

# Maggie Galley

**M**aggie has just celebrated her fifth anniversary with the organisation. An earlier profile of Maggie, published in *Plaintiff* in April 2000, reported that she was studying an Advanced Diploma in Accounting at TAFE. She is pleased to report that she passed this course with credit in 2002.

Not content with that qualification, however, Maggie is now seeking to upgrade her accounting skills still further and is currently enrolled at the University of New England, in a postgraduate course in professional accounting. Maggie completed two subjects in 2004 and aims to do a further two in 2005.

On a personal note, Maggie spends some of her leisure time involved with a peace group. She joined the group prior to the Iraq war, incensed by the Australian Government's agreement to join forces with the USA and Britain.

Maggie's three children demand less of her time as their independence grows, but she expects this year to be somewhat hectic on the home front, with one of her children doing his HSC and the other her School Certificate.

When asked about her time at APLA Ltd, Maggie said, "I have learned so much at APLA. I appreciate the stability as well as the challenges that APLA has provided me. I am grateful that I was given the chance to work in the field of my choice. I have watched some exciting changes unfold and I am confident that Australian Lawyers Alliance will go places!" She also said, "I acknowledge the immensely talented team of the people that I work with. It's a great place to work and I enjoy coming to the office each day." ■



**K**yrn joined the Australian Lawyers Alliance as our Communications Manager last September. He is a senior communications professional with more than 20 years' experience in journalism, media management, issues and events management, and public affairs.

After working in community radio, Kyrn completed a BA (Communications) at the University of Technology, Sydney. Following the equivalent of a cadetship at the AIC, he worked throughout ABC Radio in news, current affairs reporting and documentary production. Kyrn also worked as a news editor at SBS Radio, as a senior editor for business publisher, *Newsletter Information Services* (now owned by legal publisher Thomson's), and contributed to major daily newspapers.

Before joining the Lawyers Alliance, Kyrn was the Asia Pacific Public Affairs Manager for a large international not-for-profit organisation, and he has also worked for several government agencies and MPs. He has managed the full range of PR activities, from providing strategic media advice at senior levels, to community education campaigns, to speech writing. He managed media relations for large international press corps, the Canberra Press gallery, and for local and specialist media outlets.

Since joining us, Kyrn has secured significant media coverage for the organisation and helped to finale and launch the new website, which he now manages. He has also worked closely with some of the branches on regional issues and provided media training for some branch presidents. He helps with the communications of a range of activities including marketing, member services, and events and policy development, as well as contributing to our weekly e-bulletin *Australian Lawyers Alliance News* – affectionately referred to as ALAN in head office.

Kyrn strongly believes that the rule of law is a cornerstone of a civil society and is the glue that binds society together. He says it is an exciting time to be working for the Lawyers Alliance as we try and win back ground in the to reform campaign and expand into new areas of rights-based law. ■