

Congratulations, Bill

ALIA Fellowship awarded to Bill Linklater

At the conferring of Bill Linklater's ALIA fellowship on 5 March were ALIA president, John Shipp who read the citation, Bill Linklater and Warren Horton, director-general of the National Library of Australia.



You are entering the age of the mind...

The winner of the 1998 ALIA Metcalfe Medallion is Bryan Riley, a student at the University of Technology, Sydney, for his essay, *You are now entering the age of the mind: thoughts on the knowledge society, knowledge management... or knowledge understanding.*

The award is given for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the areas of library and information science or archives administration, submitted by a student taking an entry-level course in these fields.

Highly commended were two Monash University students, Nicole Willingham, for her essay, *When is a policy not a policy? Australia's quest for a national information policy* and Miroslaw Kruk for *Death of the public library: from 'people's university' to 'public sector leisure centre'.*

This year's ALIA Board of Education selection committee for the award were Roslyn Membrey, Diane Costello and Peter Clayton. They commended the winner for extending the debate on the role and place of knowledge management in our evolving society and praised all three finalists for their imaginative and critical thought.

Twenty-one entries were received from all over Australia. They are judged without the committee knowing either the authors or their educational institutions.

The Metcalfe Medallion commemorates JW Metcalfe, whose contributions to Australian librarianship included: senior positions at the Public Library of New South Wales and the University of New South Wales; chairing the committee whose 1938 report set the pattern for professional library education in Australia; influential advocacy for free public libraries; the first editor, 1951-1954, of the *Australian Library Journal*; and twice president of the forerunner of this Association, from 1946-48 and 1949-50. Metcalfe gained an international reputation through his books and articles on subject cataloguing and classification and is credited with establishing the profession in Australia.

Entries for the Metcalfe Medallion must total not more than 5000 words and must be the student's own work. Closing date for applications is December. Information about the award is available from ALIA National Office, ph 02 6285 1877, fax 02 6282 2249, awards@alia.org.au, <http://www.alia.org.au/awards.html>. ■

Australian Library and Information Association



LIBRARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations are now being called for the 1998 award

This award promotes the role of library technicians in library and information science, and the role and image of the library technician. Nominees must be a personal member of the Library Technician Section and hold a library technician qualification recognised by ALIA. Members should note that any nomination for the award must be made in strict confidence.

Nomination forms are available from ALIA National Office, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604 phone 02 6285 1877, fax 02 6282 2249 e-mail awards@alia.org.au URL <http://www.alia.org.au/awards.html>

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