of this, she was awarded the 1987 RD Williamson Award for outstanding contribution to the development of information science in Australia. Her major contribution to indexing is exemplified by the review she undertook of the Schools Online Thesaurus, contributing to improved information literacy in, it is not an exaggeration to say, every school in Australia.

A dedicated member since the beginning of her library career, Sherrey's direct contribution to ALIA includes over 30 years service, variously as an office bearer and as a representative on many ALIA committees and advisory groups, including the Expert Advisory Group on Inter-library Lending. Most recently she has been the convenor of ACTive ALIA, the ACT local group (formerly the ACT branch). ACTive ALIA provides communication among library professionals of all sectors, arranges and supports professional development activities, promotes the role of libraries and lobbies on local matters, and promotes ALIA membership. Sherrey has also contributed her time and expertise to external bodies, both as an ALIA and as a special libraries representative. She has served, for example, on the Libraries Australia Advisory Committee, the National Resource Sharing Policy Committee and the NLA Expert Practitioner Group.

During the early to mid 1990s, Sherrey documented the development of Australia's online industry and its developing databases. Her published work in this period includes the *Directory of Australian and New Zealand Databases*, the *Recipe Book Service of Online Searching* (8th to the 14th editions) and, in 1995, the compilation and editing of the *SAGE Thesaurus*.

She has also published extensively on indexing and thesaurus construction, and on roads and transport libraries and information services. Her work as an indexer covers many subject areas, ranging from the biophysics of the Cochlea to climate change.

For her contribution to special library service provision, to improved access to information, to the wider awareness of the LIS sector in Australia and for her service to ALIA, Sherrey Quinn is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Dr Neil Radford AM, BEc, DipLib, PhD, FLAA (b1941)

- ALIA Fellowship 1982

Radford, Neil Anthony Charles BEc DipLib AM PhD FLAA. University librarian University of Sydney. Born 15 September 1941 Sydney, son of Leslie and Jean (McMahon) Radford. Education: North Sydney Boys High School, University of Sydney B Ec 1964, University of NSW DipLib 1966, University of Chicago US AM 1968 PhD 1972. Positions: University of Sydney various positions 1959-65 circulation librarian 1966, University of Chicago assistant reference librarian 1967-71, University of Illinois US part time lecturer in librarianship 1968-70, Tasmanian CAE Hobart senior lecturer in librarianship 1972-73, University of Sydney associate librarian reader services 1973-80, present 1980 -. Membership LAA fellow (NSW Branch secretary 1960-63, Board of Education 1974-chairman 1976-80, Publications Board 1981- chairman 1986-87), ALA, Australian Information Management Association (secretary 1985-86, president 1987). Special interests in education for librarianship, book collecting. [Note: Neil Radford retired from the Fisher Library University of Sydney in 1996.]

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, p. 182.

(Wilma Radford's) nephew Neil followed her into librarianship in 1959, 'When I left high school I enrolled in economics at the University of Sydney. My father (Wilma's brother) thought I should get a job and be an evening student, so he arranged an interview at the Reserve Bank for the position of trainee economist. I was also interested in library work and Wilma arranged an interview with Bea Wines at the Fisher Library for as junior assistant position. I was offered both jobs and have never regretted taking the library one.' After working at Sydney, in the United States and in Tasmania, Neil has been University Librarian at Sydney since 1980.

Taken from inCite 4 February 1994, p14 – article on Happy (library) families.

Professor Wilma Radford BA, Med, BSc, FLAA (1912-2005)

- HCL Anderson Award 1976
- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Obituary

Miss Wilma Radford, a Foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians, (the AIL, a forerunner of ALIA) and an outstanding library practitioner and educator died on 27 August 2005 after a short illness. She was 93.

Born on 31 July 1912 in Warragul, Victoria, she received her secondary education at Sydney Girls' High School and in 1931 attended Sydney Teachers' College. She had considered a career in librarianship when still at school and in 1932 obtained her first position at the Public Library of New South Wales (now the State Library), where she would remain for most of the next thirty years. She was interviewed by WH Ifould, the principal librarian at the time, a shrewd selector. In those depression years there was no shortage of young women seeking employment at the library and he could afford to be choosy. He looked for candidates who were in the top twelve of the Leaving Certificate list and who were 'suitable in address, physique and health, as well as in scholarship'. He was also seeking keen and energetic people and wanted to know about their outside interests. At her interview Wilma declared her fondness for gardening, to which Ifould, a renowned gardener, retorted: 'Well you can't garden at night'. He may have thought her reply sycophantic, but he recognised her sterling qualities and the Public Library had found one of its star performers.

As was then the norm, Wilma's progress through the ranks was slow but varied. The Public Library at that time also staffed libraries in New South Wales government departments, technical colleges and the Sydney Teachers' College. She worked in some of these outposts, as well as in the General Reference Department (now the State Reference Library) and the Cataloguing Department. In 1937 she was at Sydney Technical College when the Australian Institute of Librarians was founded in Canberra, and she was among its Foundation members. She was then still a library assistant on probation, only becoming a senior library assistant in 1944. By then she had begun one of the most stimulating phases of her career as a lecturer in the Library School, which had been established at the Public Library in 1939. In this role she worked closely with John Metcalfe, who had succeeded Ifould as principal librarian in 1942. Their collaboration, particularly in education for librarianship and the professional association, would continue for many decades. Her sustained respect for Metcalfe was understandable - he was a larger than life figure with an intellect to match and a tremendous capacity for work. But he was not infallible and her admiration was not slavish. On more than one occasion Radford's reason may have tempered Metcalfe's impetuousness in the business of the association and in the workplace.

Whilst lecturing at the Library School she was also studying part-time for her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney and graduated in 1947. In that year she was recommended for Carnegie Corporation assistance to undertake library studies in the United States. She was granted leave to attend the Columbia University School of Library Service, graduating Bachelor of Science in 1948. Returning home via Europe, she attended the UNESCO/IFLA International Summer School for Librarians in London, subsequently sharing her observations on libraries and library education in the UK and USA with her colleagues. Not long after her return she was appointed technical officer of the Library Board of New South Wales, and from 1949 to 1954 she played a leading part in the rapid development of public library services established under the Library Act.

During this time she remained active and interested in library education, continuing to lecture at the Library School and to be an active member of the Library Association of Australia (LAA) Board of Examination, Certification and Registration of Librarians. At the 1951 LAA Conference she and Elizabeth Hall of the National Library presented a paper on library staffing and education which Metcalfe described as 'the best professional paper so far read to this Association'. He was well qualified to judge, having heard and read all of the papers since 1937.

In 1954 she was appointed reference librarian, in charge of the General Reference Department. This was a time when resources were stretched to the limit: university students,

their own libraries not yet able to cope with post-war student numbers, flooded into the Public Library. There were often too few seats to go around and students sat on the stairs of the galleries or on the floor. Telephone enquiries grew exponentially, as did detailed research enquiries from business and industry. To survive, let alone flourish, the reference staff needed to be well organised, well trained and committed to their work. In Wilma Radford they had a perfect role model, tutor and guide.

In 1962 it was announced that she was to leave the Public Library to join the School of Librarianship at the University of New South Wales. The Trustees of the Library presented her with an address under seal - an honour usually reserved for very distinguished staff members upon retirement. Her loss was keenly felt, but the Trustees were 'reconciled to the loss of her services to them by the knowledge that her ability and experience will now be devoted to the professional training of librarians for the benefit of library services as a whole, as well as for their own institution'.

As senior lecturer at the School of Librarianship she was working once again with John Metcalfe, its foundation director. In what spare time she had she was also researching and writing her thesis on Charles Badham and his role in New South Wales education, and in 1969 was awarded the Master of Education degree by the University of Sydney.

In 1968, after the vacancy had been widely advertised in Australia and overseas, she succeeded Metcalfe as head of school and was appointed Professor of Librarianship - this was the first chair of librarianship in Australia. Her appointment was widely welcomed. Russell Cope wrote of her 'sense of commitment to her profession, her concern for standards of excellence and a lively interest in people, particularly young people entering librarianship', qualities which in her were 'blended in a pleasing harmony'. Cope also referred to her great fund of common sense and indeed she valued this quality in others. Good old-fashioned nous - a favourite word - entered into more than one discussion of librarianly qualities. She lived up to everyone's expectations, holding her new position with distinction and retiring in 1974. In the words of a later citation, she had 'consolidated the position of the school in the University and the community and opened new horizons for both staff and students'.

Her contribution to the wider profession was also being recognised. She had been appointed a Foundation Fellow of the LAA in 1963 and in 1976 she became the second recipient of the HCL Anderson Award, the Association's highest award to a library professional - Metcalfe had been so honoured in 1973.

The Association recognised her long and distinguished service - she had been active in one role or another in her professional association almost continuously since 1937, as a council member, committee member, Board of Examiners secretary, member, deputy chairman and in due course chairman, general secretary and vice-president.

In retirement she remained an active and committed member, contributing chapters to professional publications, papers to conferences, particularly on Australian library history, and occasional letters to the editor of the *Australian Library Journal*. She was present at Association celebrations - such as the 50th anniversary in 1987 - and when critical issues were being discussed. In 1999 she attended the meeting at which formal approval was given for the Association to move to an incorporated body. The then president was somewhat astonished to be talking with someone who by then had been a member for 62 years.

She always managed to find time for those who wished to draw upon her memories of librarians, libraries and library work since the 1930s. About two years ago the author sounded her out about the draft of a history of the AIL which Jean Whyte had begun and which he was completing. Would Wilma be able to read it and offer her comments? By all means. In the office or closer to her home? Oh, she was still coming into town from time to time. Mind you, she didn't know how much help she could be. It was such a long time ago. It was an

unnecessary caveat. She worked with him through the 223-page draft which she had carefully read and annotated during the previous week. She suggested a subtle change of emphasis here, an additional name there. A correction of dates or the sequence of events. An alternative view of certain occurrences. A spelling mistake, despite endless spell checking. A grammatical solecism. In an absorbing three and a half hours she informed, guided, inspired and entertained as she had done many thousands of times before, with students, senior and junior colleagues, family and friends. It was an astonishing exhibition by a gifted teacher who had lost none of her magic. Far from exhausted by this editorial marathon, Wilma made her own way to the kerb, hailed a cab and headed for her apartment in Chatswood.

This is but a brief insight into a truly extraordinary life which others will celebrate more fully and reflectively in coming months and years. Many will view her principal legacy to the profession as the generations of librarians who were taught by her at the Public Library of New South Wales and at the University of New South Wales, or who benefited from her work on the Board of Examiners, and who absorbed some of her passion and philosophy. Some will explore how she succeeded as a female professor of a fledgling profession in a decidedly male bastion. Others will examine her practical contribution to professional education. Former colleagues may recall what it was like to work with her at the Public Library and the University of New South Wales. They will certainly write of her generosity to institutions and causes, including the John Metcalfe Memorial Fund at the University of New South Wales.
Family, friends and colleagues will relate how they benefited from those most valued commodities - her time and her interest in their work or welfare. Others, like the author, will trace the origins of their own growing commitment to librarianship to an inspiring Radford lecture or tutorial. We all join in mourning the passing of this great Australian and celebrating her contribution to our profession and to our own lives.

David J Jones, From inCite vol. 26, October 2005, pp. 12-13.

Australian Academic & Research Libraries obituary by Carmel Maguire and Alex Byrne published October 2013, Vol 36, Issue 4, 2005

Julie Rae

- ALIA President 2013

Biographical note 2014

Julie Rae is the Head of Information and Research at the Australian Drug Foundation where she leads a team devoted to providing evidence-based information for the prevention of alcohol and other drug problems. Julie is an advocate for upstream prevention and regularly presents on the topic and blogs about her thoughts on GrogWatch. Previously she has held strategic and operational leadership roles in local government and the private sector. Julie has also held a number of positions both on international and national boards focussed on information accessibility. She is passionate about helping organisations embrace digital platforms and consider the many opportunities they offer.

Aladin Rahemtula (b1948)

- Order of Australia OAM 2011

Aladin Rahemtula, OAM is the Chief Librarian at the Supreme Court of Queensland Library in Brisbane. This Library is the primary legal information service for the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts. It also services members of the legal profession and those engaged in

matters before the courts. He has contributed significantly through his work and personally to the development and preservation of legal history and has been the author of several publications on this topic.

Together with his wife Mary, Rahemtula came to Australia in 1976 from Uganda.

Ismailimail.blog post 5 April 2011.

Michael Ramsden BA, MSocSc, FLA, FLAA

- ALIA Fellowship 1988

Michael Ramsden has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship through his research, his scholarship and publications, particularly in the area of classification and indexing, and in his contribution to the development of education for library and information studies. He has an internationally recognised reputation for his work in the areas of classification and indexing. His books are used as standard texts throughout the world, and the workbooks published by RMIT have been made available to school of library and information studies in many countries.

Michael Ramsden has researched and made major contributions in other areas. In the 1970s he was responsible for significant pioneering research in the areas of standards and performance measures for libraries. His work with public libraries in Victoria has become a landmark study. He has a record of sustained high achievement and leadership in the field of librarianship. His work experience has seen him progress through public library positions in the UK and then levels of academic institutions, first in the UK, and then in Australia. In his position as Head of RMIT's Department of Librarianship (now Information Services) he carried through a major reorientation of both the Department's teaching program and its role in the Institute. The Department's membership of RMIT's Information technology Division represents major recognition of this reorientation.

After declining to apply for the position of Dean of the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Michael Ramsden was then invited to do so. The fact that he then gained this position is an indicator of the high esteem in which he is held in his institution.

Michael Ramsden has been an active member and office holder in the Library Association, the Australian Society of Indexers and FID's Commission for Asia and Oceania. He has been on the Editorial Boards of two international journals and been involved in education for library and information studies in China and East Africa. He has been a professional member of the Library Association of Australia since arriving in Australia in 1971. He was General Councillor for Victoria in 1976/77, and a member of the Standing Committee of Council, President of the Victorian Branch in 1974, and Secretary of the LAA Biennial Conference Committee for the 1975 Melbourne conference.

Michael Ramsden is a strong advocate of continuing education. He has conducted regular indexing programs for the Australian Society of Indexers, PRECIS workshops for RMIT, and two series of travelling workshops for the LAA on the new edition of AACR which were held in all capital cities and Townsville in 1979.

Michael Ramsden has been very active in the area of course development and course design, and led major course redesigns at RMIT, including the early introduction of computer familiarisation subjects. Since 1984 he has been heavily involved in utilising information management software packages in both teaching and research programs. He has always been very generous in giving his time and expertise to others in the interests of furthering the development of librarianship and in education for library and information studies in particular.

Margery Ramsay MA, MLS, FRAIPA, FLAA (1923-1998)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Ramsay Margery Campbell. MA MLS FLAA. Retired. Born 22 September 1923 Ballarat Victoria, daughter of Robert Hamilton and Iris Pyree (Flower) Ramsay. Education: Clarendon Presbyterian Ladies College Ballarat Victoria, University of Melbourne BA (Hons) 1944, MA 1945, University of California Berkeley MLS 1958, Registration Examination 1949. Positions: Ballarat Municipal Libraries librarian 1946-54, State Library of Tasmania Hobart training officer 1954-55, Municipal Services librarian 1955-68, State Library of Victoria Melbourne principal Library Training School 1969-74 deputy principal librarian 1969-74, principal librarian 1974-83. Membership: ALIA fellow (Victoria Branch representative 1953-54, Tasmanian Branch general councillor 1958 president 1959, Public Libraries Section president and general councillor 1962-63, Board of Examiners 1959-66 1969-75 deputy chairman 1964-66 convenor various committees 1964-93 chairman 1973-75), COPQ Expert Panel on Librarianship 1973-78, Australian Institute of Public Administration fellow (Victorian Regional Group Councillor 1971-president 1979), Library Courses (Vocational) Standing Committee (chairman 1972-79). Awards: Carnegie scholarship 1946, Fullbright Scholarship 1951-52. Special interests in administration and government, music, theatre.

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, p. 183.

Margery C Ramsay was the first qualified librarian appointed to a public library service in country Victoria. She was appointed to the Ballarat library in 1946 and in 1950, under her guidance, the library became part of the Central Highlands Regional Library Service. This was one of the first regional library services in Victoria.

Margery moved to Tasmania in 1954, later working as librarian in charge of municipal library services. In 1968 she returned to Victoria as principal of the Library Training School. She was the State Library's deputy-principal librarian in 1969 and principal librarian from 1974 to 1981. Margery died in 1998.

From the State Library of Victoria website (Margery C Ramsay Scholarship).

Ira Raymond (1917-2004)

- HCL Anderson Award 1982

Obituary

Ira Raymond, former university librarian at the University of Adelaide, died on 12 September. Ira was born on 6 July 1917 in O'Hallaran Hill, South Australia. His mother died in 1930, and in 1932 his father, a leading Churches of Christ minister, moved with his three sons and a new wife to West Australia. Ira was educated at Adelaide High School, Fremantle Boys' School, Perth Modern School and the University of Western Australia. He graduated BA in English and French in 1941 and MA in 1951. Ira was appointed University of Adelaide librarian in 1964 and served in the position for eighteen years until his retirement in 1982.

From 1937 to 1941 Ira taught at schools in Western Australia. This was followed by war service in the Royal Australian Air Force from 1941 to 1945, when he was posted lo New Guinea. In 1946

he entered the Library School of the Public Library of New South Wales. After gaining professional qualifications, he held a number of library positions in West Australia before his appointment to the staff of the National Library of Australia in 1949. Here he moved through a number of positions with distinction, and in 1954 was appointed liaison officer in New York. He was accompanied to New York by his wife Patricia, whom he had married in 1951: their long and remarkable relationship continued until the end of his life. They remained in New York until 1957 and Ira took the opportunity to gain the degree of Master of Library Science from Columbia University. On return to the National Library he held several senior positions in succession. This was a time of unprecedented growth and development at the National Library, and Ira made a major contribution to the planning and establishment of national bibliographical services. He continued his involvement in national initiatives throughout his career. He served on a number of committees of the Australian Advisory Council for Bibliographical Services; he sat on the National Library Advisory Committee on the Humanities from 1973 to 1978, and was also chair of the Committee of Australian University Librarians from 1973 to 1978. He took a life-long interest in education for librarianship, serving on a number of advisory roles with the then Library Association of Australia, and establishing a short lived Library School at the University of Adelaide between 1975 and 1979. He received the highest accolade of his profession, the HCL Anderson Award from ALIA in 1982 for his outstanding contribution to librarianship.

When Ira Raymond moved to Adelaide in 1964, the university library was in the stage of rapid growth. During his service, the size of the collection passed the half million and million volume mark, and the Barr Smith Library building doubled in size. While he was an outstanding bookman, Ira was also ahead of his time in the development of library systems. Operations were steadily computerised from the 1960s onwards and cataloguing went online in 1980. His meticulous planning and execution helped to ensure the success of these developments. He was highly able in working with the university community and was noted for his thorough 'homework' with all stakeholders before he launched any initiative. His concern to provide the best possible conditions of work and development for staff gained him their unstinting support. He always maintained the role of the Barr Smith Library tor the community at large. His great contribution to the University was recognised in 1989 when the title of Librarian Emeritus was conferred on him. The Ira Raymond Exhibition Room in the Barr Smith Library perpetuates his memory. A Festchrift in his honour, entitled *Innovation no stranger*, was published and presented to him in 1983. In his retirement he achieved an Honours Degree in Chinese from the University.

While he was determined in character, Ira's self-effacement was legendary. His wit was equally characteristic: when told by an admirer that he was the most humble man they had met, he replied, 'I agree'. While Christian by up bringing he was deeply persuaded in his own mind of a Christian position which he held in an exemplary manner.

Paul Wilkins, deputy university librarian, Barr Smith Library, Adelaide University, INCITE, December 2004, p. 26.

Emeritus Professor Boyd Rayward BA (Syd), MS (Illinois), PhD (Chicago), DipLib (UNSW), AALIA

- Honorary member 2001

Emeritus Professor Warden Boyd Rayward, BA (Syd), MS (Illinois), PhD (Chicago), DipLib (UNSW), AALIA, member of the Association since 1961 and Associate since 1971, has retired from the University of New South Wales. He was professor of librarianship there from 1986, head of the School of Information, Library and Archive Studies from 1986 until 1992, and dean of the Faculty of Professional Studies from 1993 until 1997.

Boyd's career began at the Public (now State) Library of New South Wales in 1961. From 1964 until 1986 his time was divided between Australia, a brief period in Canada, and the United States of America. He returned to Australia to the University of New South Wales until the end of July this year.

In a peripatetic life as librarian, student, educator and committee member there has been sustained research activity, some entailing periods in Europe for work with sources.
The role of educator included, in addition to contributions in Australia, being Dean of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. His membership of committees included responsibilities connected with *World Book Encyclopedia*, Charles Sturt University, the Australian Libraries Summit and AACOBS.

Research has been, and is, accompanied by a wide range of publications. There is an extensive bibliography of articles in scholarly periodicals. His books include *The university of information: the work of Paul Otlet*; and he has edited three others: *International organisation and dissemination of knowledge: selected essays of Paul Otlet*; *The variety of librarianship: essays in honour of John Wallace Metcalfe*; and *The development oi a profession of librarianship in Australia: the travel diaries and other papers of John Wallace Metcalfe* (jointly published by ALIA and Scarecrow press).

To Boyd Rayward, appreciation of the achievements and good wishes for the future.
Wilma Radford, inCite vol. 20, Oct 1999, p.31

Barrett Reid AM, FLAA (1926-1995)

- Member of the Order of Australia 1983
- LAA Fellowship

Among those honoured in the Australia Day Honours List was Barrett Reid who became a Member of the Order of Australia for public service, particularly in librarianship.

This is a particularly fitting time for such a tribute. because at the end of 1982 Barrett Reid retired from his position as Executive Officer of the Public Libraries Division with the State Library or Victoria. His career in librarianship began in Queensland and he joined the Victorian State Library 1952.

