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## H C L Anderson Award 1989

Margaret Trask

In a happy ceremony following the NSW Branch Annual General Meeting on 23 February 1990, Margaret Trask was presented with the HCL Anderson Award for 1989. Family, and colleagues from every phase of Margaret's career, from Wilma Radford to recent AIMA participants, attended to pay tribute to Margaret's contribution to the profession.

Averill Edwards, immediate Past President, presented the award. Warren Horton read the citation. Excerpts of the citation follow:

Margaret Trask's first major contribution to the profession was in the conduct of the campaign which led to the decision of the Commonwealth Government in 1968 to subsidise heavily the development of libraries in secondary schools, a program lasting until 1985 and one of the most significant political victories for the Association since World War II. As President of the Children's Library Section of the Association in 1966, she secured Association endorsement of a 2-year plan aimed at the promotion and improvement of school libraries and school library services.

In 1974 Margaret Trask became the foundation head of the School of Library and Information Studies at Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, a position which she occupied until 1985. At KCAE she implemented an innovative curriculum providing undergraduate and postgraduate education for librarians and teacher librarians, based on the centrality of the user of information and libraries to the design and delivery of information services. In the early 1980s she also began to develop an understanding which has significantly contributed to

the re-definition of the field of information practice and the place of the librarian in that field.

Margaret Trask's interest in education for the entire professional life cycle led her by the mid 1980s to identify library management theory and practice as the greatest deficiency in both librarianship and library education in Australia, and it was to this issue she next turned. She became Executive Director of the Australian Information Management Association in 1985. Through AIMA, she has been the driving force and increasingly major progenitor of a whole gamut of courses, workshops, consultancy services and publications which have revolutionised education for library management in this country.

In her acceptance speech, Margaret said, *inter alia*:

... 'I acknowledge my good fortune, my genes, my mentors or perhaps the year I was born, in providing me with such varied opportunities in this profession ... My involvement with the LAA, now ALIA, was one of these opportunities. I thoroughly enjoyed my presidential year despite LAA financial concern. My years with the Board of Education were among the most enriching with opportunities to join with colleagues in grappling with ideas, and issues in library education.

'My years in library education provided rich encounters with people, ideas and experiences, for me the essence of professional life. I want to recognise all those I worked with, argued with, and particularly the students who shared ideas, grappled with new concepts and grew immeasurably. They are part of this recognition...'

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Margaret Trask (right) pictured with Wilma Radford.

## EARLY BIRD BONUS

The ALIA 1990 1st Biennial Conference early-bird registration has been extended to 30 April!

**Cheques must accompany registration forms.**