

## Fairfax and Murdoch news update

Librarians who have been concerned about the Fairfax Digital/Factiva agreement should know that while Factiva has full current and archival access to all Fairfax publications' digital content, other providers such as AAP and Westlaw are providers of full content of John Fairfax Ltd publications, with full archival access. This includes the business publications of Fairfax, *The Australian Financial Review*, *Business Review Weekly* and *Personal Investor*.

Proquest, EBSCO (from 26 September), Newsbank and Fairfax's own News Store are able to supply the capital city newspapers of Fairfax, such as the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* and related Sunday papers and provincials such as the *Newcastle Morning Herald* and the *Illawarra Mercury*.

Dialog will provide ongoing access to Fairfax publications through third party arrangements.

In a separate development, the *Financial Times* (London) has arranged with The Australian for reproduction of FT financial news in the latter, while planning a possible *Financial Times* Australian edition. ■

## Expressions of interest called for ALIA advisory groups

### *ALIA Publishing and Editorial Reference Group (PERG)*

The role of the Publishing and Editorial Reference Group is to advise the ALIA Board of Directors on the development and oversight of publishing policies across the broad range of ALIA publications.

ALIA publishing is defined as including books, booklets, brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, serials, proceedings of conferences and workshops, self-instruction packages, posters, postcards and the like. It also includes works which are disseminated to members and the wider community by electronic means.

Two members are sought for this committee.

### *ALIA By-laws advisory group*

The role of the By-laws Advisory Group is to review and revise on a continuing basis the by-laws of the Association to ensure clarity and internal consistency, without the intention to change the Association and its structure.

The group acts on matters referred by the ALIA Board of Directors. It may also advise the Board of Directors of elements of the ALIA Constitution and By-laws potentially requiring review.

Two or more members are sought for this committee.

### Further details

The term of all appointments is two years from the 2004 annual general meeting. Further details and information about how to nominate are available from Mary Ann Ryan, ph 02 6215 8214, or e-mail [maryann.ryan@alia.org.au](mailto:maryann.ryan@alia.org.au). Nominations must be received by 1 November. ■

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