His many achievements during this long period of service includes the extension library services to 207 councils; gaining council acceptance of the importance of well designed library buildings; the establishment or Technilib and the creation of a strong local government lobby to keep to needs of public libraries before the state government.

Barrett Reid was one of the first to see community information as a function of public libraries, and he was the initiator the Jolly Jumbuck children's mediamobile - described as a multi-media approach children's librarianship.

His enthusiasm in the many aspects of librarianship have caused him to be known outside the library profession: from 1965-78 he served on the Australian UNESCO Committee on Museums and Libraries. from 1974-78 on the Libraries Board of the Australian Council. and from 1974 onwards the Public Lending Right Committee.

The promotion of libraries has always been a major concern of Barrett Reid's, first through the old Library Week Committee, then the Australian Library Promotion Council and the Library Promotion Committee. He was also involved with the Braille and Talking Book Library and the setting up of the Braille Book of the Year Award.

Barrett Reid's many achievements can only be touched on briefly here, but his friends and associates will be well pleased the tribute paid in creating him Member the Order of Australia.

InCite 11 March 1983, p. 4

Geoffrey Remington CMG (1897-1968)

- Honorary Member 1940

<u>Obituary</u>

Geoffrey Cochrane Remington was born on November 27, 1897, when he died on January 20, 1968, he was, amongst other things, President of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales, Chairman of the Library Board of New South Wales, Executive Chairman of the Royal Institute of Public Administration in New South Wales, an honorary member of the Library Association of Australia, Chairman of Directors of Rolls Royce of and head of Remington & Co solicitors.

He first became known to me as a well dressed man in a brown or blue-toned suit with tie and homburg hat, both matching, and all impeccably worn. I remember calling on him very early one morning, at home, to find him clipping his hedge, impeccably dressed, for hedge clipping. He has presence, was neither thin nor fat, and close cropped hair looked older in 1933 than his well matured thirty-six years, mine being an immature thirty-two; if the thirties are old for youth they are young for middle age, and in his company at any age it could be a joy to be alive. He had come to what seemed a blank wall of books, then through a hidden entrance he was in the room where I worked overlooking Phillip Lane, now running through the Black Stump. I well remember learning for the first time from him of the concealed door of the British Museum Library gallery. He talked about books, and in my alarm as I was tossed about in the surf of his enthusiasms I tried rather snootily to put him off with a forced loan of Snooty Baronet by Wyndham Lewis, just out. He returned it with some disparagement of fiction in the general scheme of things, and I did not learn until later how well read he was in poets ranging from Shakespeare through Shelley to Kipling and Eliot.

He had been impressed by some quoted lines with which Keynes ended his *Economic Consequences of the Peace*;

The good want power but to weep barren tears.
The powerful goodness want: worse need for them.
The wise want love; and those who love want wisdom;
And all best things are thus confused to ill.

No one could tell him their source so he wrote to Keynes, who replied. He also wrote to T. S. Eliot about Kipling as a poet, to the Webbs about the Russian revolution and to others equally great. And he put his penetrating questions so well that usually they replied.

Shelley's lines arc in his *Prometheus Unbound* in the account of the people of the Earth with which the Furies tormented Prometheus, and their interest for Remington in the Depression helps to explain him. He had a deep sense of privacy, did not like being slapped on the back and called by his christian name, and once when he had been promoting the interests of another, with complete self effacement, as he so often did, this time of an entrant into federal politics, I asked him why he had not gone in himself, since obviously he could have achieved at least Cabinet rank; his reply was that he did not like being caught in public with his pants down, and with all his eagerness, enthusiasm and ebullience, he never lost his dignity, and he was never so caught. But probably he would not have found it possible to choose between the parties.

He had no self-interest in his manifold interests outside his business, though the ignoble thought he must have. He certainly enjoyed the exercise of thinking out something to a point of conclusion, in what he often said he was pleased to call his mind, and proving in action that he was right, even though he might not appear right for many years, during which he had to put up with the scepticism, the patronage and even the suspicion of others, particularly those of his own class. But there was some thing more than the exercise for its own sake. Harry Storey who helped in the launching of the Free Library Movement called it noblesse oblige, and with this after thirty years of reflection I still agree. In Australian terms he was of the noblesse; he was one of the right people, who knew the right people, but in addition he had a sense of obligation. Of course he was not unique in this, even in Australia, but he was different from some others in freedom from mere sentiment and in depth of thought; though when it suited him he could use the sentimental phrases 'the grass roots', and even 'the little people'.

Apparently through some trial and error in youth and early manhood he had become a solicitor in private practice; with this he enjoyed social life, apparently without much concern for society in the wider sense until the Depression. Then Shelley's compacted aphorisms expressed what he observed; he pondered ills and remedies much deeper than the froth and bubble oratory of the pervading All for Australia movement. But the AFA did mix people whose social path might otherwise never have crossed. He was generally influenced by the emerging philosophy of Roosevelt's New Deal, and more particularly Leonard White, an American writer on public administration, and one of his conclusions was that the despised clerks, the public servants, must play a much greater part in a socialist economy, must be made more conscious of their emerging role, cohesive and co-operative, whatever the areas of their service, federal, state or local. And so with time on his hands, he was tramping the streets and haunting offices with the result which is the Royal Institute of Public Administration in Australia, and of the New South Wales regional group, he, a layman, remained executive chairman until death. It was on this that he found his way to me, the newly appointed Deputy Principal Librarian of the state library; he looking for middle rank men who could be associates or a kind of younger set in his public administration association.

About the same time he was a leader in a group of well-to-do young men who wanted some means of studying social and political problems, and solutions, above the level of shooting coal miners. The outcome under the guidance of R. W. G. Mackay was the Australian Institute of Political Science, with W. G. K. Duncan, later President of the Library Association Australia, as its first director of studies. Early in 1935 Remington was in Melbourne seeking Carnegie assistance for the AIPS and saw Frank Tate, retired Director of Education in Victoria, and President of the Australian Council for Educational Research. But in the meantime there had been library development. After the dormancy and extinction of a Library Association of Australasia after 1902, an Australian Library Association was established in 1928 on the initiative of the Institutes Association of South Australia in 1926. At a conference in Melbourne in 1933 it was resolved that the Carnegie Corporation be asked finance a survey of Australian libraries; Frank Tate was already well and favourably known to the Corporation, and on his representations it agreed to finance a survey, and report, with a possibility of further assistance. Hence the Munn-Pitt report, published by ACER, and fresh from the press when Tate saw Remington in 1935. Tate (1863-1939), then about twice Remington's age is reliably reported to have said to him, so you want to help poor suffering humanity do you, well get your teeth into this, handing him a copy of the Munn-Pitt report; and probably far more that rugged old man expected of the polite young man, he did get his teeth into it. The subscription library dominated Australian Library Association was so shocked by the Munn-Pitt report that it became dormant and extinct without ever meeting to receive or consider it. A committee, the Library Group, consisting of the state librarians of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, and the librarian of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library, with Tate as Chairman, was to form to advise the Carnegie Corporation; and in Sydney after organization by Remington the constitution of the Free Library Movement was adopted at a meeting in the Dixson Gallery of the state library on November 25, 1935.

What followed cannot be detailed or even outlined here. Remington worked mainly in New South Wales, but made missionary visits to Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland, as well as throughout New South Wales. The formally constituted Free Library Movement was not of course the whole story for the whole of Australia. But it got Carnegie assistance for a purely propaganda effort in favour of the present systems of local free libraries, though not without some resistance from the Library Group. There was in it and around it suspicion of Remington as some kind of go-getter, and the interest and imagination of the Group's members did not go much beyond extension of state and national services as they were, with perhaps a gradual conversion of institutes or schools of arts on a points system, so much subsidy for a trained librarian and so on. There wasn't a pushover as I well know from participation, and in my opinion there would not be even now the clear cut free library systems there are; there would certainly have been a patchwork quilt of assistance to schools of arts and voluntary bodies, and a state library extension, with perhaps a few regional branches; if there had not been Remington's efforts, sometimes in opposition to librarians, the efforts of a layman, and their success. Even the present Library Association of Australia would not have been so well established and endowed by the Carnegie Corporation as it was in its formative years without his services as its Treasurer.

I have tried to represent the man as I knew him, as I worked with him. We worked, as others did, but there was leisure too if only enforced, as we trundled over the countryside in railway box carriages before the days of air transport, or after a day's campaigning in one town drank 'carouses to the next day's fate'. I say this because there seems to be an idea that it is not possible to be all au go-go or au yo yo, or whatever the phrase of the moment is, and to enjoy life whilst doing the kind of voluntary work he did. But, after all, we were contemporary with Bonney and Clyde, and if ever there was a Ulysses who drank life to the lees, it was Geoffrey Cochrane Remington.

John Metcalfe, The Australian Library Journal March 1968, pp. 57-59

Ian Renard AM, BA, LLM

- Redmond Barry Award 2002

Ian Renard is a citizen of Melbourne with wide community interests. A lawyer by profession, Ian was a long-term partner in the Melbourne firm of Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks, and managing partner from 1989 to 1991. He resigned from the firm in 2001 to devote himself full-time to board and public activities. Ian has occupied a wide range of public positions, including president of the Library Board of Victoria (formerly the Council of the State Library of Victoria) from May 1997 to May 2002. He continues to support the work of the State Library as a member of the Collections Committee and of the Foundation. Ian is the current deputy chancellor of the University of Melbourne, and chairman of the Melbourne Theatre Company. In 1994 Ian began his association with the State Library of Victoria at a crucial point in its fortunes. He quickly developed an understanding of the library's operations and library networks, and as a result he was able to influence the political environment to the benefit of all libraries in the state.

Ian served as the deputy chairman of the Council of the State Library of Victoria from June 1994, and was appointed as president of the Library Board of Victoria in 1997. Ian gave unstinting service to the State Library of Victoria in particular, and to the wider community of public libraries across the state, through his outstanding leadership, careful attention to policy development and planning, and in his performance of public duties on behalf of the library. When he became president Ian provided clear directions for the improvement of performance, the resumption of the redevelopment program, the augmentation of the library's resources and capacity, and the clear demonstration of accountability.

Ian gave strong leadership to the team responsible for the major building redevelopment program for the State Library of Victoria. He ensured that the master plan was sufficiently broad and farsighted and that it could be properly supported by the funds available at each stage. He was a champion of public libraries at a time when the State Library could have been forgiven for concentrating on its own redevelopment, and he ensured that the strategic importance of the relationship between the State Library and other libraries was not forgotten. He motivated the State Library of Victoria Foundation through a period of steady consolidation, also personally securing some key sponsors and orchestrating the involvement in the Foundation's affairs of key library supporters.

He convinced the government that the rejuvenation of the State Library depended not only on completing the major building redevelopment program, but also on a significant recurrent increase to the library's annual budget. Ian was able to persuade his minister, and the Victorian premier, that the library was of at least equal significance to the state's other cultural institutions. He proved that the library could translate funding into improved facilities and greatly improved performance.

Ian played a major role in motivating, enthusing, and on occasion counselling the library's senior executive team, and was very generous in the time he gave to this task. He was also conscious of his responsibilities to explain and defend the library publicly and as appropriate, to both friends and critics, and was a very powerful advocate for the value of libraries generally and of the State Library of Victoria in particular.

The Redmond Barry Award is the highest honour that the Association can bestow on an individual not eligible for Associate membership. The criteria for the award includes recognition of 'outstanding service to or promotion of a library and information service or libraries and information services ...' Ian Renard more than meets this criteria.

Ian Renard is a most deserving winner of the Redmond Barry Award. It is fitting that one of the most effective lay advocates and leaders in the State Library of Victoria's long history is to receive an award named in honour of the State Library of Victoria's founder and first president, Redmond Barry.

Bronia Renison BA, Associate Diploma of Librarianship, AALIA (DCP), FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2020

Fellowship citation

Bronia Renison has been a Member of ALIA since 1979 and since then she has sustained high levels of achievement and leadership in library and information science, especially in relation to the health library field. This commitment can be seen in her engagement with ALIA Health Libraries Australia (ALIA HLA) as a Committee Member from 2000–2018; as a Project Team Member with the ALIA/HLA Workforce and Education Research Group from 2009–2012; as an HLA Editorial Advisory Group member from 2010 – 2018; a HLA Portfolio Leader for Awards from 2014–2018; and as the Chair for the Anne Harrison Award Panel from 2012–2018. Additionally, she has held the HLA Professional Development Portfolio for many years and over this time she has coordinated a number of events. She is also a past member of the ALIA Information Online Conference committee.

Bronia regularly mentors both formally and informally and helps guide new graduates by opening up opportunities for health library practitioners to participate in the profession.

Throughout her career, Bronia has demonstrated a commitment to health librarianship. Notably, she has managed the Townsville Health Library since 1997. Bronia is passionate about customer focussed library service, with a multidisciplinary emphasis. She is an evidence-based practice champion and has a broad knowledge of research and publication processes.

Finally, she is a champion for regional libraries, bringing subsidised workshops and professional development opportunities to regional locations and is a major figure in the Queensland Health Libraries Network as one of its original members and major contributors to its ongoing success.

Jan Richards AM, FALIA (CP), BA

- HCL Anderson Award 2019
- Order of Australia - AM 2017
- ALIA Fellowship 2013
- ALIA President 2009

Fellowship citation
The ALIA Board of Directors confers the distinction of Fellow on Jan Richards who has made a distinguished contribution to the practice of library and information science in Australia. She has been a passionate, long term, public advocate for Australian libraries throughout her career.

Jan joined ALIA as an Associate member in 1979. *[Note: Jan was a general member from 1972-1979]*. During her time as a member she has made a significant contribution to the Association and has held many positions within the Association including President (2010), President elect (2009), Chair of PLAC (2008 to present day) and has been a member of three Biennial Conference Organising Committees (1995, 2002 and 2011).

Jan has been the Manager of Central West Libraries since 1994. In her time as the Manager of the library service she has made a long lasting and extensive contribution to her local community and the profession. During her 19 years as manager she has overseen the relocation and refurbishment of four libraries. Other achievements include positioning Central West Libraries as an essential and respected part of the community, and securing additional funding from the member councils so as to increase opening hours and in turn usage of the libraries.

Jan's contribution to public libraries and the profession at the State level has been significant, an example of her achievements was running the @yourlibrary campaign between 2003 and 2009, which was a huge commitment and also led to her nomination as a Life Member of Public Libraries NSW in 2012. Along with her active involvement with Public Libraries New South Wales (and its predecessor Country Public Libraries Association of NSW) since 1994, Jan has also ventured into further challenges on an international level through IFLA, as a member of the IFLA Committee on Standards, and Information Co-ordinator for the Public Libraries Standing Committee.

In awarding the distinction of Fellow of ALIA on Jan Richards, we recognise the contributions Jan has not only made, but will continue to make, to the Association and to the industry.

HCL Anderson Award 2019

Jan Richards has made a distinguished and sustained contribution to both the Australian library profession and the international scene. Throughout her career she has shown a personal commitment to excellence and to furthering the profession. This commitment is clear through her work with ALIA, serving on three ALIA conference organising committees, as Chair of the

ALIA Public Libraries Advisory Committee, as President Elect in 2008-2009 and as President in 2009-2010.

Notably during her ALIA presidential tenure, Jan convened the first ever Public Libraries Summit in 2009. As a direct result of the Summit, Australia's public libraries became more visible to the Federal government. As Chair of the ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance (APLA) from 2010, Jan has shown high levels of leadership in bringing together Australia's public library sector. A major achievement of APLA during this period has been the creation of agreed Standards, Guidelines and Outcome Measures for Australian public libraries nationally.

Jan has managed Central West Libraries, NSW, since 1994 and in that time, she has made a made a lasting and extensive contribution to her local community and the profession. Additionally, Jan has been an active member of New South Wales Public Libraries Association (and its predecessor Country Public Libraries Association of NSW) since 1994, including four years as secretary, and in 2003 she led the state-wide campaign @yourlibrary where her innovative approach led to the development of a national profile for marketing public library services. This achievement contributed to her nomination as a Life Member of the NSW Public Libraries Association in 2012. She has also served three terms with the Library Council of New South Wales (2012-2020) and during this period was Chair of the Councils' Public Libraries Consultative Committee.

On the international level, Jan has also shown significant leadership through IFLA as a member of, Information Co-ordinator and Chair for, the Public Libraries Section Committee and as Chair of the IFLA Committee on Standards.

Gordon Richardson OBE MA FLAA (1917-2012)

- Order of the British Empire - OBE(C) 1970
- LAA President 1967-1968
- LAA Fellowship 1964

Gordon Dalyell Richardson O.B.E. Died at Canberra on June 11, 2012, aged 94 years, late of The Grange, Deakin, ACT, sometime of Inverness, Scotland, formerly Principal Librarian and Principal Archivist, NSW, and Mitchell Librarian, loving and loved husband of the late Ruth Helen Robertson and previously of the late Yvonne Lockhart Spence, loving father of Lindsay (Mrs King), Gordon and Jennifer (Mrs Fish), grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of ten.

From Australia's Library & Information Services – an Encyclopaedia of Practice and Practitioners (ALIAS), 1991. Ed Harrison Bryan, vol. 3 pp.23-24:

Born and educated in New South Wales, G. D. Richardson, State archivist, State librarian and leading figure in the library profession in Australia, joined the staff of the then Public Library of New South Wales in 1934. He worked in various sections of the Library before enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force at the beginning of World War II. He was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese but returned to the Library in 1945. He took a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Sydney and then, while working in the Mitchell Library (the world-renowned Australian and Pacific research collection) completed a Master of Arts thesis on the archives of the New South Wales Colonial Secretary which for the next twenty years was the only significant source of information about this major record group. Later, while still Principal Librarian, he was appointed as the State's first Principal Archivist.

Richardson never lost his interest in and respect for Australian history, and served as both Dixson Librarian and later Mitchell Librarian. He also had extensive service in the General Reference Library and in the acquisition department. He became Deputy Principal Librarian in 1954 (to

John Metcalfe), and Principal Librarian and Executive member of the Library Board of New South Wales in 1959. He retired in 1973.

During his time as Principal Librarian, he made major contributions to the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS) and the Library Association of Australia (LAA) of which he was national President in 1 967-68. He represented the Library on the Council of the National Trust of Australia (New South Wales), and was a judge of the Miles Franklin Literary Award and a councillor of the Royal Australian Historical Society.

Richardson never lost his military bearing and manner. Library staff remember him as a great codifier of rules and regulations (which were embodied in a comprehensive set of 'general orders'). Nonetheless, he brought administrative order to a library whose staff had grown from less than a hundred before the War to well over four hundred by the 1960s. He saw the beginnings of library automation: the computerised serials control system developed during his time broke new ground and lasted for fifteen years, but the computer based catalogue came well after his retirement. It is typical of Richardson, in every respect a modest man, that after thirteen years as the head of the Library, he chose to retire early at fifty-six.

He was awarded an OBE in 1971 and was made a Foundation Fellow of the LAA in 1963.
R. F. Doust
Obituary published in the Sydney Morning Herald, 2012

Denis Richardson BA FLA FLAA (1927-2011)

- LAA Fellowship 1982
- LAA President 1980

W. D. Richardson, university and public librarian, was born, educated and secured his professional qualifications in Britain (BA Hons., University of Sheffield, 1948, Fellow of the Library Association, 1955). He spent the early part of his career in the city libraries of Leeds (1951-53) and Bradford (1953-55), before taking up the position of Librarian at the Claremont Public Library (1955-59), Western Australia.

An apparent determination to experience the widest range of latitude as well as longitude saw him in charge of the Glenelg (Victoria) Regional Library (1959-60) and the Toowoomba (Queensland) Public Library (1961-63), before moving to Canberra, initially to take charge of the Canberra Public Library Service (1964-70) and later, as Deputy National Librarian (1970-74). In 1975 he was appointed University Librarian, University of Melbourne. During his period at Melbourne the Library regained the impetus of development it had lost during a period of lesser support by the University.

Active in professional matters, he was President of the Library Association of Australia (LAA) in 1980, served on its Board of Examiners (1975-76), convened its Futures Committee (1982) and took a prominent part in drafting its submission to the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries (Horton Report). He was a member of the Standing Committee of the Australian Advisory Council on bibliographical Services (AACOBS) (1975, 1976, 1980) and convened its Working Party on Systems and Communications. His concern at the same time for the development of computerised information services and for genuine resource sharing is demonstrated by his foundation chairmanship of the AUSINET Users Committee and his membership of the board of directors of CAVAL.

An articulate writer (Svensma Prize 1951) and an eloquent speaker, he features prominently in the proceedings of the LAA's biennial conferences. He was awarded the Fellowship of the LAA in 1982.

Ann Ritchie MSc, B App Sci, (Lib & Inf), AALIA (CP Health)

- ALIA Fellowship 2017

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

The ALIA Board of Directors is delighted to confer the distinction of Fellow on Ann Ritchie, with special consideration for her work in the field of health librarianship.

Ann Ritchie is an exceptional Australian health librarian who has had a profound impact on the profession and her colleagues. She has an enviable track record of exemplary high achievement and dynamic visionary leadership. She has been a credit to the profession from her earliest days in librarianship.

Ann involved herself with ALIA from graduation as a librarian. She is that most precious person in an association, she joins, contributes, involves others, takes on responsibilities others shirk, networks, advocates, researches, improves practice, educates, creates communities of practice around ideas and is tireless in the pursuit of excellence in the profession and in advocacy for the contribution its members make to the evidence base of health systems in Australia.

Ann's achievements are many: serving two terms as an ALIA Director (2003-2007); researching and publishing extensively; a demonstrated ongoing commitment to mentoring those new to librarianship; editing the *Australian Library Journal*; serving over a decade on the advisory board for the international *Health Information and Libraries Journal*.

