

Your voice

Silence is golden

Libraries are always looking for ways to make themselves unique and indispensable. There is one 'product' which libraries traditionally offered, but they now shy away from. Silence.

Communities have supermarkets, play groups and amusement arcades without end, but where is the public space dedicated to stillness, reflection and study?

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Your letters on any issue of relevance to the library and information sector are welcomed.

All letters should be addressed to the *inCite* editor and may be e-mailed to incite@alia.org.au, or faxed to 02 6282 2249, or posted to: Your voice, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston 2604. Please include your name and postal address with your letter or e-mail.

Letters will be accepted for publication until the 18th of the month.

Public Record Office Victoria launches Digital Archive

The Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) recently unveiled its Digital Archive, a world-class, government-wide initiative for saving and managing public records. Fujitsu Australia worked with PROV to design, develop and deploy the Digital Archive, a secure digital records repository accessible via the internet for use by government agencies and the wider Victorian community. Users of the Digital Archive now have a secure, single point of access to the entire PROV collection, as well as better searching capabilities and a simpler process for ordering public records. The Digital Archive also provides a secure, automated process enabling all Victorian government agencies to transfer digital records to PROV easily and efficiently through the public web site, <http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au>.

The Digital Archive has the capacity to store the equivalent of more than 40km of paper records and is a culmination of the Victorian Electronic Records Strategy (VERS), the State's information master plan for the long-term preservation of public records. Fujitsu Australia worked closely with PROV, and technology partner EMC Documentum, to build the business processes and technology necessary to make the Digital Archive a reality. ■



Australian Library and Information Association

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President Gillian Hallam and directors invite members

to join them at 6:00pm Tuesday 16 May 2006 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

First notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 16 May 2006 at ALIA House, 9-11 Napier Close, Deakin ACT.

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the 25 November 2005, ALIA General Meeting
- 4 Minutes of the 2005 AGM
- 5 Presentation of the 2005 Annual report financial statements
- 6 Presentation of supplementary balance sheet and supplementary income and expenditure account to 30 April 2006
- 7 Election of Directors
- 8 Fixing of Auditors' fees
- 9 Reports
- 10 General business

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **16 March 2006**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that due notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided), and delivered to the chair.
6. When addressing the chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the *Constitution* — item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm on 15 May 2006**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/agma2006.proxy.html>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 8th ed, 1994. A parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

<http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/>