

Not an average AGM

NSW Branch Annual General Meeting saw the presentation of Fellowships to Faye Lawrence and Enid Roberts

OVER NINETY people enjoyed the hospitality of the Royal Australian Historical Society in the delightful History House on 30 April last. The AGM though brief, outlined the activities and significant achievements of NSW Branch during 1991.

Branch President, Frances Bluhdorn, noted that NSW Branch had proven an excellent breeding ground for 'legends' in librarianship: NSW was responsible for one third of the Fellows of the Association.

The evening was indeed an inspirational one affording an excellent opportunity for 'members and friends, colleagues and companions, mentors and neophytes, elders and new chums' to share the enthusiasms and energy that have contributed to the considerable achievements made throughout the industry.

The Citation for Faye Lawrence was read by Diana Oliver. Dr Christine Henderson read Enid Roberts' and National President, Bev Kirby, formally presented the awards.

Extracts from the Citations highlight the contributions of our new Fellows are given below...

Faye Marie Lawrence BA FALIA

Faye Lawrence is an outstanding contributor to Australian librarianship and to the Australian Library and Information Association.

Her career began in 1957 at the Bankstown City Library. She has subsequently worked in Sydney public libraries, the University of Papua New Guinea and the University of Sydney. She has been Chief Librarian of Woollahra Municipal Library since 1980.

Faye Lawrence has been actively involved in ALIA for many years. She has been Vice-President and President of the New South Wales Branch, and has been active in the Public Libraries Section.

Together with Patricia Ward, Faye developed and jointly administered the 'Conservation on the Move' project—an outstandingly successful Bicentennial initiative of the NSW Branch. The project has had far reaching effects leading to the publication of a handbook and a paper conservation video kit.

Faye has made a substantial contribution to many issues, and has actively lobbied successive Federal and State governments for greater support to Australian public libraries.

Faye has been secretary of the NSW Library Promotion Committee and was the joint coordinator in NSW for the national campaign, Commonwealth Assistance for Public Libraries.

Faye's ability as a communicator and catalyst have been recognised and appreciated. Since 1988 she has been President of the Association of Local Government Librarians (ALGL) in NSW.

Faye Lawrence is a quiet achiever, whose enthusiasm, dedication, persistence, professional ability, and outstanding contribution to Australian librarianship and the Association are acknowledged by General Council in conferring upon her the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Beatrice Enid Lloyd Roberts BA (Hons) DipEd FALIA

In over thirty years of Librarianship, Enid Roberts has been consistently in the forefront of innovation, particularly in the area of information technology in libraries.

Enid has served in the Barr Smith Library and Fisher Libraries, as Serials Librarian, Cataloguing Librarian and in other senior planning and administrative positions.

In 1980 she was appointed Director

of the newly formed Office of Library Cooperation (OLC), later replaced by UNISON (University Libraries in the State of NSW). Enid's involvement via the OLC in the ABN Pilot Project was the



A line-up of NSW Fellows: (from left) Janet Hine, Enid Roberts, Harrison Bryan, Jeanette Knox, Neil Radford, Diana Oliver and Faye Lawrence.

start of her service on the central governing committees of ABN.

She has held offices in the UCLIS and later the Cataloguer's Section, and has also been deeply involved in the Information Science Section, including the Information Online series of conferences and exhibitions. These Information Online series conferences have become an essential professional activity for library and information personnel interested in information retrieval and in both national and international online resources.

Australian librarianship has been greatly enriched by Enid Roberts' capability and commitment, her clear grasp of issues and her eminently rational and positive approach, both to matters of broad policy and fine detail. She has played a national role in her profession, and worked for its good with unfailing optimism and conviction.

Enid Roberts is a respected leader and spokesperson for her profession and one who is well deserving of the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association. □

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