Her representation in numerous places reflects the esteem of her colleagues and wider network. These include the Libraries Australia Advisory Committee (Special Libraries) representative, December 2009 to December 2016, IFLA's Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL) Section (Standing Committee inaugural chair 2001-05), OCLC Board Alternate member for the region (2008-2009), the Palliative Care Knowledge Network Management Group member (2012 to present), inaugural chair of the National Chief Health Librarians Forum (2008-2010), and a member of the Electronic Resources Australia Governance group (2007–2008).

In health librarianship Ann has been a driving force both as a member of the Health Libraries Australia (HLA) group (in various capacities) and since taking on the role of Convenor in 2013. She formed and directed the National Chief Health Librarians Forum; convened and organised a series of annual national professional development days; and worked with colleagues in HLA and ALIA more broadly. She collaborated with Health Libraries Inc in Victoria and ALIA to commission research into an independent assessment on the return of investment of health libraries in Australia prepared by SGS Economics.

Ann was the project leader in national workforce and education research to determine the requirements and competencies for health librarians in the future workforce, and was instrumental in the development of a structured, modular framework of post-graduate and continuing professional development; she also supported the national census research to gather data on the Australian health library workforce. In 2014 this was followed by the development, with Queensland University of Technology, of an online introductory course, Health Librarianship Essentials that was offered in 2015 and 2016.

As HLA Convenor Ann has also forged alliances with sister health librarian associations in Victoria, the UK and the US and with associated health information bodies on common workforce issues - the Australasian College of Health Informatics (ACHI), Health Information Management Association Australia (HIMAA), Health Informatics Society Australia (HISA) and the Australasian College of Health Service Management.

Ann is joint leader of a current national research project investigating how Australian health libraries support their healthcare organisations to achieve accreditation under the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards. These achievements are not Ann's alone and that is a measure of the leadership she has shown throughout her career. She has an incredible capacity to reach out to other interested and committed colleagues and to lobby for funding and the means to bring the big picture ideas to reality.

For her long standing and dedicated service to health librarianship and to the Association, Ann Ritchie is awarded the ALIA Fellowship.

Enid Roberts BA (Hons,) DipEd, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1991

Fellowship citation

During a career in librarianship of more than thirty years, Enid Roberts has demonstrated a consistent record of being in the forefront of innovation, particularly in the area of information technology in libraries. The value of new developments has reflected Enid's clear view of the potential of automation for strengthening resource-sharing locally and nationally.

Enid began her career in the Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide. In 1963 she moved to the Fisher Library at the University of Sydney, becoming serials librarian in 1966, cataloguing librarian in 1969 and moving on in 1974 to other senior planning and administrative positions. During this time, Enid Roberts played a leading role in inducing Australia's largest and oldest university library to embrace computer technology.

Having been engaged in earlier co-operative work for the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services, in 1980 Enid Roberts was appointed director of the newly formed Office of Library Co-operation (OLC). The aim of the OLC was to develop resource sharing among the research libraries of NSW. Her first major task was to assist academic libraries and the State Library of New South Wales with their participation in the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN). In more recent times Enid has focused on systems-related matters such as standardisation of member's systems, Open System Interconnection and the availability of cataloguing copy for bibliographic records and authorities. Always among the first to recognise the potential for libraries of new developments in information technology, Enid has ensured that libraries had a voice in planning for developments such as the National Academic and Research Network, AARNet.

In 1990 OLC was replaced by UNISON (University Libraries in the State of New South Wales) and extended Enid Robert's skills to several specialised consultancies with an emphasis on network. Enid's involvement via the OLC in the ABN Pilot Project has resulted in a record of continuous and distinguished service on the central governing committees of ABN. She also established and chaired the ABN User Group (NSW), and has assisted in bringing numerous special and public libraries onto ABN. Several reports commissioned by Enid on behalf of OLC libraries examined issues of importance to ABN and demonstrated her commitment to ABN as a central utility and national enterprise.

The library and information profession owes a considerable debt to Enid for her involvement in industrial activities. After occupying a number of positions in the Fisher Library Officers' Association (FLOA), Enid became the inaugural president of the University Library Officers' Association (ULOA) which was formed in 1976 by library staff from the universities of Sydney, Macquarie and New England. Under her leadership the University Library Officers' Association obtained federal registration in 1977. ULOA and its NSW registered predecessor FLOA have been the only unions to represent library staff and not other classification of employee.

She has been a strong supporter of the Australian Library and Information Association. Enid has held offices in the University and College Libraries Section and later in the Cataloguers' Section, which was founded largely as the result of her initiative, following the University and College Libraries Section's Cataloguing Seminar of 1972. Enid has continued to support both groups throughout the years.

Since 1980 Enid Roberts has been deeply involved in the Association's Information Science Section. Her thorough and imaginative planning and good stewardship of resources as Section treasurer have played no small part in the Section's successful ventures, including the *Information online* series of conferences and exhibitions which began in 1986. The *Information online* conferences have become an essential professional activity for library and information personnel interested in information retrieval and both national and international online resources.

Australian librarianship has been greatly enriched by Enid Robert's capability and commitment, her clear grasp of issues and her eminently rational and positive approach, both to matters of broad policy and fine detail. She has played a national role in her profession, and worked for its good with unfailing optimism and conviction.

Enid Roberts is a respected leader and spokesperson for her profession and one who is well deserving of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Associate Professor Maxine Rochester BA, MLS, PhD, FLA, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1999

Fellowship citation

Dr Maxine Rochester has made a significant contribution to the development of the library and information profession in Australia, particularly in the area of education for the profession and research. Maxine is an academic of long standing and has been an active researcher. An outstanding list of publications attests to the breadth of her research interests. A committed and enthusiastic teacher, her students - whether undergraduates or postgraduate research students - have benefitted from her willingness to share her knowledge and experience.

Maxine's career in the library and information profession began in the State Library of New South Wales. After a period spent working in public libraries in England, at Fisher Library, University of Sydney and as librarian of the School of Librarianship and Information Science, University of Western Ontario, Maxine took up the position of lecturer and later, senior lecturer, in librarianship at the Canberra College of Advanced Education (now the University of Canberra). In 1990, Maxine was appointed Associate Professor, School of Library Studies, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga - a position she held until her retirement in 1998.

A recognised leader in library and information science research, Maxine completed her Masters and PhD in librarianship at a time when there were few academics with similar qualifications in this subject area. She is now regarded as a prominent researcher in historical librarianship. Her work on the contribution of the Carnegie Corporation to library development

in the British dominions during the 1930s, including the impact of overseas aid to developing countries and the resultant change in library services, has received international recognition and acclaim.

But Maxine has also been attuned to immediate needs within the profession. When, in her teaching, Maxine identified a lack of material dealing with library management issues from an Australian perspective, she worked with her colleague, Fay Nicholson, to develop *Challenges in Australian library management* and *Best practice: Challenges in library management education*, both now regarded as leading texts on the subject.

Maxine's energy and enthusiasm for research were also channelled into encouraging others to become involved in research activities. To this end she has worked on many committees at the local, national and international level and in 1996 she organised a workshop on Research in the Asian Context for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Conference in Beijing. Following her appointment to Charles Sturt University she became the Riverina Campus leader of the Women's Research Network, which aims to foster the growth of a research ethos among university women. Under Maxine's inspirational leadership ideas generated from the network assisted the establishment of research projects, the development of research tools and identification of staff members, both male and female, with particular expertise.

Maxine has represented the profession with distinction in a number of areas. She acted as an adviser and consultant on behalf of the then Library Association of Australia to Canberra Technical College, now Canberra Institute of Technology, for the proposed library technician course. She has served on course recognition panels for library schools throughout Australia and was a member of the Course Consultative Committee for the University of Canberra library and information studies program. Since 1993, she has been a member of the Library and Information Studies Reference Group, Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee Credit Transfer Project.

Throughout her professional career, Maxine has been active in the Australian Library and Information Association making important contributions and presentations at many of the Association's conferences. Whilst in Canberra she served on ACT Branch and also national committees, including the National Awards Committee of the then Library Association of Australia. In 1982 and 1983 she was ACT branch councillor and in 1984 became branch president. Maxine has also been a committed member of the Association's Education for Library and Information Services Section (ELISS) supporting its activities and translating ideas from her research into workshops, forums, and seminars to assist members in their continuing professional development. Further she has consistently encouraged Section members, as well as her colleagues and students, to extend themselves by challenging them to write and publish.

Under her editorial guidance from 1994 to 1997, the ELISS journal *Education for Library and Information Services: Australia* grew in stature to become 'essential reading for the information professional' as voted by an international panel of the International Federation of Documentation (FID). Maxine achieved this by having articles refereed, thus increasing the journal's academic rigour and by seeking a broader range of scholarly contributions from Australia and also internationally.

At the international level, Maxine has made an important contribution to the work of IFLA serving on several committees, including the Executive Committee of the Round Table of Library History (1990-1991) and the Standing Committee of Library Theory and Research (1992-1993 and 1997-1998). As chair of the Section of Library Theory and Research between 1993 and 1995, Maxine co-ordinated a major international research project which studied national trends in library and information science research in nine developed and developing countries. The research was funded by three separate grants, including one awarded in 1997

to Maxine as principal investigator in conjunction with Professor Pertti Vakkari of the University of Tampere, Finland, to compare national and international trends. A further grant followed in 1998 to expand the analysis by considering the social and cognitive institutionalisation of the library and information science research field in the countries studied which will help to explain differences in library and information science research in these countries.

Maxine's contribution to the profession has also been recognised internationally. In 1997, the Library Association of the United Kingdom conferred on her a Fellowship of the Association in recognition of her work in three areas: research and scholarship, contribution to library and information science education, and to the work of national and international library associations. The esteem in which Maxine is held can be judged in that only four Library Association Fellowships were awarded during the year in an Association of some 26 000 members.

Throughout her career Maxine has made a significant contribution to the library and information profession. Her leadership in research and scholarship, her role in educating future library and information professionals and her long-term involvement in professional activities demonstrate an outstanding personal commitment to the Association and to the profession at the local, national and international level. Dr Maxine Rochester is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Spencer Routh OAM (b1935)

- Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM 2011

Routh, Spencer James BA MA AALIA Principal librarian in charge Collection Development (Reference Department) University of Queensland, Brisbane. Born 25 July 1935 Tambo Queensland, son of William James and Mary Napier (Spencer) Routh. Educated Townsville Grammar School Queensland, University of Queensland BA (Hons) 1958, Registration Examination 1963, Columbia University New York USA MS 1966. Positions: University of Queensland head of Reference Services 1959-81, present 1982 -. Membership: ALIA associate (Queensland Branch councillor, secretary, editor of "Quill", president, treasurer various times 1961-75, associate examiner 1967-74, Board of Examiners 1972-75, Special Libraries Section Committee 1977-78, ALA, Australian Society of Archivists associate, Australian Dictionary of Biography (Queensland Working party 1975-). Awards: Australian-American Education Foundation grant 1965-66, Tauber-Begner Award 1966.

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians p 195.

Arts in Queensland celebrated at UQ graduation ceremonies

Librarian and member of the working party on the Australian Dictionary of Biography Spencer Routh will also receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at the 6pm ceremony, recognising his distinguished career and nearly four decades of service to the University Library.

Mr Routh topped the Queensland Scholarship, Junior and Senior public examinations at secondary school level before graduating Bachelor of Arts, Honours, from the University of Queensland in 1958. He was a junior lecturer in the English Department then became the University's first reference librarian in 1959.

His library career included a Master of Science degree from the School of Library Science, Columbia University, New York; and earned the gratitude of researchers and students, many of whom paid tribute in their publications and theses for his "legendary assistance".
The award of an Australian Dictionary of Biography Medal in 2003 cited Mr Routh as a "Sherlock Holmes of researchers".

Sandra Ryan BEd, MLib&InfSt, AFALIA (CP)

- ALIA Fellowship 2021

Sandra Ryan's contribution to the library and information profession cannot be overstated. Through her work as Library Adviser for the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and in leadership positions across several secondary schools, she has made an indelible mark on the profession. Throughout her career she has provided support and guidance to school library staff, and encouraged their professional development.

Sandra has also been a longstanding supporter of ALIA, primarily through her work in the ALIA Schools Group and Advisory Committee. Notably, she led ALIA Schools during tumultuous times in the 1990s, and set the standard for what a robust and creative ALIA Group could be.

She is well-deserving of this accolade, and the industry is richer for her dedication and fortitude.

Barbara Sattler MBE (1927-2018)

- Redmond Barry Award 1982
- Honorary Member 1982

Obituary

Barbara Sattler was the founder of the first Hear-A-Book service in Tasmania in 1972. The library-based service was dedicated to Tasmanians living with disabilities that prevented them from being able to properly enjoy books.

Her interest in helping those with print disabilities started when her 18-year-old brother became legally blind from a hereditary eye disease. Her aunt was also legally blind.

Her service was the first of its kind in Australia and saw Barbara presented with the David Blyth Award from the National Federation of Blind Citizens of Australia in 1993.

Her work was also recognised through a number of other awards, including the Award for Enterprise, the Advance Australia Award, the Redmond Barry Award from the Library Association of Australia, and the Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary International.

Her passion and commitment was again recognised in 2006 when she was inducted into the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for service to the community and was included in the 2006 Who's Who of Australian Women.

She worked at the University of Tasmania and eventually sat on the committee of the University of Tasmanian Retirees. She was also one of The Friends of Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, a courier for the State Library and was on the Tasmanian Library Advisory Board and the advisory boards for the Royal Hobart and St John's Park hospitals.

Emeritus Professor Donald Schauder FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2007

Monash University has honoured its recently retired Professor of Information Management, Don Schauder, by bestowing on him the title Emeritus Professor. This is a high honour, and is intended 'to recognise a former Professor's distinguished academic contributions and dedicated service to his/her field of study and/or the university.' Don has made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of information management across multiple dimensions: at Monash, in the profession, and in the research community.

Don joined Monash as Chair in the discipline in 1996, and has served as Head of the Department of Librarianship, Archives and Records (1996–98) and Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Information Technology (2002–04). Previous appointments include University Librarian at RMIT, Institute Librarian of Chisholm Institute of Technology, University Librarian at the University of Natal, and Director of the South African Library for the Blind.

Don's work mixes research and engagement in a seamless manner. He has a particularly strong reputation for innovation, for starting and fostering new research fields, and for professional generosity, especially towards early career professionals. He has consistently been well ahead of his time in perceiving, and guiding, future directions in his discipline.

For over a decade, he has been a leader in the young field of community informatics, which is concerned with the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) by communities and their organisations. The Centre for Community Networking Research (CCNR), founded and chaired by Don, was honoured in the inaugural Monash Industry Engagement Awards in May 2006. One illustration of his standing and role in the discipline is his invitation (with Graeme Johanson) by the Australian government to represent Australian civil society at the United Nations Second World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis in November 2005. Don has also fostered the growth of development informatics, in which the work of community informatics is linked to initiatives in developing countries.

Some notable examples of his earlier work include Informit Electronic Publishing and VICNET. Informit, co-founded by Don while Head of RMIT Library in 1989, is a pioneering endeavour in academic e-publishing, and has become (as RMIT Publishing) a leading digital publisher in Australia. VICNET was also co-founded by him while at RMIT, in joint work with the State Library of Victoria. This initiative enabled the public, and community organisations, to access the internet, develop skills in its use, publish electronically, and build communities. It had significant influence on Victorian government policy in the 1990s.

This Emeritus Professorship is fitting recognition of Don's achievements and contributions. Don will remain active in research, higher degree supervision and community engagement, so his insights and pioneering spirit can benefit the profession for many years to come.

Graham Farr and Sue McKemmish Monash University, Australian Academic & Research Libraries, Vol 38 Number 1, 2007

Adjunct Professor Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, BA, DipLib, MLib, Hon DLitt, FALIA

- ALIA President 2006
- ALIA Fellowship 2000

Fellowship citation

Dagmar Schmidmaier has made an impressive contribution to Australian and overseas library and information science education and practice. Her long-term commitment to the application of information technology in libraries and her career background have given her a unique understanding of public and private sector library and information services, culminating in her appointment as state librarian and chief executive of the State Library of New South Wales.

She was an early exponent of library automation in the early 1970s, working as systems librarian for Australian Consolidated Industries and the University of Sydney library. She was involved in the Library Automated Systems Information Exchange from its inception and, from 1975 to 1980, edited its journal, *LASIE*. She was a founding board member of Clann Limited, the library network which promoted advanced information technology in NSW colleges of education. In 1975 Dagmar moved to Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education to work with Margaret Trask in the establishment of a new school of library and information studies. Here she was renowned for her ability to instil in students a positive view of technology, tempered with a view of its usefulness as a means of delivering needed services rather than an end in itself. Her knowledge of information technology, librarianship and the teacher-student relationship enabled her to transform NSW TAFE library services in the 1980s. She reconceptualised the delivery of library and information services to students throughout the state, with her capacity to harness technology to learning. She was appointed general manager and later director of the Open Training and Education Network.

As NSW state librarian she has developed services built on traditional strengths in the library's collections, revitalised public events and exhibitions, redefined the position of the Mitchell Library within the organisation and brought an enthusiasm for well-founded research into the library's operations so that its activities are soundly based on empirical data. Many of her initiatives have resulted in generous public donations towards conservation of historical collections and the purchase of new material. She is chair of the Council of Australian State Libraries. She has worked with the University of Technology, Sydney, to develop innovative work-based learning opportunities for librarians, based on sound partnerships with academics. Her intellectual leadership goes beyond the profession. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1988-89. She is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Technology, Sydney, a member of the New South Wales Board of Studies, which oversees the state's schools curriculum, and a member of the Miles Franklin literary award judges' committee. She has provided advice to the International Labour Organisation, the Australian and Pacific Skills Development program and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development through its CERI working group on distance post-secondary education.

In conferring this fellowship, the Association recognises Dagmar Schmidmaier's professional leadership, her support of Association goals, and her contribution to the cultural development of our community.

Janine Schmidt AM, BA, MLib, AALIA, FALIA

- Member of the Order of Australia - AM 2013
- ALIA Fellowship 2004

Fellowship citation

Janine Schmidt has taken a strong leadership role in Australia in library and information science. With creative, intelligent approaches and a commitment to excellence, she has consistently given of her time and energy to drive change for the benefit of libraries and their clients, and for the profession.

As university librarian at the University of Queensland, she has transformed what was a large, but in many ways very traditional, library into an organisation which is used as a benchmark by many universities within and beyond Australia. She has taken the fullest advantage of the new information and communication technologies to make the University library accessible to the whole University of Queensland community, and has collaborated closely with other universities and secondary schools to give their students and staff access to the library. Thanks to her dedication, drive and leadership, the University of Queensland Cybrary has received various awards and distinctions, including an Australian University Teaching Award, and the Cyberschool won the ALIA Innovation Award recognising new, original and creative practices in a library. More recently, the inaugural ALIA Excellence Award was presented to Janine for the University of Queensland Ipswich Library, recognising excellence in building design and service delivery.

At both the State Library of New South Wales and the University of Queensland, Janine has championed staff development and cultural change as ways of improving services. She has also adopted a marketing and promotions approach to inform users of the services available to them, seek their feedback and to position the library in the minds of those responsible for policy and funding.

Janine is a tireless ambassador for Australian librarianship, as well as cross-sectoral, national and international collaboration. She is an advocate for the need for free access to information, particularly in the new information society where the digital divide is very real. Janine's extensive bibliography of publications and conference presentations, along with her membership of national and international committees, forums and associations provide evidence of the influential role she has played.

Janine's career has spanned the academic library, special library and the state library sectors, as well as library and information studies education. She has worked with senior personnel from cultural heritage institutions on various national task forces and committees, including Towards Federation 2001. Janine has spoken widely on the need to promote and market library and information services, reaching out to all library sectors and other cultural and information agencies.

A significant part of Janine's career was devoted to library education. Although well-known and respected as an innovative manager, close beneath the surface is Janine the teacher. Her innovative approach to curriculum development and teaching while at Kuring-Gai College of Advanced Education in the late 1970s and early 1980s gave her a national reputation in this field. Janine generously and constantly shares her knowledge with other members of the profession and is well-regarded by many as a mentor. She was president of ALIA's Education for Librarianship Section in 1981, and was the deputy chair of the ALIA Board of Education from 2000 to 2002.

The significance of the contribution to librarianship made by Janine Schmidt lies not only in the excellent management of the University of Queensland library, but in the recognition of librarians as leaders in the use of good management techniques and as innovators. Her activities have contributed to a very positive image of Australian libraries and librarians outside the library and information sector, both nationally and internationally. Within the University of Queensland, Janine is recognised as one of the most able managers and her advice and opinions are sought by senior officers on matters not just pertaining to libraries.

Janine is regarded highly by her peers for her professional knowledge and her commitment to the profession. She is the prototype for a positive image of the profession - dynamic, chic, professional, articulate, organised and intelligent.

Her commitment to broader professional ideals is demonstrated by her participation in professional organisations and her record of publication and conference participation both in Australia and overseas. Her career achievements show that she has made significant contributions to the theory and practice of the library profession in a wide range of areas. These, and her willingness to participate and show leadership in ALIA and other professional arenas make Janine Schmidt a most deserving recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM

- Redmond Barry Award 2016
- Member of the Order of Australia 2015

Redmond Barry Award citation

Anne-Marie is an outstanding leader in the library and archives sector. Her knowledge and passion for Australia's history and culture, strategic intelligence, astute judgement and exemplary management skills have led her to the pinnacle of the profession as Director-General of the National Library of Australia. Prior to joining the National Library, she held many and varied roles in both National and State cultural institutions, including the National Archives of Australia, the Australian War Memorial, the State Library of Victoria and Arts Victoria.

