

Did you know...?

New ALIA National Office staff member

Bea Brickhill has been appointed as membership and marketing manager at the ALIA National Office. Bea's background is in the arts sector — working with organisations to build audience, sponsorship and to stage special events. She comes to ALIA from the John Curtin School of Medical Research where she was setting up a Foundation.

Initially, Bea's focus will be on strategies for membership growth and sponsorship.

ALIA/LIANZA reciprocal benefits

LIANZA Council has agreed to reciprocal membership benefit rates for ALIA and LIANZA members, including member rates for conferences and publications. This means that ALIA members receive a member discount for LIANZA functions, conferences, and publications, and LIANZA members receive a discount on ALIA activities and publications.

Queens Birthday honours

Ms Miranda Harrowell became a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to the promotion of Australian children's litera-

ture, particularly through the Kids Own Australian Literature Awards (KOALA) and the preservation of the Children's Literature Research Collection of New South Wales. Mrs Babet Perina received a Public Service Medal for outstanding public service as a community librarian within local government.

LISWA now State Library of Western Australia

The Library and Information Service of Western Australia (LISWA) has officially reverted to its former name of the State Library of Western Australia. There have been administrative changes to go along with the name change, and the website will be redesigned to reflect the change.

Winner of the ABC Audio collection competition

A very delighted Sue Whitehouse from St Paul's College in Manly was the lucky winner of the ABC Audio collection competition (June *inCite* p18). Sue will receive a copy of the title *Books and writing*. Sue attributes her win to catching up on her professional reading at crazy hours (her e-mail reached the ALIA National Office at 12:08am on 12 June!). ■

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VALA AWARD

The VALA Award, made biennially, is presented to the Australian library or information centre judged to have made the most innovative use of information technology during the previous two years.

Nominations are now invited for the 2002 Award for applications implemented between July 2000 and June 2002 inclusive.

All libraries and information centres in Australia are eligible for nomination by staff, users or other interested persons.

Guidelines and nomination forms can be obtained from:

The Secretary
VALA
PO Box 282
CROYDON VIC 3136
or from our website at
<http://www.vala.org.au>

Nominations close 31 August 2002



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VALA TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Every two years VALA offers up to two Travel Scholarships to enable suitable persons to travel overseas to examine aspects of library automation. Candidates proposing to study newer technologies of potential application in Australia but not yet seen here are most likely to be successful. No formal qualifications are required. Although candidates should be working in library or information related areas, they need not be employed in traditional library environments.

The successful candidates will receive up to \$12 000 towards travel, accommodation and living expenses. Successful candidates must complete the study by August 2003, and present a paper at the 12th VALA Biennial National Conference in February 2004.

Closing date for applications: 31 August 2002.

Application forms and more details are available from:

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