

## STUDY GRANT AWARD 2001

There are funds available to ALIA members wishing to undertake a study project. Study Grants are offered to provide an opportunity for librarians or library technicians to undertake projects that they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and costs involved. Study Grants are open to practising librarian or library technician members who have been personal members for at least two years and have a minimum of three years experience.

The number of awards in any year will depend upon the funds available and the estimated costs of proposals received.

Nomination forms are available from ALIA National Office  
PO Box E441, Kingston ACT 2604  
ph 02 6285 1877, fax 02 6282 2249  
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URL <http://www.alia.org.au/awards/>

Applications close  
1 September 2001

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## NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships are awarded to recognise a members distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. Nominees must have a minimum of eight years standing as an Associate or Library Technician member, be a minimum of 30 years of age, and a personal member of the Association. Fellowships may be conferred throughout the year. Members should note that any recommendation for Fellowships must be made in strict confidence.

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# Celebrating Library and Information Week in style

The Department of Public Works Library and Information Centre celebrated Library and Information Week in grand style on Thursday 17 May with a sparkling wine and cheese event. Prominent among the guests were Mal Grierson, the director general of the Department of Public Works and representatives of various government and corporate libraries.

Classical music was provided by two aspiring young musicians as guests perused displays of the Centre's new intranet homepage and services released to co-incide with this event. Prominent also were several awards the Library and Information Centre recently earned:

- Joint Premiers Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management in the Integrated Service Delivery category as part of a consortium of government libraries;
- 1999–2000 Department of Public Works Director General's Recognition of Excellence Award for Client

Service; and

- a One-Umbrella Technician of the Month award. This was awarded to **Colleen White**.

Over the last few years, and the last year in particular, the Library and Information Centre has increasingly looked to the future. The future we see is electronic in terms of service delivery and information provision. To ensure that Departmental officers have full access to all the information they need to make informed decisions the library has investigated the latest technology for service provision and the latest information products available.

The Library and Information Centre's management of information is based on the principles of accuracy, authority, objectivity and access, with an emphasis on currency and conservation depending on the needs of our clients. This has enabled the Library and Information Centre to keep their clients' *Knowledge outlook* on the cutting edge. ■

## Tasmania celebrates National Library Technician Day, Tuesday 15 May

Tasmania celebrated National Library Technicians Day with celebrations statewide providing a venue in three regions for technicians, students and friends to gather and enjoy the activities.

### In the North-West

The students studying in the Library and information Services course at TAFE organised three events to celebrate the day. A morning tea held in the reference area of the State Library in Burnie was well attended and a display of photographs highlighting the history of the building provided for great discussions. In Devonport, guest speaker Ted Field from the State Library of Tasmania recounted his twenty-five years in the industry and gave us a hilarious insight into what he believes the future may hold for library workers. Once again the function was well attended with representatives from the Devonport City Council and the Tasmanian Family History Society, as well

as TAFE students and staff members.

A fantastic roll up at the Forth Hotel during the evening provided a great networking opportunity. Dennis Wild from TAFE Tasmania Art Department gave a very interesting expose on the latest in digital photography.

### In the South

At the State Library of Tasmania in Hobart about fifty people from all areas of the library industry supported a lavish morning tea to celebrate NLTD. It proved to be an excellent opportunity to promote the 11th ALIA National Library Technicians conference coming up in Hobart in August.

### In the North

Launceston library technicians organised a dinner at The Northern Club in the city where the food and company were excellent and once again old friendships were renewed.

*Kerrie Blyth*