Beginning her career as an archivist, Anne-Marie soon demonstrated leadership qualities that led to a period of time as Acting Director-General of the National Archives of Australia. Moving to become CEO and State Librarian at the State Library of Victoria in 2003, Anne-Marie embraced the digital age and repositioned services to ensure that the library was well placed to meet the needs of society into the future. Her significant achievements in that role include developing the SLV21 – Creating a Library for the 21st Century strategic plan; obtaining substantial investment for large-scale digitisation of collection items; establishing two permanent exhibitions to showcase the State Library's collections; and building an offsite store in Ballarat to house collection material. In 2011, Anne-Marie became Director-General of the National Library where her list of achievements will long out-last her tenure. During her period in office, Trove has been embedded as an essential component of the Australian research infrastructure, growing to more than 500 million resources and achieving the highest award for Excellence in eGovernment in 2011. During her term, the National Library has successfully negotiated a change to legal deposit legislation that will enable the Library to acquire and preserve electronic and born-digital publications for future generations.

The library's exhibition program has been exemplary, with events such as 'Mapping Our World: Terra Incognita to Australia' and 'Celestial Empire: Life in China 1644-1911' drawing record numbers through the Library's doors. Anne-Marie also oversaw a substantial renovation to the National Library building.

Her influence extends beyond the institutions in which she has worked. She has been actively engaged with professional associations throughout her career, including ALIA, IFLA and the Australian Society of Archivists, serving as president of that Association in 1989-1990. Anne-Marie is the longest serving member of National and State Libraries Australasia, which she chaired from July 2004 to December 2006. Her work with the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania also demonstrates her commitment, spirit of collaboration and willingness to share the work of the National Library with others in the region. In summary, Anne-Marie epitomises the values and principles of the sector and actively promotes the role of libraries as universal places for learning, information and culture. Her influence and contributions will continue well beyond her own career. She is a very worthy recipient of the Redmond Barry award.

Leigh Scott (1888-1963)

- LAA President 1943-1944

Obituary

Leigh Scott, former Librarian of the University of Melbourne died in Melbourne on 26th March, 1963.

Mr. Scott was born at Clunes, Victoria, in 1888, attended Ballarat College and graduated Master of Arts in Philosophy at the University of Melbourne.

Joining the staff of the Public Library of Victoria in 1908 he remained there learning librarianship in one of the finest libraries in Australia until in 1926 he was appointed Librarian of the University of Melbourne. He was a good administrator and public relations officer and, having also the technical skills, was able to establish efficient methods of acquisition, cataloguing and classification. His was a most difficult task working through the years in outmoded and temporary building, hampered by shortages of money, staff and space, but he built up a collection and service of which the University was justly proud and laid a firm foundation for subsequent development.

He was a scholar and a booklover and his influence spread beyond the limits of the Library. As Secretary of the Melbourne University Press and later a Member of the Press Board his services were invaluable for he was an expert on books and book production.

But perhaps Leigh Scott is better known to all librarians, both young and old, for his close association with the Library Association of Australia. He was a Foundation member and a Member of the First Council of the Australian Institute of Librarians, the forerunner of the Library Association of Australia. To enumerate just a few of the positions he held in the Association will demonstrate his interest and activities - Member of the Victorian Branch Council, of the Federal Council, Federal President, 1943-44, Member of the Board of Examination during its important formative years, the Committee on Cataloguing and Classification and President of the University Libraries Section. Outside the Association he served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the second edition of the *Catalogue of the scientific and technical periodicals in Australia* (Pitt's Catalogue) and Member of the Australian National Research Council, Committee on Scientific Information, and of the Australian UNESCO Committee for Libraries. More recently, after his retirement, he compiled jointly with Miss Ellinor Archer the very comprehensive Index volume to the *Australian Encyclopaedia*.

Mr. Scott was a quiet, gentle man with a whimsical smile, a twinkle in his eye and a sense of humour. He was very approachable and many librarians are grateful for his sane and sound advice. The profession has lost a good librarian and a friend.

Obituary from The Australian Library Journal, September 1963, p. 108.

Robert Sharman BA, FLAA (1928-2018)

- President 1971-1972
- LAA Fellowship 1964

Robert Sharman, State archivist and State librarian, was born and educated in Tasmania (BA, University of Tasmania, 1949). Appointed Tasmania's first State Archivist in 1949, be secured the Certificate of Training in Librarianship of the Public Library of New South Wales (see State Library

of New South Wales) and later the Registration Certificate of the Library Association of Australia (LAA). After ten years devoted to laying the foundation for an efficient Tasmanian State archives, he moved to Queensland in 1959 to repeat the exercise as that State's first archivist. In 1970 and 1971 he headed what was to become the Archives of Business and Labour at the Australian National University.

In 1972 he made the transition to librarianship, serving as Assistant State Librarian in the State Library of South Australia until 1976, when he was appointed to the position of State Librarian of Western Australia on the retirement of F. A. Sharr, the first incumbent of that office. His period in Western Australia was marked by the achievement of nominal 100 percent cover of public library services (i.e. the commitment of every local authority in the State to library provision) and by the design and completion of the standard-setting Alexander Library Building.

Sharman has been notably active in each of his successive professions. As an archivist whose formal qualifications, inevitably for that time, were in librarianship, he played a particularly important role (especially on the LAA's Board of Examiners (1960-1970)) in assisting in the development of archives, first as a speciality in Australian librarianship and ultimately as a profession in its own right. He was foundation Secretary of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association and Editor for fifteen years (1960-1975) of *Archives and Manuscripts*. While State Archivist of Queensland, he established and edited *Quill*, the official organ of the Queensland Branch of the LAA. He was President of the Branch from 1966-1967. In 1971 and 1972 he was President of the LAA, the only practising archivist ever to achieve that distinction.

As State Librarian he took a leading part on the State Libraries Council and in the work of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS), being elected to the Standing Committee of the latter body in 1976 and serving as Chairman of it from 1981 to 1984. He was made a Foundation Fellow of the LAA in 1963.

Taken from: Bryan, Harrison (Ed). (1988). Australia's library, information and archives services – an encyclopaedia of practice and practitioners, vol. 3, pp. 37,39.

With sadness I acknowledge the death of former State Librarian, Robert Sharman on 28 August in Hobart, Tasmania.

Tasmanian-born Robert Sharman served as State Librarian from 1976 until 1988, following appointments as Archives Officer at the Australian National University and Assistant State Librarian at the State Library of South Australia. Initially trained as an archivist, Robert always considered the preservation of historical records to be of vital importance. Robert was awarded the honour of Fellow of the Library Board of Western Australia, served as President of the Library Association of Australia (now ALIA) in 1971-2 and was awarded a Fellow of the Association in 1964.

Significant developments were made under Sharman's direction as State Librarian. These include the construction of the building we work in, the Alexander Library Building, and the relocation of Library staff and collections from many buildings and annexes throughout the city to this new home in 1985.

Sharman also oversaw the realisation of his predecessor, Ali Sharr's ultimate goal of creating a public library within every Western Australian local government authority. Today there are 232 public libraries in 140 local governments across the State thanks largely to the vision of Sharr and Sharman and the hard work and dedication of people working in local government and at the State Library.

While only a few staff will remember working for Robert Sharman, we can be reminded of his legacy each time we come to work in this building and each time we visit a public library. Bob

has remained a supporter of SLWA and the work we do often dropping into say hello when he visited Perth.

Vale Robert Sharman.

Margaret Allen, State Librarian and CEO of the State Library of Western Australia, email to colleagues on 3 September, 2018.

F A Sharr OBE (C), BA, ARPS, Hon D Litt (Curtin), FLA, FLAA (1914-2002)

- HCL Anderson Award 1980
- ALIA President 1969-1970
- LAA Fellowship 1963
- Namesake of the F A Sharr Award

Obituary

Francis Aubie (Ali) Sharr OBE BA FLA FLAA ARPS Hon D Litt (Curtin) CF 5 October 1914 - 16 November 2002. It is with much sadness that members of the Western Australian library community note the passing of Francis Aubie (Ali) Sharr who left us, peacefully, on 16 November 2002 after a short illness. Ali was predeceased by his wife Flo (McKeand) who died on 9 November 2002.

Ali Sharr undertook his undergraduate degree at University College London, graduating in 1935. His postgraduate qualification in librarianship followed, this being at the University of London School of Librarianship. His first professional job was as an assistant in the Information Department of the National Central Library, adjacent to the University College, where he worked on inter library cooperation and lending. His move to public librarianship was in 1937 when he joined the staff at the Kent County Library. He became Deputy City Librarian of Manchester City Library in 1949 where he remained until emigrating to Perth, Western Australia in 1953.

This was also when he first became involved in professional matters, joining the Kent Division of the Association of Assistant Librarians of which he became President in 1952. He was President of the Library Association of Australia (LAA) from 1969-70, received a Fellowship from the LAA in 1964 and was awarded that Association's highest honour for a professional member, the HCL Anderson Award, in 1980. He was Chairman of the State Librarians Council in Australia from 1973-76. His contribution to the library community continued well past his retirement as State Librarian of Western Australia in 1976. This was the year the WA Branch of the LAA awarded the first FA Sharr medal for the most promising new graduate in a librarianship course in W A.

Ali Sharr's interest in library education began with his professional involvement at Kent County Library. He became a Senior Examiner in Library Administration for the Library Association. Formal qualification for librarians in W A was attained through the registration examinations of the LAA held at part-time evening classes which he helped to establish at Perth Technical College. In 1971 the library school was established at the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT), now Curtin University, and Ali Sharr played a significant role in this. He received an Honorary DLitt from Curtin University in 1990.

Ali Sharr arrived in Perth in 1953 as Executive Officer of the Library Board of Western Australia, and set about to equip W A, a state where 82% of the local authorities at the time had less than 6,000 population, and 60% less than 2,500, with a viable public library service, providing shelf ready bookstock which was exchanged between all of the libraries in the State and made available to all residents through a free interlibrary lending system. He was State Librarian

from 1956-76. His goal was to have a public library in every local authority. This dream came to fruition in 1982, and the public library service of Western Australia stands as his memorial.

Kerry Smith Curtin University of Technology, Australian Academic and Research Libraries - vol 33, issue 4, 2002.
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HCL Anderson Award citation

Francis Aubie Sharr, State Librarian of Western Australia from 1955 until his retirement in 1976, has been awarded the Association's H.C.L. Anderson Award for outstanding contributions to librarianship in Australia by a professional.

F.A. Sharr. OBE, BA, ARPS, FLA. was elected a Fellow of the Library Association of Australia in 1963.

Mr Sharr's Anderson Award citation reads in part:

F.A. Sharr's contribution to Australian libraries and librarianship began in 1953 when he arrived in Western Australia to commence planning a state-wide library and information service for the newly-formed Library Board of WA.

Before coming to WA, F.A. Sharr had had considerable experience in providing library services to both rural and urban populations through his work in various British country library services and the Manchester Public Library. Notwithstanding this background, the task of planning library services in an even-handed way to a population of less than one million people, scattered over an area of almost one million square miles, would have been enough to have daunted even the most resolute planner.

That task was taken up, and when Sharr retired in 1976 the State of Western Australia could boast an integrated service of 151 libraries, serving 95 percent of the population and operating in voluntary co-operation with the Library Board of WA. It is no exaggeration to say that the success of the service in such a short time must be attributed to the soundness of the plans Sharr made, the manner in which he persuaded local authorities to join with the Board and the inspiration and leadership he gave to his staff.

He was active in the affairs of the Library Association of Australia and held many offices at state and national levels.

The Western Australian Branch has honoured him by establishing the F.A. Sharr Medal which is presented each year to the most outstanding student of librarianship in the state.

Sharr's work in Western Australia , his service to the profession of libraries, his work as a founder member of AACOBS, were all most appropriately recognised in 1976 when his OBE was announced in the Commonwealth list.

Sharr's interests extended outside his professional career and publications to photography. In that field, as in in librarianship, he achieved high distinction and has been honoured with an associateship of the Royal Photographic Society. His skill and excellence as a photographer of Western Australian wildflowers was regularly displayed on the covers of the annual reports of the Library Board of WA - some of which were to earn international prizes for their content and presentation.

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The F A Sharr Medal is named after Francis Aubie (Ali) Sharr, State Librarian in Western Australia from 1953 to 1976, in recognition of his contribution to libraries and librarianship in Western Australia and to the profession overall.

The award was inaugurated in 1976 when the first Medal was presented to Mrs Jean Ryding, a Western Australian student of librarianship. The Medal is now awarded to a Western Australian librarian or library technician in their first year of employment who exhibits the most potential to make a significant contribution to the library profession in WA.

John Shipp AM, BA, Dip Ed, Dip Archives Admin, BA(Hons), FALIA

- President 2016
- ALIA Fellowship 2000
- President 1998

Fellowship citation

Through his achievements as the librarian of two universities, his work for the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and his presidency of the Australian Library and Information Association, John Shipp has made a lasting contribution to Australian librarianship. Coming from the contemplative world of archives, he engaged with vigour the demands of university library practice, first as executive officer and then as chief librarian, from 1986 to 1997 at the University of Wollongong. Under his leadership, the library won an Australian Business Excellence award in 1996. His emphasis on quality staff development and improvement in client service has continued in his management of the University of Sydney library. He further strengthened University librarianship with his leadership in 1999 of the working party on benchmarking for library and information, which formed an integral part of a broad study of benchmarking of universities. He was a founding member of the National Scholarly Communications Forum and was repeatedly appointed by the Australian Vice-chancellors Committee to the Standing Committee on Information Resources. His expertise on library matters is valued by Australian and overseas university vice-chancellors.

As vice-president and president of CAUL, he understood the need to develop strong links with the Australian government bureaucracy. Putting much time and considerable political skill into this process, he was successful in attracting resources for key CAUL initiatives at a time of diminishing budgets. He was active in CAUL's support, together with the National Library of Australia and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions and others, for a successful defence of the principles of access to copyright material in the World Intellectual Property Organisation negotiations.

His commitment to the library profession as a whole, his experience of professional structures and interests and his personal qualities of intelligence, humour and sensitivity were crucial to the creation of a new Association from the merger of ALIA and ACLIS, which occurred during his three-year presidential cycle from 1997 to 1999. John Shipp's distinguished contribution to the advancement of Australian librarianship and university practice and to the profession as a whole is acknowledged in this conferring of fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Kate Sinclair BA (Hons), GradDipInfoStud, AALIA

- Metcalfe Award 2005

<u>Metcalfe Award citation</u>

Since graduating in 1999, Kate has been an active professional, and an active member of ALIA. As the law liaison librarian in the Law Library of Flinders University, Kate has displayed a willingness to explore and develop innovative ways of providing services. These include developing interactive web-delivered information literacy tutorials on practical legal research methods; being awarded, along with two law academic staff members, a University Teaching and Learning Grant to further develop OnRoute software for more general application in teaching law; maintaining the policing component of the Australian WebLaw gateway; initiating a monthly e-mail bulletin to law staff promoting new resources in the collection and initiating an e-newsletter service from the Law Library to law staff.

Kate's interaction with staff and students is outstanding. She has displayed a strong and effective commitment to customer service that has enhanced services provided by the library to an exceptionally high degree. She has the ability to make those that she interacts with feel important - no matter how busy she is. Kate was recognised for her excellent customer service when she was mentioned in the Flinders University Library Rodski Survey of 2003, a survey that extended beyond users of the Law Library to users of Flinders University Library as a whole.

Kate is a co-founding member of the South Australian Library and Information Network (SALIN), an independent, networking group for the new generation of library and information professionals. SALIN was developed to encourage new graduates to take an active role in their professional development, to identify gaps in their professional knowledge, contacts and experience and to look at ways to address these issues. Her work with SALIN demonstrates her ongoing commitment to new professionals entering the library and information sector. Kate has acted on that commitment in practical ways through her involvement in setting up local networks for new graduates and new entrants to the profession, embracing opportunities to speak with students and encourage networking, and working alongside local ALIA groups to offer professional development opportunities in South Australia and bring SALIN and ALIA into partnership.

Kate recognises the vital role professional associations play in a career and supports this through her extensive work within ALIA. Her roles have included convenor of the ALIA Specials SA Group, joint-convenor of ALIA-SA Group, and her current role as a member of the ALIA New Generation Policy and Advisory Group. Kate was the convenor of the highly-successful 2nd ALIA New Librarians' Symposium held in Adelaide during 2004. The excellent local profile and success of the Symposium is due to her ability to lead a team of busy professionals through a long-term project requiring constant motivation and a high degree of organisational expertise. Kate shows great passion and initiative in seeking opportunities to bring together kindred spirits, professional colleagues, and new members of the profession. She contributes an enormous amount of her personal time to her profession and inspires those around her to perform to the highest standards. She has a deep and genuine interest in the issues affecting the profession and is a significant model to those new to the profession. She is acknowledged by her colleagues as a present and future leader.

Kate Sinclair's achievements and her outstanding professionalism make her a worthy recipient of the Metcalfe Award for high achievement by a personal member of ALIA in their first five years of practice in libraries and information services.

Charles Smith FLAA

- Fellow 1970

Dr Kerry Smith AM BAppSc(LS), MA, PHD(Murdoch), FALIA

- HCL Anderson Award 2017
- Order of Australia – AM 2016
- ALIA Fellowship 2001
- ALIA President 1997

Fellowship citation

Kerry Smith has a long history of achievement in, and dedication to, the library and information profession. Since her entry to the profession in 1981 as the librarian of the Australian Mineral Ventures Library in West Perth, she has been a committed and enthusiastic advocate for the library and information industry.

For almost twenty years, Kerry has actively promoted the Association and what it stands for. Kerry has made an outstanding contribution to the objects and work of the Association. Every task she has undertaken for the Association has been done enthusiastically and wholeheartedly. Kerry has always spoken for what she has believed is the right direction for the Association.

From her first position as publicity officer in 1983 she went on to become president of the Special Libraries Section in 1988-1989. She has also been active in executive and working roles in the Public Libraries Section, the ALIA Publications committee, the Board of Education, the Education for Library and Information Services group and the One Person Library Special Interest Group, and was responsible for the publicity on the ALIA 1990 biennial conference. She passionately defends the right of every Australian to equity of access to information. She is a staunch advocate for the Association and its place within the profession and wider community, and is committed to raising the standards of library and information workers.

Kerry has raised the profile of special libraries and contributed to their advancement through her participating on several national and state committees and working groups. She has promoted professional development opportunities for special librarians and encouraged communication between special librarians, so often isolated by their professional circumstances. In recognition of her continuing efforts for special librarians she was awarded the ALIA Special Librarian of the Year (WA group) award in 1995.

In 1991, Kerry moved to Curtin University to take up a position as lecturer in the School of Information and Library Studies, now a study area in the School of Media and Information. From that time, dialogue between the school and the profession has been enhanced and continues to be excellent. She promotes the need for quality in library and information education. As a lecturer, and in her wider role as head of school, Kerry demonstrated the importance of information skills in the community. She became head of the School of Information and Library Studies in September 1996 and led the staff through a period of change and restructure.

As president of the Association in 1997, Kerry was outstanding in her commitment to the profession and ALIA. Her presidency was characterised by her willingness to meet members both singularly and in groups and was always available to listen to their concerns and to lobby government on library and information issues.

Kerry's professional activities included bodies other than ALIA. She was responsible for establishing the Australian Geoscience Information Association (AGIA) Western Australia branch in 1984 and played a major role in seeing it develop as the largest and most active

branch of AGIA in Australia. AGIA's objective is to initiate aid and improve exchange of geoscience information in Australia and overseas.

As an elected local government representative she has been a staunch advocate for the benefits to the community of quality public library services. She continues to be an active officer of IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

Kerry's commitment to the Association, and her active participation in the promotion of professional development, library education, statistics, benchmarking and better standards, make her a most worthy recipient of the award of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

HCL Anderson Award citation

As above, with this addition: Within IFLA, Kerry has focused her participation in the areas of education, research, professional development, management and marketing and library history. Kerry has built an extensive global network of colleges and in doing so has increased the awareness of colleagues from other countries of the Australian library and information sector. She has coordinated the preparation of international standards and guidelines, and has willingly shared with Australian colleagues her knowledge of international developments.

James Soorley BA (Macquarie), MA (Loyola), DUniv (QLD)

- Redmond Barry Award 2003

Redmond Barry Award citation

James (Jim) Soorley's term as lord mayor of Brisbane City Council was characterised by his sensitivity to the needs of the community. Between 1991 and 2002 the Brisbane City Council Library Service was one of many key areas with a community focus to benefit from new, upgraded, and or expanded infrastructure motivation, marketing and promotion. Jim's passion for public libraries complemented services such as those relating to public transport, suburban precincts, and making the Brisbane River a feature of that city's life.

Jim demonstrated his commitment to improving the Brisbane City Library Service early in his mayoralty when he commissioned a review of the library's services. The review findings were less than impressive - with the library service labeled as Australia's worst metropolitan public library service. In response, the Council' began a decade of reform, backed by generous funding allocations - and just as importantly - Jim Soorley's committed support and belief in the value of libraries. Ten years later, with new buildings, new services, and innovative practices, the library service is seen as one of the best in Australia - if not the world. Jim is a man of vision who saw the big picture and delivered policies and resources to implement those visions. He recognised, placed trust in and supported people who could delivery on his goals. He could reconcile competing interest groups and mobilise them as allies. As a leader with an innate social conscience, Jim Soorley put his philosophy into practice with a sense of principle and purpose. He ensured that public library services would be available to all - he wanted the whole population of the City of Brisbane to have easy access to high-quality library services.

In the last few years of his office, Jim continued his commitment to the public library service by providing funding for many innovative programs. The One Book, One Brisbane initiative, for example, allowed the library service to promote the enjoyment of reading, engage the community and attract new members to the library service. More than just an elected figurehead, Jim was a consistent and outgoing advocate of city library services throughout his decade as lord mayor of the City of Brisbane. He has given outstanding service to the community of library users and the library profession through the Brisbane City Council Library

Service. He has set a high standard for local government public library services to the community. The benefits of his excellent contribution and leadership will live on well into the future and stand as testimony to what can be achieved in public office, and to which others should aspire.

