

ALIA Board of Directors

December meeting in a nut-shell

- **2004 Biennial Conference:** Quorum will host the 2004 biennial conference in September on the Gold Coast. It is likely to be one of the first events at the new Gold Coast Convention Centre. Dates are yet to be finalised but will be chosen to encourage holidaying as well as conferencing.
- **ALIA's ICT research:** Patricia Gillard from User Insite presented a preliminary report on the research under way on an information and communication technology strategy by which ALIA could communicate more effectively with members and increase participation and membership.
Workshops were conducted with ALIA staff, members and non-members, and with students from two universities studying library and information studies. Two surveys were conducted with 450 e-mail survey forms sent out randomly to personal and institutional members of ALIA, 126 personal members and 153 institutional members responded. A full report will be forwarded to the Board of Directors upon completion. The research will inform a number of our current key initiatives.
- **LISEKA:** The Library and Information Science Education for the Knowledge Age project is a part of key initiative 8 — 'De-

velop a strategy for career-long education for the knowledge age'. The Board received a progress report including a report on the Ideas Forum held in October. Details on the project are at <http://www.alia.org.au/education/liseka/>

- **Course recognition:** TAFE courses — recognition was granted for two years from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002 to cover the implementation and review period of the Library and Information Services Training Package. The annual course returns will focus on implementation and resources issues for each institution. An extension of one year from 1 January 2003 was granted to the Graduate Diploma of Education (Teacher-Librarianship) offered by Queensland University of Technology (Kelvin Grove).
- **Employment policy statements:** The Board endorsed revised statements on *ALIA's industrial role and services*, *Non-standard employment* and *Voluntary work in library and information services*. The *Statement on non-discrimination in the employment of library staff* was withdrawn as the elements covered in this statement are now part of mainstream employment practice and there is no longer need to highlight the particular issues for consideration.

- **Library technicians activity:** Kevin Dudeney will be consulting with library technician group members to prepare a paper for the March 2002 meeting on the role of library technicians, identifying their issues and concerns about employment, educational and industrial matters and career paths. The Board noted the National Library Technician Section 2000–01 Membership Survey Report and congratulated the authors on the significant work undertaken.
- **New Group:** The ALIA Community Information Australia Networkers (CIAN) group was endorsed and members can join at <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/join.html>.
- **ALIA/ASLA joint committee representation:** Kris Johnstone has been appointed to the joint issues taskforce (<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/issues/>) and Anne Girolami and Sandra Ryan appointed to the joint policy advisory group (<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/joint.policy/>) Both committees will consult more widely as needed.
- **National Resource Sharing Policy Committee (NRSPC):** the Board endorsed the three recommended changes to the ILRS Code. ■

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JEAN ARNOT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP 2002

The Jean Arnot Memorial Fellowship honours Jean Fleming Arnot (1903-1995) MBE, FLAA, who had a distinguished career of 47 years in librarianship and was a pioneer of equal pay and women's rights.

The fellowship is funded by a generous donation from the National Council of Women in New South Wales Incorporated and the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Womens' Associations Incorporated.

The fellowship is awarded to a woman librarian or female student of librarianship for an outstanding paper of no more than 5000 words on any aspect of librarianship. An award of \$1000 is made to the winner.

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