

2009 election of ALIA directors – a message from Australian Election Company

Dear ALIA Member,

Australian Election Company has been contracted to manage and conduct the post-nominations processes for the 2009 Election of ALIA Directors.

Australian Election Company conducts ballots and elections for government, the corporate sector, universities, associations, clubs, and societies. Further information about Australian Election Company may be obtained by visiting <http://www.austelect.com>.

For the 2009 Elections, those ALIA Members not having ALIA registered email addresses will be receiving their election material by mail and may vote in the Directors' Elections by postal voting.

The material sent by mail will include: a leaflet including the ballot paper and information about the candidates, separate postal voting instructions, a special declaration envelope, and a 'reply paid' envelope.

It will be essential that members who vote by post in the election write their member number and sign their name on the special declaration envelope. Declaration envelopes returned without these details will not be counted.

Members having ALIA registered email addresses will vote by internet and have their election material/instructions sent to them by email.

Internet voters will be able to click on a link included in the email which will access the voting website. Intending voters then key in their member number and then their random password (also included in the email) in order to access the voting screens and cast their vote.

It will be essential that members who vote by internet in the election correctly key their member number and password. The member number comprises six (6) digits and must include any relevant 'leading zeros', i.e. a member number 1234 will need be keyed as 001234.

Voting materials will be sent on 4 March 2009 and the election will close at 5.00pm on 9 April, 2009.

The Australian Election Company Help Desk number is **1800 224 420** or email help@austelect.com.

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Australia Day achievement awards

Three ACT based libraries have staff who were awarded Australia Day Achievement Awards in January.

Members of the Attorney-General's Department's Lionel Murphy Library were recognised for their contribution to the redevelopment of AGIS (the Attorney-General's Information Service) into one of the great success stories of the Department. AGIS is a comprehensive and integrated online database available for staff from their desktops. It has been produced by the library for over 32 years and is a heavily-used research tool with thousands of legal articles from leading journals indexed and accessible through it.

The AGIS redevelopment team consists of Denise Shepherd, Leanne Huddy, Karyn Gladwish, Paul Lyndon, Damien Jolly, Qing Li, and Guy Pedashenko.



Also recognised in the awards was Margaret Drury, Geoscience Library's Inter-Library Loans Officer. Margaret has been a member of the staff for almost 14 years, overseeing the library's circulation, collection management, and document delivery services. She has ensured researchers' access to internal and external information and supported many ILL requesters from the geoscience industry, academic, and general public. Her knowledge of the collection is unparalleled.

Margaret has mentored many young library technicians and ensured that the role of technicians within the library community has not been taken for granted.

Janine Chandler, Client Services Librarian at the Australian Institute of Criminology, was also awarded an Australia Day medallion.

Janine's knowledge and helpful disposition are particularly valued by all the staff that can confidently refer media and stakeholders to her for background information. These qualities also make her the ideal public face of the institute, dealing with the bulk of inquiries, whether from research and policy colleagues in other agencies, or members of the public. She exemplifies the client-focused, collaborative, informed approach the Department seeks to convey as the national knowledge centre on crime and justice.

Congratulations also to Elizabeth Ellis from NSW, who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the General Division for "service to librarianship through a range of professional roles with the State Library of New South Wales".

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