Jim Soorley is a most-deserving winner of the Redmond Barry Award.

Mildred Squire MA, FLAA (b1915)

- ALIA Fellowship

Squire, Mildred Mary (Wilson), MA FLAA Head cataloguer Tasmanian College of Advanced Education Hobart. Born 22 November 1915 Cairns Queensland, daughter of Henry Edward and Mary Fanny (Hyde) Wilson, wed John Reginald Squire 2 daughters. Education: Glennie Memorial School Toowoomba Queensland, University of Queensland Brisbane MA 1938. Positions: University of Queensland Library various positions 1936-43; State Library of Tasmania Hobart head cataloguer and administration assistant 1943-50, Tasmanian College of Advanced Education Hobart librarian 1971-72, present 1972-. Membership: Australian Institute of Librarians (general secretary 1946-48), LAA fellow.

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1984. Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians p208.

The Honourable Justice Sir John Starke

- Redmond Barry Award 1985
- Honorary Member 1985

It is most fitting that the LAA has chosen to confer its Redmond Barry Award upon Sir John Starke.

The Redmond Barry Award is named in memory of Sir Redmond Barry, who, among other duties, was the first Chairman of the Trustees of the Melbourne Public Library (now the State Library of Victoria) from 1854 to 1880, and Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria. Sir John Starke is President of the Library Council of Victoria and Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Sir John was appointed as second President of the Library Council in 1967. He has been a forceful defender of the principle of free public library service both in the State Library and in the Victorian public library system. In February 1984 he went to Sydney to meet with the President of the Council of the State Library of New South Wales to discuss federal aid for public libraries, and he insisted that the Library Council of Victoria press for a federal inquiry into public library services.

Sir John has been the chief proponent in the fight for a Government commitment to the building of a new State Library of Victoria and it is in no small part due to his endeavours that the Government has recently appointed a State Library/Museum Buildings Advisory Committee to advise the Government and to be responsible for overseeing the building of this major cultural facility.

General Council felt that it was most appropriate to recognise Sir John Starke's 18 years of distinguished service to the Library Council of Victoria, to the wider Victorian library community

and to the development of Australian libraries by conferring the Redmond Barry Award upon him.

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Colin Steele MA KtCrossSpain GradDipLib FAHA FALIA FCILIP (b1944)

- Centenary Medal awarded 2001
- Fellowship 1998

Centenary Medal 2001; Honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities 2002; Emeritus Fellow, ANU 2004

Colin Robert Steele has made a distinguished contribution to librarianship in Australia and internationally.

Colin was born in Hartlepool, County Durham, England on March 2 1944. He was educated at Hartlepool Grammar School, leaving in 1962 with the Chairman of the Governor's Award for Academic Achievement. He then studied for a History degree at Liverpool University, specialising in Latin American and North American history, graduating with a 2:1 Honours degree in 1965.

He was awarded a UK SCONUL (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries) traineeship at Liverpool University Library for 1965-66. From 1966–67 Colin studied for a postgraduate degree in Library and Information Studies at University College London, specialising in Latin American bibliography.

Colin took up a position in August 1967 as an Assistant Librarian in Oxford University's Bodleian Library's Foreign Accessions Department. Colin subsequently became a Junior and then Senior Associate Member of St Antony's College, which housed the Oxford University's Latin American Centre.

Colin's Bodleian appointment was part of a new initiative at Oxford following the 1966 Shackleton Report to appoint professionally qualified librarians. Colin, inter alia, established the Bodleian Library Group, which brought together staff from within the Bodleian to discuss professional issues and to take advantage of national and international librarians visiting the Bodleian to talk about professional developments in their libraries.

In addition to professional library activities, however, Bodleian staff were expected to be scholar-librarians. While at the Bodleian, Colin completed his Master of Arts degree by thesis (80,000 words) from Liverpool University.

Colin's specialist work in the Bodleian led to the publication of several books, including Independent Mexico with Professor Michael Costeloe, based on their discovery of a hitherto unknown and uncatalogued large collection of Mexican independence pamphlets in the Bodleian stacks. Another major publication was Major Libraries of the World (1976), which detailed 300 major libraries libraries and which was also well reviewed.

Colin was awarded a British Academy American Fellowship in 1974 which he assumed at the Newberry Library in Chicago. This enabled him to complete the manuscript of his book English Interpreters of the Iberian New World, published in 1975, based on his Liverpool MA thesis.

Colin, looking for career advancement, accepted the position of Deputy University Librarian at the Australian National University Library in November 1975 and took up the position in

August 1976. With the retirement of Milton Simms as ANU Librarian in 1980, Colin was appointed University Librarian, after a global search, in September 1980.

In 1982, a major Library Review took place chaired by Deputy Vice Chancellor Ian Ross. It recommended as one of its main priorities, the rationalisation of library collections which had been separated due to the ANU's bifurcated history between the Institute of Advanced Studies and the School of General Studies. Ultimately, hundreds of thousands of books were moved between buildings, forming the basis of the current structure of collections.

During Colin's Deputy and University Librarianship, ANU'S research collections grew significantly. ANU collections reached one and then two million books, both occasions being marked by a ceremony with the respective Governors Generals, Sir Zelman Cowen and Sir William Deane.

In the early 1990s the ANU Library became a leader in Australia in library automation and web access, thanks to the work of key Library staff, and especially Deputy Librarian Tony Barry. In 1994 the Library was awarded the national VALA Award for innovation in computing and networking.

In 1995, Colin delivered the prestigious UK Follett Lectures reserved for invited overseas speakers. Colin was the only Australian speaker to be so honoured. The Follett lectures were sponsored by the UK's JISC Follett Implementation Group on Information Technology, with the aim of raising awareness of international developments and issues relating to the electronic library. Colin's lecture was *New Romances or Pulp Fiction? Do Libraries and Librarians have an Internet Future?*
Available at: http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/papers/follett/steele/paper.html

In 1993, Colin co-convened, with Professor John Mulvaney, the keynote conference Changes in Scholarly Communication Patterns: Australia and the Electronic Library. The success of this conference, the proceedings of which were subsequently published (Mulvaney and Steele, 1993), led to the Federal Government allocating $5 million from the National Priority Reserve Fund for funding Australian datasets for the period 1994-1996. In subsequent years, the responsibility for the Big Deal datasets became the responsibility of individual universities to fund, although often acting collectively to gain consortia deals.

Professor Vicki Williamson has written, in her article 'The Beginnings of the Scholarly Communication Movement in Australia' (IATUL) that: The 1993 Conference, "Changes in Scholarly Communications Patterns: Australia and the Electronic Library", held in Canberra, brought together for the first time in an Australian context the various players in the scholarly communication chain. The spectrum of attendees ranged from authors to publishers, subscription agents to network experts, and librarians to copyright facilitators. In hindsight, the 1993 Conference can be seen as a significant milestone and a catalyst for significant joint action in the area of scholarly communication in the Australian context.

Following the 1993 conference, Colin played a key role in the formation in 1994 of the National Scholarly Communication Forum, which has played important role since that date in Australian scholarly communication debate and policy. Colin was Convenor of the National Forums from 2005-2017. Colin retired from the NSCF 2017, with the 25th NSCF held in August 2017 at the Australian Academy of Science.

The following tribute was paid at that meeting to Colin from the President of the Australian Academy of Humanities, Professor John Fitzgerald: 'Before we get the first session under way I wish to pay tribute to the dedication and extraordinary work of the Convenor of the NSCF, Colin Steele FAHA. Colin has been immersed in the world of scholarly communications for a long time, serving as the University Librarian at ANU from 1980-2002 and then as the Director of

Scholarly Information Strategies until 2003. Colin has been at the helm of NSCF since 1993. We are saddened to learn that NSCF 2017 (number 26) will be his last.

The success of NSCF over the years is a testament to Colin's energy, networking power and breadth of knowledge. The inaugural NSCF convened in 1993 had immediate impact, with government funds being allocated to Australian University libraries. It also marked the first Australian visit by Brewster Kahle, now famously head of the Internet archive.

Other high points in terms of impact were a number of NSCFs that convened in the early 2000s. NCSF 2004 for example was held under the aegis of the National Academies Forum, the precursor to the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA). Sir Gareth Roberts attended from Britain to speak to his review of the research assessment exercise undertaken for the UK funding councils. This was a precursor of the research quality framework later developed for application in Australia. The 2009 NSCF similarly brought senior sector representatives together on the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) exercise and featured Minister Kim Carr and a host of other distinguished speakers, one of whom I shall be re-introducing in a moment.

Before that, I would invite you to join me in thanking Colin Steele for his unparalleled contribution to important national conversations on higher education, research and publication over these many years.'

Colin served on the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) Executive from 1992 to 1996. From 1997 to 1999 he was Convenor of the CAUL Publishing Industry Think Tanks in Melbourne, which provided a forum for academic publishers and librarians to explore key issues, under Chatham House rules, in scholarly communication.

Another major attempt, like the NSCF, to effect scholarly communication change came at the end of the 1990s. A group of Australian University Librarians, in which Colin Steele, John Shipp and Neil McLean formed an alliance of government agencies, learned academies and librarians- the Coalition for Innovation in Scholarly Communication (CISC hereafter).

The Coalition's Chair was Professor Malcolm Gillies, then ANU Deputy Vice Chancellor and also President of the Australian Academy of Humanities and the National Academies Forum. The Executive Officer was Virginia Walsh, former Executive Director of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA hereafter), who subsequently became the first Executive Director of the Group of Eight universities.

CISC subsequently undertook a number of research studies, which were subsequently published, to underpin the development of a national approach to innovation in scholarly communication. Unfortunately, once more, while some earmarked funds flowed from the Federal Government, they were managed by the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee whose relevant subcommittee lacked the expertise of the CAUL and CISC personnel, which meant that the overall scholarly communication impact was subsequently dissipated.

In 2002, moreover, changes to key personnel within CISC, including Colin's retirement as ANU University Librarian, led to the scholarly communication initiative losing further momentum Colin having been University Librarian for 22 years, took up the position of ANU Director of Scholarly Information Strategies role before retiring at the age of 60. Colin was named Emeritus Fellow by the ANU Council in 2004.

Colin has been called the "father of the Australian Open Access movement" (Stephen Matchett, Campus Morning Mail, 2018). Colin has worked nationally and internationally as a proponent of Open Access to publicly-funded research. Under Colin's leadership, ANU library established Australia's first University Open Access Repository in 2002.

Colin, with Professors James Fox and Malcolm Gillies, and with the financial support of Vice Chancellor Ian Chubb, re-established in 2002 the long defunct ANU Press with an open access electronic access framework. The ANU Press has gone on to great success with over 550 books published by December 2017 and had exceeded two million downloads of its titles.

Colin has played an active part in the Library Association of Australia and the succeeding body, the Australian Library and Information Association, Colin's support has been demonstrated in his willingness to serve on various committees, including the 1979 Biennial LAA conference committee.

Between 1979 and 1981 he was Chair of the ACT Group of the University and College Libraries Section. Colin served as ACT General Councillor from 1990 to 1991 and was chair of the Program Committee for the ALIA Biennial Conference, held in Canberra in October 2000.

In 1998, Colin was awarded a Fellowship of the Charted Institute of Library and Information Professionals, UK. In the same year, Colin was awarded his ALIA Fellowship, becoming only the sixth person in history to be awarded both Fellowships.

Colin has served on the editorial boards of a number of journals including Australian Academic and Research Libraries, Journal of Librarianship and Information Science and the International Journal of Information and Library Research.

Colin has also been a regular book reviewer, since the 1970s, for a number of publications including the Antiquarian Book Monthly, SF Commentary, The Canberra Times, Australian Book Review, International Journal of the Book, Australian Academic and Research Libraries, Australian Library Journal and Australian Book Collector and Biblionews.

Colin has always pursued cross-campus activities beyond the Library. Colin was the first Chair of the Australian National Word Festival from 1983 to 1987, which were held at University House. At this stage the only two literary festivals in Australia were Adelaide and Canberra.

Colin subsequently established the extremely successful ANU Meet the Author series, which still continue. Over more than 30 years, the series has held about 600 events and attracted in excess of 120,000 people.

Colin was a member of the judging panel for the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Australian History and Non-Fiction from 2010 to 2013. He has been the Chair of the judging panel of the Council of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) Academic Book Prize since 2014.

Colin's recent University awards include the ANU Media Award - Biggest Public Lecture Seminar Series (2012), ANU Vice Chancellor's Media Award for Improving Public Debate (2011), the ACT Writer's Centre, Award for Non-fiction Book Reviewing (2012), Vice Chancellors Award for Advancing the Reputation of the University (2014), and the ANU Chancellor's Staff Excellence Award for Outstanding Service to the Campus Community (2017). This latter award has only been given to one person in recent years.

The citation reads: The Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service to the Campus Community is awarded for exceptional dedication and service to the campus community beyond normal expectations.

Former University Librarian Mr Colin Steele has made a distinguished contribution to librarianship in Australia. He has an outstanding record as an advocate for librarianship and promoting the need for librarians and scholars to modernise. Since his retirement in 2002, Mr Steele continues to play a critical role as a public intellectual and ANU envoy. His service in strengthening links between ANU and the Canberra community through public literary events and festivals is legendary. He is the author or editor of seven books on history, libraries and

scholarly communication, as well as more than 300 articles and reviews. His awards include the Knight Cross of Queen Isabella la Catolica of Spain for services to Hispanic culture, a Fellowship by both the British and Australian Library Associations – only the sixth double Fellowship in history. He was also elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities and in 2001 received the Australian Centenary Medal for Scholarly Communication services.

Colin has been Secretary of the ACT Oxford University Alumni Association since 1977, under the Presidencies of Sir Laurence McIntyre, Sir David Hay, Gavan Griffiths and Professor John White. Colin was the Secretary of the Magellan Society from 1980 to 1997. This Society was established in 1980 at ANU by the Vice Chancellor, Anthony Low, to promote the cultural activities of Spain, Portugal and Latin America in Canberra. Many successful events were held in Canberra until 1997, when the Magellan society gradually morphed into ANCLAS, the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies at the ANU with a more academic, teaching, research role. Colin was awarded the Knight Cross of Queen Isabella la Catolica of Spain in 1984 for his work establishing the Magellan Society and for his critically acclaimed books on Spain and Latin America.

Colin's Full CV: http://library-admin.anu.edu.au/_resources/about-us/ColinSteeleCV.pdf

Colin's Emeritus Faculty oral interview and accompanying print biography can be found at: https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/133187

Colin's oral history interview with David Jones as part of the National Library of Australia oral history was recorded on 2-3 May 2017. Timed summary and 256 pages uncorrected transcript available. https://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/7379861

Colin's 'Bibliophilic Memoir' can be found in in Charles Stitz Australian Book Collectors, Volume 5, Melbourne, Books of Kells, 2017, pp 504 – 511.

Fellowship citation

Colin Robert Steele has made a distinguished contribution to librarianship in Australia. He has an outstanding record as an advocate for librarianship and in promoting the need for librarians and scholars to adopt new methods for the creation, storage and dissemination of knowledge. Colin graduated from Liverpool University in 1965 with an honours degree in history and worked as a Standing Conference on National University Libraries (SCONUL) Trainee at the University Library from 1965 to 1966. He completed his Graduate Diploma in Librarianship at the University of London in 1966 and the following year was appointed an assistant librarian at the Bodleian Library, Oxford. While at the Bodleian, Colin completed his Master of Arts degree from Liverpool University. Between 1971 and 1976, he was an Associate Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford and in 1974 was awarded the British Academy American Visiting Fellowship to the Newberry Library in Chicago.

In 1976 Colin came to Australia to take up the appointment of deputy librarian at the Australian National University. He quickly became associated with a wide variety of causes and associations linked to the University, scholarship and libraries. As librarian at the Australian National University since 1980, he is now an acknowledged leader in his chosen profession who gives generously of his time, knowledge and energy.

An enthusiastic member of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) who has worked tirelessly to promote university libraries, Colin served on the CAUL executive from 1992 to 1996. In 1997 he organised and convened the CAUL Publishing Industry Think Tank in Melbourne which provided a forum for academic publishers and librarians to explore issues impeding changes in scholarly communication. Most recently he has held the CAUL portfolio of Federal Government Liaison.

A leading advocate for changes in the scholarly communication process Colin has been a member of the Library Committee of the Australian Academy of the Humanities since 1993. He was one of the main proponents of the National Scholarly Communications Forum when it was established by the Academy in that year in association with CAUL, ALIA, ACLIS and other bodies with interests in publishing.

Since 1995, Colin has been the Higher Education Council representative on the Research Library Infrastructure Committee established by the Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs. His championing of the role of libraries in the scholarly communication process, and his extensive knowledge of the issues led to Colin being invited to deliver the prestigious Follett Lectures in the United Kingdom in 1995. He was the only Australian invited to participate in the 1997 Mellon Conference on Scholarly Communication and Technology and in 1998 he delivered a keynote address on 'Globalisation of information resources' at the OCLC User Council held in Columbus, Ohio.

Colin keenly recognises the need to use new information technologies to improve the creation, storage and dissemination of knowledge. He was instrumental in lobbying the Higher Education Council and the then Department of Employment, Education and Training to provide funding for projects that would enable university libraries to implement new technologies. As a member of the Dataset Working Party established to co-ordinate one-off programs for which funding was granted, Colin's knowledge of the publishing industry, higher education, the research process and the technology ensured effective outcomes from the working party.

But even as a leading advocate of the importance of new technologies to the scholarly communication process, Colin nevertheless maintains a deep love of books and literature. One of Australia's foremost bibliophiles, his collection of science fiction books represents one of the best private collections in the country. From 1983 to 1987 he chaired the national Word Festival Committee and has been convenor of the Australian National University/*Canberra Times* Literary Lunches since 1988. A longstanding interest in Spain and its history saw Colin serve, between 1980 and 1997, as secretary of the Magellan Society in Canberra and in 1984, King Juan Carlos conferred on him the Knight Cross of Queen Isabela Catolica of Spain.

Colin is also well known both within Australia and internationally for his publications and presentations which cover a broad range of topics relevant to the profession. He has been a major contributor to the literature of librarianship having written or edited some eleven monographs and more than three hundred published journal articles and reviews in addition to delivering numerous conference papers. Colin has served on the editorial boards of a number of journals including *Australian Academic and Research Libraries, Journal of Librarianship and Information Science* and the *International Journal of Information and Library Research*. He has also been a regular book reviewer for a number of publications including *The Canberra Times, Library Acquisitions Practice* and *Theory and Antiquarian Book Monthly*.

Colin's support for the Association has been demonstrated in his willingness to serve on various committees. Between 1979 and 1981 he held the position of chair of the ACT Group of the University and College Libraries Section of the Library Association of Australia. Later, following the change to Australian Library and Information Association, Colin served as ACT General Councillor from 1990 to 1991. Currently he is chair of the Program Committee for the ALIA Biennial Conference to be held in Canberra in October 2000.

Throughout his career Colin has worked assiduously to promote librarianship and to ensure that librarians are included in the processes associated with changing the scholarly communication environment. Colin Robert Steele is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Ronald Store OAM (b1941)

- Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM 2011

Store, Ronald Edward BA Dip Ed BEd MLS ALAA. Principal librarian (advanced education) James Cook University of North Queensland Townsville. Born 4 January 1941 Townsville Queensland, son of Mark Hill and Elizabeth (Bower) Store, married Carmel Ann Wilson, 1 daughter. Education: Townsville Grammar School Queensland, University of Queensland Brisbane BA 1962 DipEd 1963 BEd 1967, University of British Columbia Vancouver Canada MLS 1977. Positions: College of Townsville graduate assistant 1968-70, Townsville Teachers College librarian 1970-74, Townsville College of Advanced Education principal librarian 1974-81, present 1982-. Membership: LAA associate (North Queensland Regional Group president 1978), SQAL, ACE. Awards: Stanley and Rose Arkley Award in Childrens Literature University of British Columbia.

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1990. Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, p. 215.

Dulcie Stretton CBE (1924-2001)

- Redmond Barry Award 1980
- Honorary Member 1980

Obituary

The Australian library community has lost one of its most significant activists and supporters with the death of Dulcie Stretton in Brisbane on 29 June. Dulcie was a major contributor to library promotion and our profession for more than four decades. The citation for her Redmond Barry Award of 1980, the highest honour our Association can give a lay person, and written when she still had major contributions to make, said that 'In the contemporary world of Australian librarianship no one outside the profession has done more for its health than Dulcie Stretton.'

Dulcie was born in 1924 and grew up in St Kilda, Victoria, the eldest of three children, and was educated in the public school system. She was an omnivorous reader from an early age, and in an oral history interview held in the National Library of Australia comments 'I can also remember the large number of books that I was given, on birthdays and at Christmas, and being berated for the fact that I would go away and hide until I'd read every one of them.' She joined a local subscription library when aged fourteen, causing consternation by borrowing adult fiction.

Dulcie's early life reflects the social mores of the times. She did not attend university, lacking opportunity and money, and since her father did not think university education necessary for girls. But she was stimulated by her first job in a law office where she was given wide opportunities with men away at the War. However she left the workforce on marriage and to have three children.

The adult education movement, of central importance to so many Australians in the decades after the war, opened intellectual life and opportunities for Dulcie. After enrolling in a course at Ormond State School she soon became chair of the local branch of the Adult Education Association of Victoria and eventually the Association's president in 1959. She was invited in 1957 to become full-time liaison officer in the Council of Adult Education in Victoria, occupying that position until 1969. A major responsibility was to help other organisations upgrade the adult education component in their programs. This is how she became involved in library promotion activities. Dulcie remembered these as years of very hard work, but they were also some of

the most wonderfully exciting of her life. She was a foundation member of the executive of the Australian Association of Adult Education when it was established in 1960, serving till 1968.

