

At ALIA's 1992 AGM

Two new Fellows; two new Redmond Barry Awards

Their abridged citations follow:

The Fellows

Nancy Fay Nicholson BA DipEd GDiplLib MAdmin FALIA

FAY NICHOLSON has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship during the past twenty years. Her interest in the educational process, whether in schools or at university, has led to her involvement at the highest levels. Her career in librarianship began in 1973 as a Teacher Librarian at Oakleigh Technical School. She then became, first Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies at the Melbourne State College and its successor the Institute of Education at the University of Melbourne. She is now a consultant specialising in training and development whilst staying in touch as a Senior Lecturer at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

As Executive Officer for the Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies from 1985-1990, Fay was responsible for ensuring that the courses offered within the Diploma were constantly revised and up-to-date. Her role also included marketing the course. Fay's interest in her students continues after they have graduated—she is the inaugural Chair of the Library and Information Management Alumni Group at the University of Melbourne.

Fay was a committee member of the ALIA School Libraries Section Victorian Group for many years and has been very involved with the Education for Library and Information Services Section, having served as President of both the Victorian and National Groups. She has been on the conference planning committees for two seminal conferences conducted by the then Education for Librarianship Section on the *Information Professional* and the *Information Workforce*.

Fay was elected to the ALIA Board of Education in 1987 and became its Chair in 1990. She was heavily involved in the work of the Board's Professional Standards Committee and worked tirelessly with General Council, Branches and schools of library and information science to promote and explain the work of the Board. This culminated in a most successful meeting with Educators and Practitioners at the 1990 Perth ALIA Conference. She is presently the ALIA consultant on the Federal Government's Training Guarantee Act.

Fay has also served the Australian School Library Association at National and State levels through her membership of the School Library Association of Victoria. She is currently the Australasian Director of the International Association of School Librarianship.

The General Council may confer a Fellowship on a professional member of the Association who 'has made a distinguished and sustained contribution to the theory and/or practice of librarianship'. Fay Nicholson possesses the driving energy and vision to motivate others to look not only at what currently exists but to see and prepare for future trends. As a member who has made a sustained contribution to the theory and practice of librarianship and provided leadership to the profession, she well deserves the distinction of Fellow of the Association.

Eric John Wainwright MA DAdmin MInfSc ALA FALIA

ERIC WAINWRIGHT has made a distinguished contribution to the profession of librarianship in Australia since he came here as a Lecturer in the Department of Library Studies at the Western Australian Institute of Technology in 1972. He had entered the library profession through the Library Association (UK) post-graduate professional examination at the College of Librarianship, Wales in 1968, following his graduation from the University of Cambridge. He became the Reader Services Librarian at Murdoch University in 1975, Deputy University Librarian at the University of Queensland in 1978, and University Librarian at the University of Adelaide in November 1981. His achievements in Adelaide included initiating, planning and obtaining funding for a complete remodelling of the main library building, a restructure of library staffing and acquisition of the Library's first large computer.

In March 1988 he was appointed Deputy Director-General of the National Library of Australia and he has made worked unceasingly towards its development since that time. His responsibilities have included the 1990-1995 Strategic Plan *Shaping our future: preserving our past*; the

1990 Collection Development Policy; and the recent extensive building upgrade.

He played a significant role in the planning for the Australian Libraries Summit meeting of October 1988, especially in developing the concept of the Distributed National Collection. He subsequently chaired the joint ACLIS/NLA National Taskforce on Conspectus of 1989. He was also the instigator and driving force for the highly successful March 1992 NLA sponsored *Towards Federation 2001* Conference.

Eric has given outstanding service to ALIA, a major contribution being his

membership of the Board of Education 1983-1991, including a term as its Chairman. He has contributed to the work of the Australian Council of Library and Information Services (ACLIS) and its predecessor the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS). He has been active in promoting and developing research in Australian librarianship. He has been a prolific author throughout his career, focussing on national and co-operative activities, management issues, the impact of technology and strategic planning.

He has also been deeply involved in the governance and policies of the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN) and has served on the ABN Network Committee member in one capacity or another (including Deputy Chairman and Chairman) since its establishment in 1981, helping to give stability and long term direction to ABN.

Eric Wainwright was a member of the Higher Education Council Working Party on Library Provision in Higher Education Institutions (the *Ross Report*) and his commitment through the life of the project was of central importance to the final report.

Eric Wainwright's contribution to the development of the Australian profession has been sustained, of great diversity and of national importance and make him a worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Association.



The four award winners with the ALIA President at the AGM: (from left) George Maltby, Bev Kirby, Eric Wainwright, Fay Nicholson and Donald Lamberton