

What were you up to in 1995?

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Each year every Division of the Association is asked for an annual report of their activities. This year we thought it would be interesting to include some of this information in *inCite*.

There were a wide range of issues that were of importance to Divisions during 1995. These included recruitment and retention of members; working more closely with groups in other states; the need for libraries to develop a basis for

benchmarking, this will be a priority for many in 1996; and networking with other professional associations.

There were also a number of innovations and changes to the way the we operate that have been instigated by groups during the year. A number of branches brought regionally based members to meetings in the metropolitan area and all branches commented favourably on the reinstated tradition of bringing Branch

Presidents to the first General Council meeting of the year. The Health Libraries Section (Victorian Group) advises us that they believe that they are the first ALIA section to have their newsletter *Health inform* on the Internet.

A number of new publications and brochures were published during 1995, these included a Story time kit, a brochure on becoming a young people's librarian and the second edition of a

survival kit, all from various groups of the Children's and Youth Services Section as well as a number of new editions of directories and guidelines.

A huge range of seminars were held, some main stream such as Internet seminars and workshops on 'How to get that job', 'reporting back' sessions of the range of conferences that were held around the country, while others were a little more esoteric, for instance tours of the history of Townsville held during the VP50 celebrations. Most were successful and the number of seminars held around the country certainly underlines the importance of continuing professional development and interest in changes to the profession of our members.

Two new Special Interest Groups were formed during the year, the Library Buildings and Equipment SIG and the One-Person Australian Library SIG. The formation of both these groups outlines the diverse interests and concerns of our members.

Each year we receive a number of questions from members about the Divisions of the Association. As with other years, *Vital link* is being distributed with this issue of *inCite*, this is your guide to Association Office Bearers for 1996, it is a handy tool for seeking the information that you need. *Vital link* updates appear in each issue of *inCite*.

If you have any questions about ALIA's divisions, the activities that are being held or the services that are offered to them, please contact either the Division office bearers directly, or the National Office. A summary of all Division annual reports is available from the ALIA National Office. ■

ALIA membership

ALIA welcomes the following new members who joined the Association in January, and congratulates those members who have upgraded their qualifications.

Upgrade to Technician

Karen Ellen Vitetta NSW

Upgrade to Associate

Lea Dunn QLD
Joanne Evans VIC
Carol Hamilton QLD
Susanna Masciulli SA
Denis Smith QLD

New Members

Karen Bale NSW
Patricia Bick VIC
Clare Burford QLD
Jennifer Byrne VIC
Kim Dyson VIC
Janet Emerson WA
Eleanor Galvin ACT
Jane Graham WA
Nerida Grierson VIC
Barbara Johnson QLD
Ruth Jones QLD
Genevieve Lehmann QLD
Nicole McGregor VIC
Cathryn Murray VIC
Christine O'Sullivan NSW
John Partridge VIC
Chui-Sim Evon Shum Hong Kong

Debra Slack ACT
Jacqueline Slee NSW
Michelle Teunissen SA
Carolyn White VIC
Arundathie Wijesinghe NSW
Salli Willings NSW

New Technician

Lyndall Gale NSW
Andrea Thomson QLD
Elsa Pui Fan Tsang Hong Kong
Lai Shuen Rosanna Yu NSW

New Associate

Sharat Kumar Arora NSW
Christine Bolvig WA
Lloyd Brady VIC
Ivan Catlin QLD
Wai-Shing Chiu Hong Kong
Karen Dwarto NSW
Jane Elstermann NSW
Elizabeth Fielding QLD
Mark Gosling QLD
Sharon Harper QLD
Margret Hovsep NSW
Kris Siew Choo Lim NSW
Annette McNicol QLD
Anne Miles VIC
Karen Seymour QLD
Merja Sirkka ACT
Elizabeth Van Zinnen ACT
Glenys Williamson VIC
Carrina Woolley SA
Angela Sui-Wui Yan Hong Kong