Dulcie's library promotion activities began with her appointment in 1959 as chairman of the Library Week Committee of Victoria. Library promotion became a major passion for her, and the three objectives she outlined in her successful application for a three month Carnegie Corporation Study Tour in 1966 were 'promotion of libraries at a national level, national adult education agencies, continuing education for mature age women.'

Dulcie was elected foundation president of the Australian Library Promotion Council in 1967, serving in this office for the next twenty years. She brought passion, commitment, organising abilities, and stubbornness to this task, allied to great style - one long term acquaintance aptly describes her as a 'pocket sized Titian-haired dynamo.'

Dulcie was appointed congress executive officer for the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science [ANZAAS] in 1970, organising their next three conferences in Brisbane, Sydney and Perth, before establishing her own highly successful conference consulting business in 1974. This enabled her, with careful scheduling, to travel widely and contribute nationally in library promotion activities. I was one of the many younger librarians she immediately enthused to join the ALPC NSW committee when she settled in Sydney.

We now all accept as a matter of course the importance of libraries to Australian cultural life, and particularly the network of free public libraries spanning the country. This was certainly not the case when Dulcie did her main work in library promotion, where the arguments had often still to be made. She saw herself as suited to this because 'I'm a layman, because I'm not in the book trade and I'm not a librarian, and I'm not an author. I just really want to encourage more people to read ... I have no vested interests, I happen to believe very strongly in the advantage and the wonderful things that people get from reading...'

Other community contributions by Dulcie included membership of the ABC Talks Advisory Committee from 1963 to 1969, of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO from 1974 to 1980, and foundation membership of the Governing Council of the National Book Council in 1973. She was Deputy Chair of the Council from 1978 to 1985, and Chair of the NSW Committee from 1974 to 1981.

Dulcie was a member of the Library Council of New South Wales, the governing body for the State Library of New South Wales and with other responsibilities including government relations with the public library network, from 1975 to 1983. She made a major contribution to the Council's work and was particularly proud to have been elected by the Council as its president, the first woman in Australia to fill such a position, from 1979 to 1983. She established The Library Society friends group, and her contributions are recognised in the annual Dulcie Stretton Lecture series established in 1984.

Dulcie's outstanding contribution to national life was recognised by her appointment as a Commander in the Order of the British Empire [CBE] in the 1979 Queen's Birthday, for 'services to the community'. She also received an honorary Master of Arts Degree in the University of Sydney in 1997, and the Australian Library Promotion Council in 1979 honoured Dulcie with its Alfred McMicken Award for 'an outstanding personal contribution to libraries.'

Dulcie was a most gregarious person. She loved conversation, books and reading, good food and wine, and had the widest circle of friends. She gave splendid parties, especially when she lived and ran her conference business in Glenmore Road, Paddington. Dulcie had a passion for owls - ceramic and wooden, drawings and paintings, many the gifts of friends who came across them in their travels -and the Paddington house seemed to be overflowing with them.

She was enormously proud of her three children and the grandchildren who filled a central place in her life.

Dulcie said in the interview mentioned above that her life, career and voluntary work had given her a great interest in human relationships, and the depth and sustaining nature of the friendships she made in our profession testifies to this. She will be sadly missed, and the profession is in her debt for her major contributions to our affairs.

Warren Horton
inCite vol.22, Aug 2001, pp. 32-33

Redmond Barry Award citation

Dulcie Stretton, CBE, President of the Australian Library Promotion Council and President of the Library Council of NSW, has been awarded the Association's Redmond Barry Award. This Award is presented by the Library Association of Australia to a lay person whom the Association considers has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship in Australia.

Mrs Stretton's citation reads in part: 'During Dulcie Stretton's leadership of the ALPC, the Council has been instrumental in developing public awareness programs and applying political pressure for the development of libraries in schools, the establishment and development of public library services, and the library services to the disadvantaged. The Australian Library Promotion Council, during her Presidency has each year taken a target area where they believe attention should be focused on the development of library services.

'Mrs Stretton has been unstinting in her commitment to library development and as foundation chairman and later President of ALPC she has travelled unstintingly to every State to address meetings. Such a contribution is to be expected from members of the library profession, but is unique for a lay person to make such a contribution.

'She has worked untiringly and at a cost to both personal time and money, which only a few of her older associates can appreciate. No one has appeared on more platforms throughout Australia on behalf of libraries. She has addressed meetings in every State, ranging from large assemblies to a handful of enthusiasts in a cold draughty hall in the smallest country town.

'When Dulcie Stretton moved from Victoria to NSW she left a strong library promotion movement in Victoria, and immediately upon her arrival in NSW created an observable impact in the development of libraries. She was appointed a member of the Library Council of New South Wales in 1974, and in 1977 was elected Deputy President. In 1979 she was elected President.

She has given distinctive leadership to the development of the Library Promotion Committee in New South Wales and the National Book Council, and upon the recommendation of the New South Wales Government, the Queen recognised her contribution to service in that State with the award of the CBE in 1979. Her election as President of the New South Wales Library Council gave her the distinction of being the first woman to head a governing body of an Australian library.

The health of all professions depends in some part on those outside it, who are willing to comment, to criticise and to support contemporary world of Australian librarianship no one outside the profession has done more for its health than Dulcie Stretton.'

inCite 17 October 1980 p. 2.

Elizabeth Swan BA, FALIA

- Member (AM) in the General Division 2021
- ALIA Fellowship 2007
- Honorary Member 2003

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

Elizabeth has an extraordinary drive, commitment, and passion for the role of the special librarian. She is held in high regard by those who work in the sector, and recognised as a leader and mentor in the field of special librarianship in Australia.

She was one of the first librarians in Australia to recognise the benefits and importance of online information retrieval systems in the very early days of their existence. Her leadership in this area helped to ensure that librarians were the professionals who became the experts on these systems within their organisations. Elizabeth was one of the first Australian librarians to use overseas online databases.

Elizabeth was a founding member of the LAA's Information Science Section (ISS) in the mid-seventies and served continuously on the National and NSW Section in various capacities for 25 years. Her expertise, contacts, enthusiasm, ideas and commitment of time were invaluable. Elizabeth was a member of the ISS committee that met with OTC representatives and led to the establishing of MIDAS which, by providing reasonably priced telephone access instead of trunk-call rates, opened up online searching of overseas databases.

The Section ran many evening meetings and successful one-day conferences and workshops on a range of topics to update the professional knowledge of members. Her enthusiasm for and work in organising the ALIA Information Online Conference has significantly contributed to its positioning as one of the premier conferences for ALIA and the information services sector.

Elizabeth also recognised the importance to the library and information profession of looking beyond library and information practitioners and developing strong links and strategic alliances with other groups and stakeholders. She always placed great emphasis on the exhibition and individual exhibitors at the Online Conference. Most of the generous sponsorships attracted by Online were the result of her efforts and personal contacts. The Acting Chair of the Senate Commission of Inquiry into the Role of Libraries in the Online Environment, Senator John Tierney, was so impressed by the Information Edge submission to the Inquiry that he registered for and attended the Online Conference as a delegate.

Elizabeth has also contributed greatly to the field of special librarianship in Australia. She delivered the first Lesle Symes Memorial Lecture in 1985, which an outstanding special librarian gives by invitation. She has nurtured and inspired many special librarians, both in developing and delivering highly relevant and much needed training through her company, Information Edge Ltd, and her generous gift of a great deal of her time to support special librarians and help them to lift their profiles within their organisations. Her commitment in this area has included mentoring, training and development of PD for the profession. She has promoted the valuable role a librarian can play in the corporate and government sectors, and has been diligent in drawing attention to the importance of the information industry and the opportunities that exist for librarians to redefine their role within their organisations.

In mentoring other librarians, from graduates to established professionals, Elizabeth has given freely of her own time to help develop many careers. Her advice and example has been particularly valuable in special librarianship, as many librarians work in isolation and under tight budgetary control, often falling victim to economic and financial downturns.

Arguably Elizabeth's greatest contribution has been her leadership of the ALIA Information Online Conference. In 1984, Elizabeth and Enid Roberts suggested that the Information Science Section could run a conference similar to the London Online conference, and since that time Elizabeth has been on the committee of every Online conference, on several occasions as Convenor or Program Convenor, positions with a heavy responsibility to ensure continuing broad participation. Her business acumen and commitment to the conference have ensured that it has flourished and many thousands of information professionals from all over Australia, New Zealand and Asia have been inspired by the possibilities of the online environment.

Elizabeth's contribution to the profession has been recognised by ALIA when she was made an Honorary Member in 2003. Other recognition of her work has included the Williamson Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Information Science in Australia in 1988 and the Maria Gemenis Award for Special Librarians in 1985 and 1993.

For her contribution to professional training, her service to ALIA and her capacity to identify the unique skills of librarians and sell the value of librarians as information specialists to the wider community, Elizabeth Swan is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

H M Tait

- President 1996

If you have information to expand this entry, please contact ALIA.

Frank Tate CMG, ISO, MA (1864-1939)

- Honorary Member 1938

Frank Tate, educationalist, senior public servant and lay supporter of libraries, was born and educated in Victoria. He trained as a school teacher but his unusual abilities soon led to his appointment as a lecturer, and later Principal, of the Teachers Training College, Melbourne. In 1902 he was appointed Victoria's first Director of Education, a position he held for twenty-six years. His work as Director was outstanding, particularly his efforts to make secondary education widely available.

On his retirement in 1928, Tate became a leading figure in the establishment, with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). He served as its Chairman until his death.

As President of the Library Association of Victoria (LAV) Tate became involved in the movement for free public libraries in Australia. He used his connections with the Carnegie Corporation to win support for a survey of Australian library conditions, which ACER published and distributed (the Munn-Pitt Report). Subsequently Tate chaired an informal body known as the Library Group, which met under ACER's auspices and acted as a channel of advice for the Carnegie Corporation on opportunities for furthering library development in Australia. He also became Victoria's leading spokesperson for the Free Library Movement (FLM).

Tate discovered libraries as a cause only in the last decade of his life, but having done so he devoted to them the enthusiasm and missionary fervour which had characterised his

revolutionary work in Victorian education. In recognition of his outstanding contribution, the Australian Institute of Librarians (AIL) made him its first honorary member in 1938.

An MA of the University of Melbourne, Tate was twice honoured nationally, being awarded both the ISO and CMG.

Neil A Radford, from Australia's Library & Information Services – an Encyclopaedia of Practice and Practitioners (ALIAS), 1991. Ed Harrison Bryan, vol. 3 p.89-90.

Edith Tattersall BA, FLAA (1915-1989)

- LAA Fellow 1964

Obituary

The establishment of the first statewide free library service in Australia was one of the first outstanding events of the early years of the library profession in Australia, and was all the more remarkable because it took place during the war years 1939-45. It was a heady time of expansion for libraries in Tasmania, and I felt privileged to be there taking part in it.' Edith Tattersall (1988).

Edith Mary Tattersall, BA (WA), FLAA, who was born in Perth on 5 November 1915, died peacefully at her home in Armidale on 28 March 1989, aged 73 years.

Edith graduated with Honours from the University of Western Australia in 1938. In 1941, with the help of a Carnegie scholarship, she studied at the Library School of the Public Library of New South Wales. She was appointed to the staff of the Tasmanian Public Library in April 1942 as Senior Assistant. There, she became involved in the setting up of the statewide library system proposed in the Binns Report; and during 1944-46 she ran the Central Reference Library in the State Library.

Edith Tattersall was appointed Librarian of the New England University College in 1947. Her own account of those difficult early years at Armidale, when she fought to establish the status of both the Library and the Librarian within the College (and, from 1954, the University), appears in the essay she wrote for *The New England experience: inside stories of UNE, 1938-1988*, published at Armidale last year by the Alumni Association of the University of New England. (The introductory quotation is taken from this essay.)

Her 9-year span as Librarian in charge of the Dixson Library ended in 1956 with the creation by the new University of a new position of Chief Librarian, for which she did not apply. However, she continued to work in the Dixson Library in various capacities until her retirement in 1980.
Edith developed an interest in Australian government publications, which culminated in the writing of her *Australian Parliamentary publications in the Dixson Library, University of New England: a descriptive hand list*, issued in 1980.

She is remembered by many for her long and dedicated service as a librarian, and - by those who had more than a passing acquaintance with her - for the extraordinary breadth and depth of her interests and concerns.

A special endowment fund has been established in the UNE's Dixson Library in honour of Edith, and contributions to this memorial fund are welcome. All donations are tax deductible and may be sent to the University Librarian, Mr Karl Schmude, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351.

Robert A. Boyd, inCite vol 10, no. 11, 24 July 1989, p. 20.

Desmond Tellis FIIS, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 1989
- Namesake of the ALIA Des Tellis Australian Geoscience Information Association Grant

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

Des Tellis has brought to librarianship in Australia a combination of vision, intelligence, creation and pragmatism. He has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship through his leadership on the role of information science and its importance to special libraries. His dedication to library and information services has enhanced the profession of librarianship well beyond its own boundaries.

He began his career in Bangalore, in the Technical Information Centre, Electronics and Radar Development Establishment where he was a documentation officer and subsequently officer-in-charge.

His first job in Australian libraries was with the Research Service of the State Library of South Australia. From there he moved to the library of the South Australian Museum of Natural History and thence to the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories where he was a report editor and information officer.

In 1973 he was appointed as the first librarian of the Australian Mineral Foundation (AMF) and his association with the AMF continues to the present. He is currently the Information Services Manager of the organisation - a position he has held for the last ten years. He has been responsible for the development of its library and information services and also for the substantial task of the development, co-ordination and running of the Australian National Geoscience database AESIS (Australian Earth Sciences Information System). The development of AESIS benefited not only the earth sciences industry in Australia but had ramifications for the role of libraries and for special librarians as information professionals.

Des Tellis has played a major role in the theory and practice of database development and information science in Australia. In 1984 Des Tellis was awarded the Robert D Williamson Award for his 'outstanding contribution to the development of information science in Australia' and 'for demonstrated potential for positively influencing future directions in information science'. He was subsequently elected a Fellow of the Institute of Information Scientists, London in 1985. Des Tellis has published prolifically on a variety of subjects including online databases, communication and access to information. He has not only written papers for conferences, journals and books but has edited and produced many others including his contribution as co-compiler of various editions of the *Australian Thesaurus of Earth Sciences and Related Terms*.

In all his written and spoken contributions Des Tellis has been a keen advocate for the concept of information as a valuable resource for all organisations. His presentation of papers is always informative, entertaining and memorable. In addition, he conveys a keen sense of the value of information and of his chosen profession, taking every opportunity to promote the profession to non-librarians and librarians alike. Between 1984 and 1987 Des Tellis was invited to give guest lectures on corporate information at the Australian Administrative Staff College at Mt Eliza, Victoria. This confirms that his reputation as a speaker is also recognised outside of library circles.

Des Tellis has ably served on many and varied committees. These include work in various capacities for the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographic Services (replaced by the Australian Council of Library and Information Services) and three years as president of the Special Libraries Section of the Library Association of Australia in South Australia. He was also

instrumental in founding the Australian Geoscience Information Association. In the international arena, he has worked on several projects promoting information services in other countries in the Asian Pacific region including India, Pakistan and New Caledonia.

It is significant that Des Tellis's commitment to information services has led to his membership of the Australian Academy of Science, National Committee for Scientific Information and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, Information Technology Committee. His interest in and enthusiasm for information science is not restricted to this country or to our own profession. He knows the value of information for effective economic development and promotes the cause of librarians being indispensable members of any organisation by their provision of timely and relevant information.

Des Tellis's significant and far reaching contributions to library and information services in Australia and internationally make him a most worthy recipient of this Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Florence Thomas BA LLB FLAA (1908-1997)

- HCL Anderson Award 1977
- ALIA Fellowship 1972

Obituary published in the Australian Law Librarian 1998.
http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/AULawLib/1998/8.pdf

Bess Thomas (d1968)

- Namesake of The Bess Thomas Award

Born in Australia, but educated in Canada, Bess had trained as a secretary and worked as a librarian at Toronto University. While in Canada she developed an interest in the Boys and Girls' House of the Toronto Public Library. On her return to Australia Bess Thomas was the co-founder of the Mosman Children's Library in 1934 along with her cousin, Edith Allworth.

Bess also set up a voluntary organisation known as the Friends of the Mosman Children's Library, the first of its kind in NSW, which operated throughout the 1950s.

Bess was the first woman in NSW to be appointed as a municipal librarian in 1945. Bess introduced innovative outreach activities such as story hours, book clubs and chess groups to the library.

Bess hosted one of the first training courses for children's librarians in 1954. 5 days of lectures, workshops and bookbuying for 30 librarians from 4 states. Bess was also a member of the preliminary committee to establish the Children's Book of the Year award which was followed by the establishment of the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Bess retired in March 1962, and J.W. Metcalfe's farewell address acknowledged Australia's debt to her work.

After her death in 1968 the LAA Children's Libraries Section determined to honour her memory with an award for 'an outstanding contribution to the profession by the writings or work of a practising children's librarian'.

When the Orana journal - ALIA's journal of school and children's librarianship ceased publication in 2005 the ALIA board and the Orana committee attributed the residual funds towards this award and the Marjorie Cotton Award.

The Children's and Youth Services Groups of today, strive to continue the work that Bess 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.

Marjorie Thompson Bec, FLAA (d1971)

- LAA Fellowship

Obituary

Marjorie Monaro Thompson. BEc, FLAA, well known to users of the Fisher Library of the University of Sydney over forty years, died on Christmas Day 1971. Miss Thompson retired from the position of keeper of rare books in 1965. She was designated keeper of rare books in 1963 and had the responsibility of setting up the very fine rare book collection when the new Fisher Library was occupied. Previous to that she had been assistant librarian in charge of cataloguing since 1949.

She received her early training at the Public Library of New South Wales where she went straight from the Sydney Girls High School. She joined the Sydney University staff in 1924 and graduated BEc as an evening student in 1928.

Marjorie Thompson was a foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and was a Fellow of the Library Association of Australia. She was general treasurer of the Institute from 1941 to 1943. She was president of the NSW Branch in 1946-47 and the first president of the University Libraries Section of the Library Association of Australia in 1955. She acted as Representative Councillor on the federal body several times and was an indefatigable attender at conferences. She was a perfectionist in all that she did and the many librarians who trained under her and who came into contact with her honour her for her high standards. She was a particularly gracious person and a good friend.

Beatrice Wines, The Australian Library Journal May 1972, p 177.

Fiona Thomson OAM

- Medal (OAM) in the General Division 2021

Fiona Thomson AALIA (CP) received the Medal (OAM) in the General Division for her service to the Guides and to academic librarianship with the University of South Australia.

Mollie Thomson BA, DipEd, MSc, FLAA (d1980)

- ALIA Fellowship 1980

Fellowship citation

The distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia has been conferred on Mollie Thomson, Deputy Librarian, Macquarie University.

Mollie Thomson has contributed to the professional nature of cataloguing by her encouragement of adherence to internationally recognised standards and by her efforts to improve existing standards and to promote new ones. She has consistently worked towards her vision of a national network consonant with the role of international bibliographic agencies.

Mollie Thomson is an outstanding practitioner of librarianship who has made an unusually wide range of professional contributions to librarianship in Australia and North America. By her own example, her qualities of leadership , her publications, and her high standards of achievement she has contributed to the advancement of levels of practice and performance in the school, state, university and national libraries in which she has worked in Australia and North America.

Brief summary in inCite 17 October 1980, p. 2.

Obituary

Mollie Thomson, Deputy Librarian of Macquarie University, died peacefully at home on 21 October 1980, after a long illness. She had known that her illness was terminal and had been in hospital from time to time. Yet she had continued to come to work and as recently as the end of August she had attended the National Cataloguing Seminar in Melbourne, although she was too ill to take the active part that had earlier been arranged for her. She retained her involvement in and commitment to all aspects-of librarianship to the end.

The citation for the distinction of Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia which had been awarded in recognition of her outstanding contributions to librarianship was read posthumously on 31 October at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and the award was handed to her husband, Mr Jim Falconer, privately, following the ceremony by the President, Denis Richardson.

Mollie Thomson made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the practice and the profession of librarianship through her work in a number of library positions in Australia and North America.

After graduating from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education, Mollie was at first a high school teacher and then a teacher librarian before becoming a librarian at the State Library of New South Wales in 1951.

She trained primarily as a cataloguer to the highest standards of that library before becoming a cataloguer and reference librarian at Vancouver Public Library in 1954-58. She also worked as an indexer with the Canadian Library Association in Ottawa. She returned to Australia in 1958 and joined the staff of the National Library of Australia.

She returned to North America for ANL as New York Liaison Officer of the National Library of Australia 1960-63. While in New York she gained the degree of Master of Science in librarianship at Columbia University in 1963. Mollie Thomson became Head Cataloguer at the National Library in 1964.

After a brief period of service at Monash University, she was appointed to the newly established Macquarie University where she was successively Head Cataloguer 1966, Technical Services Librarian 1967 and following the death of the former University Librarian, Mr Barry Scott in January 1970, she was Acting Librarian. She was Deputy Librarian from 1971 until her death. Mollie Thomson will be remembered with affection and admiration by all who knew her. Throughout her career in librarianship of over 30 years she was able to inspire library staff and

administrators alike to believe that institutional, professional and national goals were achievable.

She was a librarian with technical skills and standards of the highest order in almost all aspects of librarianship. She was most generous in sharing her experience with others but was modest and almost self-effacing about her own very great abilities. Those who were privileged to work with her will always treasure her wisdom, common-sense, and steadfastness and her helpfulness and care for the individual. These qualities were combined with vivacity and a zest for living, a sense of elegance and an appreciation of beauty and good design which exemplified her sense of proportion and her view of what was right.

