

More awards for Melissa

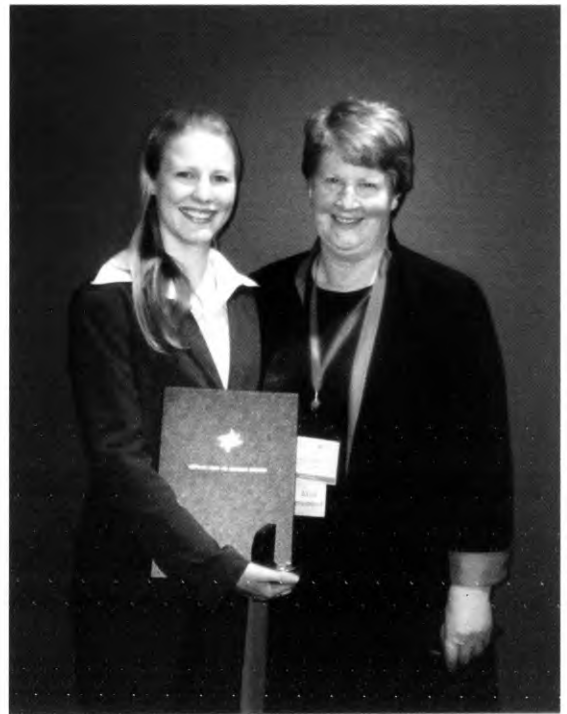
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Melissa Okely graduated as a librarian with the Bachelor of Science (Communication and Information Technology)/Bachelor of Science (Library Technology) of Edith Cowan University on 26 March 2006. At the Faculty of Computing, Health and Science prize-giving ceremony, held on the same day, she was awarded the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) Prize for Undergraduate Librarianship, as she had gained the highest course-weighted average for the four year double degree. A photograph of Melissa with ALIA presenter Cheryl Hamill may be found at <http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/org/tlo/prizegiving/Prizewinners-2005.php>.

Since graduating, Melissa has continued to win awards. On 22 September 2006, at the Click06, the Australian Library and Information Association biennial conference, Melissa was awarded the FA Sharr Medal. Awarded by ALIAWest, the Medal honours the memory of Dr F A (Ali) Sharr, State Librarian from 1953 to 1976, and his contribution to libraries and librarianship in Australia. The Medal is awarded to the graduate who is seen to have the most potential to have a positive impact on their preferred stream of the library profession. The Medal was presented by Margaret Allen, the State Librarian for Western Australia.

Having completed a records management minor as part of her degree, Melissa is employed at the State Library as the Senior Corporate Records Officer. In the same week as she won the Sharr Medal, Melissa was informed that she had been awarded the Records Management Association of Australia's J Eddis Linton Award as the Student of the Year for 2006. The Student of the Year is awarded for excellence in records and information management studies.

The School of Computer and Information Science congratulates Melissa Okely on her achievements in adding two highly prestigious awards to the long list of prizes she won during her studies.



Melissa Okely (L) and Judy Clayden

 **Sector news**

Information services for Indigenous peoples

ALIA's revised and newly titled statement 'Library and Information Services and Indigenous Peoples' was released at the 2-Deadly Conference in November. The statement can be read at <http://alia.org.au/policies/aboriginal.html>. The statement reaffirms ALIA's position that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be actively involved in the planning of library services for their communities. The statement is particularly significant in conjunction with the National Policy Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library Services and Collections developed by the State and Territory libraries and the National Library, which was launched at Click06. The Framework can be read at <http://www.casl.org.au/papers/National%20Policy%20Framework.pdf>.

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