Despite her wide-ranging library interests which included management staff development, audiovisual, school librarianship, reader education and reference work, Mollie Thomson's most abiding interest was cataloguing and more recently network development.

In 1977 she spent most of her study leave investigating network developments in North America and Britain. She spent several weeks at the Washington State Library, Olympia, studying the Washington Library Network system.

Her long experience as a cataloguer enabled her to recognise the importance of quality control function of authority files in networks at a time of changing cataloguing codes and integration of contributed entries from bibliographic agencies in a number of countries.

Mollie Thomson will always be remembered as a consummate cataloguer and as the epitome of the complete librarian. In the course of her career she had excelled in school, university, state and national libraries in Australia and in various professional capacities in North America where she will also be widely mourned. She has left it to others to continue to work for the attainment of a national bibliographic network, the vision of which she shared with so many of her colleagues who now mourn her loss.

Eoin Wilkinson, inCite vol 1, no 19, 21 Nov 1980, p. 7.

Kate Torney OAM

- Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM 2020

Kate Torney OAM held the position of CEO of the State Library of Victoria from November 2015 to September 2021. In that time, she led the library from strength to strength, the most visible achievement being the refurbishment of large areas of the library. That refurbishment earned the library the National Exemplar Award in the 2021 Australian Library Design Awards. Kate was also a member and former chair of National and State Libraries Australia, and a former chair of GLAM Peak, representing Australia's galleries, libraries, archives and museums.

Kate's admirable ongoing work was recognised as part of the 2020 Australia Day Honours List where she was recognised with a Medal (OAM) 'for service to the broadcast media and to the cultural sector.'
Prior to her work in libraries, Kate worked as a journalist, first for commercial broadcasters and then for the ABC where she stayed for more than 20 years. At the ABC she was a reporter, producer, executive producer and editor and then Director of News and Current Affairs.

Margaret Trask AM, BA, MLib, FLAA (1928-2002)

- HCL Anderson Award 1989

- ALIA President 1977
- ALIA Fellowship 1969

Fellowship nomination

Margaret Trask is a graduate of the University of New England and holds the Diploma of Librarianship of the University of New South Wales. She has been a professional member of the Library Association of Australia since 1956.

The Board of Examiners is pleased to report to Council that, in the Board's view, Mrs Trask could very properly be invited to accept the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia.

Council will not need reminding of the very significant recent decision by the Commonwealth Government to subsidise heavily the development of libraries in secondary schools. Nor will Council have failed to feel gratified that the Association played some part in achieving this result.

The Board knows well that Mrs Trask will be the first to insist that many people, including other members of the Association, were involved in the very effective campaign which clearly influenced the government in this matter. The Board has little doubt, however, that it is the name of Margaret Trask that Australian librarians will associate permanently with this important development.

As president of the Children's Libraries section of the Association in 1966, Mrs Trask secured Association endorsement of a two year plan aimed at the promotion of improvement of school libraries and school library services.

The pages of the Association's Standing Committee and Council agenda papers for the next two years record the energy with which the section set about its task. What they do not adequately convey is the effectiveness with which a climate of public opinion was created, or the extent to which Mrs Trask's own travelling, speaking and writing contributed to this.

In September 1976, Mrs Trask joined Dr Andrew Fabinyi in ably presenting the Association's views on the needs of school libraries to the then Minister for Education and Science, Senator Gorton, in a personal interview.

Mrs Trask's appointment to the Commonwealth Secondary Schools Libraries committee is regarded by the Board as a proper recognition both of her part in persuading the Commonwealth Government to act and of her considerable expertise in the area of school librarianship.

The Board has some knowledge of the degree to which to committee has relied on Mrs Trask's experience and professional capacity. As but the most recent example of this reliance, in July 1969 the committee requested the Association to conduct a two-day seminar for architects involved in planning school libraries. This seminar, designed and directed by Mrs Trask, from the Board's observations reflected nothing but credit on our Association and our profession.

Apart from her unique contribution in the area of Commonwealth aid to libraries, Mrs Trask is distinguished also by a number of publications of quality.

Importantly for our profession her writing has not been restricted to library periodicals but has appeared also in book reviewing and education journals.

Given Mrs Trask's obvious capacity for hard work it comes as no surprise to find that she has been a member of Council since 1966 and general treasurer of the Association since 1968. In

1967 she was elected to the Board of Examiners, where both her general professional knowledge and her particular expertise in the area of school and children's libraries have been of considerable value to the Association.

The Board commends Margaret Trask, Bachelor of Arts, Diplomate in Librarianship, Associate of the Library Association of Australia, to Council as a librarians whose activities have been responsible for making possible considerable improvement in an important area of library services in this country and whose efforts in this and in other fields within our profession clearly constitute a distinguished contribution to the practice of librarianship.

The Board unanimously recommends that she be awarded the distinction of Fellow of the Library Association of Australia.

HCL Anderson Award

In a happy ceremony following the NSW Branch Annual General Meeting on 23 February 1990, Margaret Trask was presented with the H C L Anderson Award for 1989. Family, and colleagues from every phase of Margaret's career, from Wilma Radford to recent AIMA participants, attended to pay tribute to Margaret's contribution to the profession.

Averill Edwards, immediate Past President, presented the award. Warren Horton read the citation. Excerpts of the citation follow:

Margaret Trask 's first major contribution to the profession was in the conduct of the campaign which led to the decision of the Commonwealth Government in 1968 to subsidise heavily the development of libraries in secondary schools, a program lasting until 1985 and one of the most significant political victories for the Association since World War II. As President of the Children's Library Section of the Association in 1966, she secured Association endorsement of a 2-yearplan aimed at the promotion and improvement of school libraries and school library services.

In 1974 Margaret Trask became the foundation head of the School of Library and Information Studies at Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, a position which she occupied until 1985. At KCAE she implemented an innovative curriculum providing undergraduate and postgraduate education for librarians and teacher librarians, based on the centrality of the user of information and libraries to the design and delivery of information services. In the early 1980s she also began to develop an understanding which has significantly contributed to the re-definition of the field of information practice and the place of the librarian in that field.

Margaret Trask's interest in education for the entire professional life cycle led her by the mid 1980s to identify library management theory and practice as the greatest deficiency in both librarianship and library education in Australia, and it was to this issue she next turned. She became Executive Director of the Australian Information Management Association in 1985. Through AIMA, she has been the driving force and increasingly major progenitor of a whole gammit of courses, workshops, consultancy services and publications which have revolutionised education for library management m this country.

From inCite vol. 11, no. 4, 9 April 1990, p.1.

Obituary

Margaret Trask, one of the pioneers of the development of the library and information profession in Australia, died at her Sydney home in November 2002. Margaret was an inspiration and role model for countless students and practitioners and left her mark on many organisations including ALIA, AIMA, and the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS).

Margaret's early career was based in the State Library of New South Wales, AMP Society, Penrith City Council and the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Library. In 1968 she moved into the teaching of librarianship at the then School of Librarianship at UNSW and developed a special interest in children's literature and school libraries. Her 'Report to the Nation' on the deplorable situation of school libraries was highly influential and formed a basis for the very successful federal government program of investment in school library buildings.

In 1974 Margaret moved to Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education and set up the School of Library and Information Studies. At Kuring-gai Margaret established her formidable reputation as an innovative educator who found new ways to conceptualise information work and the body of knowledge to support effective practice. Thousands of graduates can attest to the influence on their own capacities of the ways of thinking and problem solving they were introduced to - some times painfully - by Margaret. During that period Margaret also served on the Association's Board of Education and was president of the Association in 1977.

One of Margaret's greatest achievements was the establishment in 1985 of the Australian Information Management Association (AIMA) which provided leadership development for mid-ranking professionals as well as consultancy services for larger organisations. The huge impact of these activities can be seen today across Australian, New Zealand and South Pacific libraries.

Margaret 'retired' for a second time in 1994 but soon became involved as a council member at the University of Technology, Sydney. She was deputy chancellor from 1998 until a few weeks before her death. Her contribution to UTS was substantial as might be expected given Margaret's talent and commitment to any venture she undertook. She served on the key committees and presided over graduations with warmth and dignity.

Looking back over the history of the profession and libraries in Australia it is evident that Margaret played a very important role over many decades. Apart from the positions she held in libraries and other organisations, Margaret was invariably selected as a member of committees or working groups charged with tasks of charting directions such as the Public Libraries Enquiry (Horton) 1975-76; Australian Commission for UNESCO 1977-85; Australian Libraries and Information Council 1982-85; Australian Libraries Summit 1988; Working Party on Library Provision in Higher Education (Ross) 1990. In short any activity of significance to the development of libraries and the profession invariably involved Margaret in some capacity and benefited from her involvement.

Margaret's contributions were recognised by many honours - Member of General Division of the Order of Australia; HCL Anderson Award; Fellowship of LAA; Fellow of UTS; and an award, which will be conferred posthumously, Doctor of the University of Technology. A University Medal for the outstanding UTS Information Studies graduate carries Margaret's name.

A glance at Margaret's achievements and the honours awarded might suggest that she was an intimidating figure. She was certainly awe-inspiring but never intimidating. Anyone who had the good fortune to rub shoulders with her, or simply hear her speak on matters dear to her heart, will attest to Margaret's friendliness and generosity. Consequently, wherever she went Margaret built up a network of strong friendships. She kept these friends over many years and was loyal and supportive helping many in their own professional aspirations. The messages received by Margaret's family following her death are tangible evidence of the tremendous impact she had on several generations. We are privileged to have known such a fine woman and to have benefited from her wisdom.

A special issue of the *Australian Library Journal* in late 2003 will commemorate and explore in more depth the significance of Margaret's achievements. Meanwhile, UTS is hosting a celebration of Margaret's life on Friday 28 February at 4:30pm.

Eric Wainwright MA, BA, GDipAdmin, MIInfSc, ALA, FALIA

- HCL Anderson Award 1997
- ALIA Fellowship 1992

Fellowship citation

Eric Wainwright has made a distinguished contribution to the profession of librarianship in Australia since he came here as a lecturer in the Department of Library Studies at the Western Australian Institute of Technology in 1972. He had entered the library profession through the Library Association (UK) post-graduate professional examination at the College of Librarianship, Wales in 1968, following his graduation from the University of Cambridge. He became the Reader Services Librarian at Murdoch University in 1975, deputy university librarian at the University of Queensland in 1978, and university librarian at the University of Adelaide in November 1981. His major achievements in Adelaide included initiating, planning and obtaining funding (outside the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission's major buildings program) for a complete remodeling of the main library building, almost completed by the time he left; a complete restructure of library staffing; acquisition of the Library's first major computer; and a restructuring of the materials budget on a more logical, quantitative basis.

In March 1988 Eric was appointed deputy director-general of the National Library of Australia and he has made an outstanding contribution to its development since that time. This has included responsibility for the development of the major 1990-1995 Strategic Plan *Shaping out future: preserving our past*, leadership of the staff team who produced the 1990 Collection Development Policy and responsibility for the major building upgrade in recent years.

He played a major part in the planning for the Australian Libraries Summit meeting of October 1988, especially in the thinking and debates leading to what emerged as the concept of the Distributed National Collection. He subsequently chaired the joint ACLIS/NLA National Taskforce on Conspectus of 1989. He was also the instigator and driving force for the highly successful March 1992 NLA sponsored Towards Federation 2001 conference, with the agreed mission 'to enable Australians to have the maximum possible bibliographical can physical access to their recorded documentary heritage by the year 2001'.

Eric Wainwright has also made a major and sustained impact on broad national professional developments during his career. He had given outstanding service to the Australian Library and Information Association, with a major contribution being his sustained and extensive work as a member of the Board of Education from 1983-1991 including his term as chairman from 1988-1989. He has given considerable service in a wide range of capacities to the Australian Council of Library and Information Services (ACLIS) and its predecessor the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS). While this contribution is too detailed to list in this citation, mention should be made of his long-term activity in promoting and developing research in Australian librarianship and of the particular importance of the 1976 publication *Measures of adequacy for library collections in Australian Colleges of Advanced Education* (the Dean-Wainwright Report).

He has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the governance and policies of the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN). He has, with the exception of one meeting, been an ABN Network Committee member in one capacity or another since its establishment in 1981. He was deputy chairman of the Committee in 1984-85, and chairman in 1986-87. He was a key figure in developing ABN policies in the first few years of the Network, especially those concerning its governance, the basis on which membership categories and the financial

structure should be developed, technical standards and the working relationship between the National Library and Network members. The continuity of his membership and policy contribution, albeit from different perspectives, has given stability and long term direction to ABN throughout its life.

Eric Wainwright has published extensively throughout his career, and indeed is among the most prolific of the present senior Australian professionals. His publications concentrate on national and co-operative activities, management issues, the impact of technology and strategic planning. They are always well research, solid in content, provocative and forward looking.

The most important contribution Eric Wainwright has made to the profession in recent years was through his membership of the Higher Education Council Working Party on Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions (the Ross Report). It is public knowledge that his sustained commitment through the life of the project was of central importance to the final report. This is only the latest demonstration of his preparedness to unstintingly devote himself to important national activities on the profession's behalf.

The General Council may confer a Fellowship on a professional member of the Association who 'has made a distinguished and sustained contribution to the theory and/or practice of librarianship'. Erica Wainwright's contribution to the development of the Australian profession has been sustained, of great diversity and of national importance. The General Council believes that he is a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

HCL Anderson Award citation

Eric Wainwright is an outstanding librarian. His contribution to library and information services and to the profession in Australia has been formidable. Many practising librarians have been influenced by his thinking and personal example of professional practice performed at the highest level.

Following temporary posts after university studies, Eric was appointed Assistant Librarian (Information Services) at the University of Surrey Library in 1969. He came to Australia as Lecturer in Bibliographical Resources, Department of Library Studies, in the then Western Australian Institute of Technology in 1972, was appointed a Research Fellow in the Department in 1974, and then Reader Services Librarian at Murdoch University the following year, and Deputy University Librarian at The University of Queensland in 1978. Eric joined The University of Adelaide as University Librarian in 1981, was appointed Deputy Director-General of the National Library of Australia in 1988, and in August will be taking up the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Support) at James Cook University.

He has been outstandingly successful in all his professional appointments. At The University of Queensland, for example, he developed a systematic approach to the withdrawal of lesser-used material from academic library shelves, which became a model for other university libraries. His time as University Librarian at The University of Adelaide was characterised by major achievements in strategic planning, collection development and computer policies. His achievements at the National Library of Australia include oversight of the development of the Library's last two strategic plans, the key role in the definition of the concept of the Distributed National Collection (DNC) and responsibility for the major Towards Federation 2001: Linking Australians and their Heritage planning process of the early 1990s.

Eric has also given distinguished service to the development of the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN). He was appointed a member of the interim ABN Network Committee on its establishment in 1981 and has since served on the Network Committee almost continuously. He has been heavily involved in all key policy decisions underpinning ABN's operations and a fervent advocate for its importance to the Australian library infrastructure.

Eric has been involved in a wide range of broad professional activities which have benefited the profession. In the early 1970s, when colleges of advanced education were proliferating, he and John Dean undertook on behalf of the Commission on Advanced Education a major research project to investigate the feasibility of setting up quantitative and qualitative guidelines for the development of library collections in Colleges of Advanced Education. He was, on the nomination of the Australian Vice Chancellors' Committee, a member of the Working Party which reported to the Higher Education Council on Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions (the Ross Report) in 1990, and much of the intellectual rigour and comprehensiveness of the Report is due to him.

He has in the last two years made a major contribution to the policy work of the Office of Government Information Technology (OGIT) in the Commonwealth Government. He led the taskforce responsible for the Report of the Information Management Services Committee on 'Management of Government Information'. This work is of national significance, and his expertise was reflected in his recent appointment as one of the three Commonwealth Government nominees on the new Information Policy Advisory Council, advising the Commonwealth Minister for Communications and the Arts on national policy issues concerning information and communication services.

As the library and information sector copes with the implications of the dynamic growth in information technology and electronic networking, Eric has used every opportunity, through seminars, conferences, meetings and the professional literature, to draw his colleagues' attention to the opportunities the new technologies provide both in an institutional setting and in the global network context. His efforts to clarify and communicate the intricacies of developments such as convergence in technologies, so that librarians can help shape the strategic thinking governing their application, have been of enormous benefit. He is a prolific writer and has a record of publications equalled by few others in the profession.

Few members can match the contribution Eric has made to the Association over nearly three decades. This has included his distinguished term as a member of the Board of Education for nine years from 1983, and as chair of the Board from 1988 to 1989. He has a great interest in the issue of education for librarianship, where his strong views have often challenged the profession. He has continually sought improvement to the educational framework in order that it might better cope with the increasing complexity of library and information service delivery, and was a pioneer in advocating effective and broad-ranging staff development policies in Australian libraries. He has also given much service to the Australian Council of Library and Information Services and its predecessors, including the development of the AACOBS national research agenda in the 1980s.

Eric Wainwright throughout his career has cogently and lucidly argued for change, and for a clear articulation of the principles and strategic directions necessary for the profession to thrive. He has a catholic range of professional interests, and has both challenged and led through his publications, teaching, speaking and advocacy roles in many forums. He has given distinguished service to several of our major libraries, to the Association, and to the profession in wider professional and other forums.

The HCL Anderson award is the highest honour that can be conferred by the Association on a librarian, and in the opinion of the ALIA General Council, Eric Wainwright is a most-worthy recipient of it.

John Ward DipAChem, AMTC, ALA, FLAA (1920-2013)

- ALIA Fellowship 1979

The distinction of Fellowship of the Library Association has been conferred on John Livingstone Ward, DipAChem, AMTC, ALA, ALAA. The Fellowship citation reads in part:
'John Livingstone Ward was appointed Librarian of the then Melbourne Technical College in 1956. The collection then comprised 2000 volumes. In 1979 he is responsible for a collection of 200,000 volumes, and a staff of 110, covering the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, RMIT Technical College and Emily MacPherson College.

'In the intervening period he has been a prime mover in developing college library services in Victoria, giving leadership to College of Advanced Education and Technical and Further Education libraries throughout that state. In particular his influence can be seen in the formulation of staffing structures in Victorian libraries, in the development of computer applications in libraries, and the development of standards.

'He has been an active member of a very large number of committees, within and outside the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, concerned with the provision and development of library and educational resources. He has always given, and continues to give, advice freely and his influence on the provision of library services and resources in this country has been of major importance.'

Part citation in The Australian Library Journal 19 October 1979, p 332.

Obituary of John 'Jack' Livingstone Ward: 1 October 1920 - 15 September 2013. Mitcheson, Barrie. Published in Australian Library Journal 63.3 (Aug 2014): 247-249.

Patricia Ward AM, BA, DipEd, FLAA (d1990)

- Member of the Order of Australia - AM 1990
- ALIA Fellowship 1988

Patricia Ward has made a distinguished contribution to the library profession; Patricia Ward was a teacher-librarian in the NSW Department of Education until 1987. Since that time she has worked freelance. She was president of the NSW Branch of the LAA in 1978-79, and General Councillor for NSW in 1980 and 1981. She was a NSW Branch councilor in 1976-77, and again from 1987. A foundation member of the School Libraries Section, she has at different times been president and secretary of the Section's NSW Group. She has participated in the activities of the Library Technicians and Public Libraries Sections and is currently a committee member of the NSW Group of the Local Studies Section.

Patricia Ward's interests are diverse. In a time when there was little guidance for teacher-librarians she took a major initiative in organising seminars for them, and published the proceedings. A number of significant seminars which contributed to the development of standards and practice were organised by Mrs Ward in the 1970s in areas such as education for teacher-librarianship, implications of the Karmel Report and library services for young children.

Her professional development activities have extended to librarians in local studies and local government, and to library technicians. As convenor of the NSW Branch Committee for Education for Local Studies Librarians she has encouraged the mounting of short local studies programs at the University of NSW School of Librarianship and the publication of papers from these. She has been a part-time lecturer at Kuring-gai CAE and for the NSW Department of Education retraining courses for teacher-librarians. She was a member of the Advisory

Committee of the NSW Department of TAFE on the Library Technicians Certificate Course from its inception until the committee was discontinued in 1987.

Patricia Ward was instrumental in the foundation of the NSW Action Committee on Local Government Records, and has been secretary since its inception in 1981. This broadly based group has been responsible for amendments to the Local Government Act which extend the classes of documents to be preserved, and this has led to the recent production of a General Records Disposal Schedule for Local Government in NSW.

One of Patricia's most successful initiatives has been the Conservation of the Move project. She was the driving force in the preparation of a submission for funding to the NSW Bicentennial Council to appoint a consultant conservator to advise on preservation, conservation and appropriate use of primary source materials held by local government bodies and societies and public libraries. The result was a three year state-wide program - Conservation on the Move - a joint activity of the Library Association of Australia, the Regional Galleries Association of NSW, the Australian Society of Archivists (Sydney), the Museums Association of Australia (NSW) and the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials (NSW). Central to the success of the project was the agreement negotiated by Patricia Ward with the University of NSW to enable the conservator to work in the conservation laboratory at the School of Librarianship from her appointment in 1986.

Elected to the Publications Board of the LAA in 1982, Mrs Ward has been a strong advocate of divisional publishing, and a source of guidance and support for divisions in this area. She has edited a number of monographs in the areas of school and children's librarianship, local history resources, conservation and local government records. Most recently she has edited *Stopping the rot: a handbook of preventative conservation for local studies collections* by Helen Price, the Bicentennial Conservator.

Patricia Ward's greatest strength has been the diversity of her involvement in the profession. She is an excellent communicator, and an active participant. She has formed links between the public and teacher-librarians, librarians and library technicians, archivists and local government. She has made a major contribution to library and information services in Australia through her publishing activities and her commitment to the professional development of library staff in schools and local government.

The General Council of the Library Association of Australia considers Patricia Ward a most worthy recipient of the award of Fellowship of the Association.

Obituary

Patricia Bruce Ward, a foundation Associate member of the Library Association of Australia died in the Hawkesbury train crash on Sunday 6 May 1990.

Patricia Ward's greatest strength has been the diversity of her involvement in the profession. Her professional development activities extended to librarians in school libraries, local government, and to library technicians. She served as ALIA NSW Branch President and General Councillor and was a founding member of the ALIA School Libraries Section, with terms as President and Secretary of this Section. In 1982 Patricia Ward was elected to the Publications Board of the Association, and provided a source of support and guidance for its many publications.

In 1988, the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association was conferred on Patricia Ward in recognition of her outstanding commitment and contribution to librarianship and the library profession. In 1990 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to librarianship.

Mrs Ward's professional interests were shared by her husband John – who also died in the crash – recently retired Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney. Professor Ward was a member of ALIA, and a former member of the Library Council of NSW, and actively supported his wife in her library science and publications activities.

Patricia Bruce Ward's vision, resourcefulness, humour and tireless commitment will be greatly missed by her many colleagues and friends in the library and information industry throughout Australia.

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Bernadette Waugh OAM

- Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM 2019
- WA Special Librarian of the Year 1993

Bernadette Waugh was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours for her service to librarianship.

Following her childhood in Malaya, schooling in Perth and building on her science degree and librarianship qualifications, Bernadette applied her technical mind and skills to the special library sector. She worked part-time in the city of Perth for the architectural firm of Silver-Goldberg-Hanley from 1977 to 1984, the engineering specialist Ove Arup from 1979 to 1984 and the Solar Energy Institute from 1981 to 1984.

From 1985 until her retirement in 2007, Bernadette led the library service at Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation's (CSIRO's) large laboratories at Floreat Park in Perth with dedication, innovation and flair. Always interested in new opportunities and technological developments, Bernadette was instrumental in early computerisation of records and in the uptake of online searching and resources. Her sights were always on the broader strategic environment, and she served the CSIRO Library Network on national committees and working groups to advance collections and shared services across the country. Bernadette committed significant time to travel and representing the interests of remote librarians in that large scientific network. Bernadette's warm communication skills advanced positive relationships with researchers from the various research Divisions at Floreat Park. She was popular with her user community including other CSIRO laboratories in the West and forged life-long friendships with her colleagues.

Bernadette's passion for science and scientists was exemplified by her active involvement in, and volunteering for, the Western Australian chapter of the CSIRO Alumni Association where she compiled many oral histories of eminent scientists. These are held for posterity in the Battye Library in Perth. In recognition of this achievement and Bernadette's sustained contribution to the CSIRO Alumni Association, she was awarded the Brodie Hall Award in 2014.

Her dedication to the library profession and ongoing training and development is demonstrated by Bernadette's membership of Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and predecessor organisations since 1977. Her active involvement in ALIA and related professional activities in the West was recognised by her award of the WA Special Librarian of the Year in 1993. Bernadette is held in great esteem by her peers as she continues to contribute to the ALIA WA Retirees group.

Although her award is for service to Librarianship, Bernadette carries her strong values and service ethos forward as she, together with her beloved husband Russell, volunteers in the wider community. It is very special to Bernadette that Dr Russell Waugh, an academic with an international reputation, was also honoured in the same awards for his service to the

community of Perth. From 2009 until present, Bernadette has volunteered in the call centre and chaired the St Vincent de Paul Society's local Christmas Appeal from 2009 to 2019, brightening the lives of needy families with food hampers and Christmas presents. Bernadette is a volunteer at the Breakfast Club at the Medjugorje Centre and the Moorditj Noongar Community School in Middle Swan.

Bernadette's professional contribution to librarianship and beyond is recognised in this honour. Bernadette's commitment to people, whether they be researchers, library users, her colleagues and staff, is significant. Her career has achieved success and rewards, but the most important contribution has been the warm and caring way that Bernadette has touched the lives of individuals in this profession and beyond. Bernadette Waugh is truly a very Special Librarian.

Philip Kent and Jenny Fink, Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association, 2019, Vol 68 No 3 301-303.

Andrew Wells AM BSc, MA, AALIA, FALIA

- Member of the Order of Australia - AM 2017
- ALIA Fellowship 2011

<u>Fellowship citation</u>

Andrew Wells has contributed to all of the objects of the Association through various leadership roles, and by demonstrating the value of the profession and of being actively involved in the profession. His involvement in a leadership role in various key initiatives, together with his leadership of a range of open access initiatives since his appointment as University Librarian have promoted the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy and democracy.

Andrew has been a senior member of the Australian library community for over two decades. Since being appointed as the University Librarian at the University of New South Wales in 2001 he has made a significant leadership contribution through membership of the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) Executive, as Deputy President then President of CAUL (2007-2009) and as Chair of CEIRC (the CAUL Electronic Information Resources Committee) (2006-2007, 2010-). During this time he has also actively contributed to the development of the profession through participation in leadership programs (Aurora and the AVCC Library Conference) and through numerous presentations.

As CAUL President Andrew actively lobbied governments and acted as an advocate for libraries in various forums. He was particularly effective in building a relationship with Universities Australia, the peak university body, to ensure that academic libraries' views on copyright and consortial purchasing were articulated, and he continues to represent CAUL in this forum.
In his roles as CAUL President, a member of the CAUL Executive and CEIRC Chair; Andrew has fostered the improvement of the services provided by academic libraries, and by developing the range of services and activities his library is involved in, he has demonstrated that libraries can extend the contribution they make in their communities.

Andrew has contributed to many university activities, including a four year period as a Board member on student bodies; the UNSW Union and Arc, between 2004 and 2008. Andrew has overseen major changes to the University Library's services, organisation and buildings. He has taken a strong interest in improving facilities and steering the Library through a period of rapid changes in scholarly information.

Andrew has embraced the use of new technologies to further the role of libraries and has been the leader in the development of a number of initiatives. During his time at the University of New South Wales he has been involved in two successful competitive grant funded projects through the Systemic Infrastructure Initiative, under the Backing Australia's Ability program, directed by the Department of Science, Education and Training. UNSW Library was the lead institution in a project to redevelop and expand the Australian Digital Theses Program, managed by UNSW Library on behalf of the Council of Australian University Librarians. UNSW Library was also a successful partner in receiving funding for the ARROW (Australian Research Repositories Online to the World, 2004-2008) project, led by Monash University. ARROW developed institutional repository software which has been deployed in 12 Australian university libraries.

Andrew was a chief investigator on the Dictionary of Australian Artists Online (DAAO) project and has provided management oversight since 2004. The University of New South Wales Library and College of Fine Arts are leading an Australian Research Council funded project to create the DAAO. The DAAO aims to be the authoritative online biographical dictionary of Australian artists. Andrew also serves on the board of Directors of Intersect, the NSW peak eresearch organisation and is a member of the Intersect eServices and Strategy committee.

When employed at the National Library, Andrew directed the implementation of Kinetica, which replaced the Australian Bibliographic Network and involved migrating a 10 million record database to a new Web-based platform and transferring over 1,100 libraries to the new service. Other activities at the National Library included involvement in the development of the PANDORA Archive for Australian Internet resources, the Register of Australian Archives and Manuscripts (RAAM), the redevelopment of the Interlibrary Resource Sharing Directory and oversight of the Australian Libraries Gateway. Prior to joining the National Library, Andrew held senior positions at the State Library of New South Wales.

A feature of Andrew's contribution as a leader has been the interest he has taken in developing other librarians. He has been an Auroran mentor four times (2003-2006), and convened the programming committee for the AVCC Library Conference several times. He is currently on the programming committee for the CCA EDUCAUSE Australasia 2011 Conference .In these ways he has fostered younger librarians' professional interests and aspirations and encouraged people to contribute to the improvement of library and information services.

In awarding the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association on Andrew Wells, the Association recognises the significant and valuable contribution Andrew has made to the library and information services profession in Australia and his dedication to the aims of the Association.

Sir Harold White Kt, CBE, MA, FAHA, FLAA (1905-1992)

- HCL Anderson Award 1983
- Knight Bachelor 1970
- LAA Fellowship 1964
- Order of the British Empire - CBE(C) 1962

The 1983 HCL Anderson Award, the foremost award in Australian librarianship, is to go to Sir Harold Leslie White, CBE. Now living in retirement, Sir Harold was Australia's first national librarian and the country's senior librarian for 23 years. He was a founding member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and of the LAA, which succeeded the Institute in 1949.

Sir Harold's long career in librarianship began in 1923, when he joined the staff of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library; four years later he became Deputy Librarian. In 1947 he became Commonwealth National Librarian and was subsequently involved with the

establishment of the National Library. When this became a separate entity in 1961 Sir Harold was appointed National Librarian retaining this position until his retirement in 1970.

The HCL Anderson Award is named in honour of Henry Charles Lennox Anderson who was librarian of the Public Library of NSW from 1893-1906. Born at sea in 1853, he was educated in Sydney, and a master at Sydney Grammar School from 1873-82. He served as Chief Examiner to the Department of Public Instruction 1882-90 and Director of Agriculture from March 1890 to August 1893, when he was appointed Principal Librarian of the Public Library of NSW. He quickly mastered his new profession, with an influence on Australian librarianship still in evidence today.

It was Sir Harold White's outstanding contribution to Australian librarianship that led to his selection as this year's recipient of the H.C.L. Anderson Award. His achievement in collection building is without equal in Australian librarianship. Only after the scattered resources of the National Library were brought together in 1967 was the significance of this national asset, for which he had been so largely responsible, fully realised. The vision, pertinacity and political skill of Harold White were the qualities that brought about the National Library, its location, size and appearance -without doubt one of the most successful library promotion exercises in Australia. Sir Harold is one of the outstanding figures in the history of the LAA, and he laid the basis for effective library co-operation in Australia through his acceptance and development on AACOBS. Past recipients of the HCL Anderson Award include John Metcalfe. Wilma Radford, Thurles Thomas, Dietrich Borchardt, Allan Horton, Francis Sharr, Phyllis Mander-Jones and Ira Raymond.

The date for the formal presentation to Sir Harold has not yet been set.

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Derek Whitehead OAM, BA (Hons), BD (Hons), GDipL, MLib, FALIA

- ALIA President 2008
- Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM 2002
- ALIA Fellowship 1995

Fellowship citation

Derek Whitehead has made a major and sustained contribution to the profession of librarianship in Australia in the last two decades.

Derek has been employed in the State Library of Victoria since 1974, where he now occupies the position of director, collection management. He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Melbourne, Bachelor of Divinity (Honours) from the Melbourne College of Divinity, Master of Librarianship from Monash University and the Graduate Diploma of Librarianship from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. He has been a professional member of the Association since 1976.

The development of multicultural library services in Australia has been a key professional concern for Derek since 1975, when his interest was aroused through his involvement in the workshop on library services to migrants held at the State Library of Victoria. It is impossible in this citation to do justice to his achievements in this field, which have embraced professional leadership, national policy development and major publications of international importance.

Derek was one of the small group of Victorian librarians who established the Working group on multicultural library services (Victoria) in 1979, serving on its committee until 1993, as its chair from 1985 to 1989 and editing *Multicultural libraries* from 1981 to 1985. He was closely involved in the highly successful first and second national conferences on multiculturalism and libraries in 1980 and 1985, which set the agenda for development of these services in Australia.

He played a leading role in the development of standards for multicultural library services, chairing the working parties responsible for the acclaimed *Standards for multicultural library services* published by the Library Council of Victoria in 1982. Derek and Anne Holmes subsequently compiled the 1987 IFLA standards, *Multicultural communities: guidelines for library service*. These standards are of international importance and have been published in seven languages. Derek has published prolifically and in depth in the Australian literature, and delivered papers at numerous national and international professional conferences.

Derek Whitehead was at the centre of all professional activity in the 1980s seeking Commonwealth Government involvement in the provision of multicultural library services and funding for public library services. He was a member of the national co-coordinating committee established by ALIA and ACLIS in 1986 for the campaign for Commonwealth Assistance for Public Libraries (CAPL), and represented ALIA on the national language policy liaison group. Derek was the author of all important ALIA and ACLIS submissions of the period, and was the key and widely respected figure in the accompanying sustained lobbying campaigns.

Derek has been prolific in his other professional involvement and interest.

He has a particular interest in acquisitions policy and practice in the broadest sense, with a long term involvement in the ALIA Acquisitions Section of which he was national president from 1987 to 1991. He has served the profession assiduously in a range of other acquisitions activities, including as convenor of the resources subcommittee of ACLIS from 1986 to 1993. He had an important role in the Australian libraries summit of 1988 and the *towards federation 2001* meeting of 1992. Derek has been an active and energetic convenor of the collection management committee of the Council of Australian State Libraries, and in this capacity actively encouraged major co-operative efforts between all States.

Other significant professional activities include membership of the ABN network committee since 1992, chairing the Victorian state committee of ACLIS since 1993 and active involvement in planning for the ALIA biennial conference in 1996. In all this Derek has worked energetically to develop the widest possible interest, commitment and debate in the profession at large. He has encouraged colleagues to work together co-operatively, as evidenced, for example, by the excellent series of joint ALIA/ACLIS activities in Victoria under his leadership.

In building this record of significant achievement and leadership, Derek Whitehead has consistently demonstrated great vitality and professional vision. This can be seen in his recent central role in the development of VICNET, and his enthusiasm for achieving widespread internet access through public libraries and to public domain information. In this field, as with his earlier efforts in multiculturalism, his authorship of submissions, and leadership and lobbying efforts will greatly benefit future generations of librarians and library service users.

His involvement in the development of Victorian Government information and communications policies has advanced the image of librarians as innovators and leaders with new technologies. Balancing this is his strong commitment to professional principle, with issues of equity and access of great professional importance to him.

The General Council of the Australian Library and Information Association believes this continued record of professional commitment and achievement throughout his career well merits the distinction of Fellow being conferred on Derek Whitehead.

Clyde Whiting BA, FLAA (1895-1967)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

Whiting, Clyde Taylor BA FLAA. Born 1 March 1895 Adelaide, son of James Alexander and Florence Alice (Owens) Whiting, married Dorothy Gertrude Lawrence, 2 sons, 1 daughter. Education: Norwood High School Adelaide, University of Adelaide BA 1931. Positions: Public Library of South Australia cadet to deputy principal librarian 1910-60. Membership: LAA fellow (Australian Institute of Librarians general secretary 1939-40).

Taken from Kosa, G.A. (Ed.). 1968, Biographical Dictionary of Australian Librarians, p. 101.

The Honourable Gough Whitlam AC, QC (1916-2014)

- Redmond Barry Award 1995
- Honorary Member 1995

Throughout a distinguished career spanning the fields of the law, politics and diplomacy, Edward Gough Whitlam has rendered outstanding service to Australia's library and information profession. Reflecting on his years as Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam wrote in his book of record The Whitlam Government: 1972-1975: "Of all the objectives of my Government none had a higher priority than the encouragement of the arts, the preservation and enrichment of our cultural and intellectual heritage."

Fundamental to Mr Whitlam's vision for our country has been his philosophical commitment to 'the right to know' and therefore the importance of providing equality of access to information for all members of the community.

On 11 March 1975 Mr Whitlam established a committee of inquiry which was to explore issues associated with public access to information. The importance of this step was noted by the then President of our Association, Mr W L Brown who made the following comments in his address at our Melbourne Biennial Conference in August 1975: "The initiative of the Prime Minister of Australia in establishing a Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries gives Australian libraries and librarians ... the opportunity of laying before the Parliament and the people a charter for the development of library and information services to meet the needs of the Australian people in the next generation. "

In the official opening address of that conference Mr Whitlam expressed his Government's expectations in respect of the Committee's deliberations: "What we are seeking is not just more books or better buildings but a comprehensive national information policy. There is a long-term need to coordinate and rationalise all library services."

He noted that: "The library's function is to provide information. The librarian's function is to organise that information and ensure that everyone has access to it. These functions are basic to any concept of true democracy. Libraries that are free, open and accessible are just as much bastions of freedom as universities or parliaments. Freedom of speech is a precious freedom, but it has a much higher value, a much richer significance, when freedom of information goes with it. Everyone has the right to an ill-informed opinion, but only through access to information can the freedom to express opinions have genuine value. Only through access to information can freedom of speech be truly relevant in a democratic society."

The Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries embraced not only issues in the effective provision of free public library services but made many other detailed recommendations on planning, coordination, finance, regionalisation, technological matters and the need for innovation. The Committee's broad premise that the provision of public library and information services should be the collective responsibility of the Commonwealth, State and local spheres of government, funded in part by each, was strongly welcomed by the profession at the time. There is no doubt that twenty years later, this initiative of the Whitlam Government remains one of the key events in the history of libraries in our country. It has certainly underpinned much of the professional debate and effort in Australia for two decades and much of the development in the delivery of information services has been shaped by this endeavour.

While Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam made many other decisions which impacted on libraries and librarians. He introduced the Public Lending Right which ensured financial support for authors whose books were made available in public libraries. The Australia Council was established. He set up Community Information Services under the Australian Assistance Plan. His decision to accept responsibility at the federal level for the funding of tertiary institutions led to the development of impressive collections in university libraries and an expansion in the services offered to students. The establishment of the Australian Archives was a recognition of the importance of preserving our documentary heritage. The foundations were laid for the introduction of Freedom of Information legislation. There were many initiatives of this type which Mr Whitlam introduced, and which have made a lasting impact on our profession.

Mr Whitlam has maintained his interest in issues of equality of access to information since retiring from Parliament in 1976. He delivered the Dulcie Stretton lecture for what is now the Library Society of the State Library of New South Wales in Sydney on 13 November 1985 on the subject of The Munn-Pitt Report-5O Years On. He also gave the inaugural Kenneth Myer Lecture for the Friends of the National Library of Australia on 5 April 1990 on the subject of National Collecting Institutions.

As Australian Ambassador to UNESCO from 1983 to 1986 and a member of the Executive Board of UNESCO from 1985 to 1989 Mr Whitlam took a particular and wide ranging interest in the major programmes dealing with culture (Programme 111) and communication/ information/ informatics (Programme IV). He waged a persistent and successful campaign to have Australia formally accede to the Florence Agreement and the Nairobi Protocol which dealt with the free international flow of cultural information. Mr Whitlam has referred to this achievement as "my last official act in a process of reform and agitation, to stimulate the arts in our country and refurbish our cultural institutions."

In conferring the Redmond Barry Award on Edward Gough Whitlam, the Australian Library and Information Association pays the highest tribute to one of the outstanding individuals in Australian public life this century. We thank Mr Whitlam for the role he has played in promoting the development of our profession and the services we deliver to the community.

Professor Jean Whyte BA, AM, FLAA

- Member of the Order of Australia - AM 1988
- HCL Anderson Award 1976
- LAA Fellowship 1964

Professor Jean Whyte has held the position of Professor, Graduate School of Librarianship at Monash University since 1975.

Professor Whyte began her career in librarianship at the State Library of South Australia. She became one of the earliest people to obtain the Qualifying Certificate of the then Australian

Institute of Librarians and was awarded a Fulbright Travel Grant to attend the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago. From 1959-1972 she worked at Sydney University Library where she was appointed to the position of Associate Librarian (Reader Services) in 1966. In 1972 she was appointed Director, Information Resources and Services at the National Library of Australia, becoming one of the first women officers of the Second Division of the Commonwealth Public Service.

In 1975 Professor Whyte became Foundation Professor and Chairman of the Graduate School of Librarianship at Monash University. The Graduate School of Librarianship introduced a new era in education for librarianship in Australia by concentrating on research and the Master's degree as a base level qualification. Under Professor Whyte's direction it has become one of the leading schools of librarianship in Australia, with a founded reputation for scholarship and research. Professor Whyte has had a long association with the LAA. She edited the *Australian Library Journal* from 1959-71, during which time it developed into a professional journal of world class. She also served on the Board of Examiners and was Chairman of that body from 1962-63. Her definitive history of Australian Institute of Librarians will appear shortly.

Professor Whyte was a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia from 1981-1987 and was appointed member of the New State Library Building Committee in 1985. She has published numerous articles, papers and reviews. As a researcher and writer she has few equals. Importantly, Jean Whyte has also contributed to her profession by encouraging younger librarians. She has inspired co-workers and students to work harder for their profession and to work harder at being professionals.

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Beatrice Wines BA, FLAA (1903-1972)

- ALIA Fellowship 1964

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Eve Woodberry BA, Dip Lib, FALIA

- ALIA Fellowship 2014

Fellowship citation

The ALIA Board of Directors is delighted to confer the distinction of Fellow on Eve Woodberry. Eve Woodberry has held senior library positions in Australian academic institutions since 1992 when she became University Librarian at Bond University, Queensland. From 2000 until 2007, she held the position of University Librarian at the University of New England, in Armidale, NSW. Eve was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) in 2008 and in 2010 the position was renamed Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Students and Social Inclusion).

Throughout her career, Eve has been an active member of ALIA. She has also been part of the Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation and the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), serving as CAUL President from 2005 to 2007.

Early in her career, Eve developed an interest in copyright and intellectual property. She advised ALIA on the Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill, on the subsequent Copyright Law Review Committee reports, and on the review of the Digital Agenda Bill.

Eve has been a member of successive copyright working groups and committees, including the ALIA Copyright and Intellectual Property Working Group and the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee. Eve has written and lobbied extensively on copyright issues. She has also given many conference papers nationally and internationally.

Eve has represented Australia at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters since 2004.

Eve was invited by the Commonwealth Ministry for the Arts to chair the Public Lending Right Committee in 2007. At the time, the growing acquisition of ebooks needed to be addressed. Eve was instrumental in a review of the Committee's activities which included ebooks and she has become a valued member of the ALIA Elending Reference Group, which advises the ALIA Board on the future of ebooks in libraries and information services.

For her long standing service to the sector, Eve Woodberry is awarded the ALIA Fellowship.

Bernard Wray FLA, FLAA

- Fellowship 1964

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