Introducing…

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the three new members of General Council in 1999 — Mairéad Browne, ALIA vice-president 1999; Ann Alderslade, Northern Territory General Councillor; and Jim Graham, Queensland General Councillor.

Mairéad Browne

ALIA vice-president 1999

I am the 1999 vice-president. My fear is that as a professional group we are ill-equipped for practice in a global 'information society'. It is critical that we tackle the question of preparation of information workers at all levels to work effectively in the 'information society', so I would like to engage the Association in debates and discussion to unravel the implications of globalisation for our profession and the Association.

Present position: Dean, University Graduate School, University of Technology, Sydney

Previous positions: Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sceinces, University of Technology, Sydney (1991–1996); Professor of Information Studies, University of Technology, Sydney 1990+; Various academic positions, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, including head, School of Library and Information Studies, 1986–1989.

Some professional activities: Member, council of the National Library of Australia, 1992–1998; member of the Insearch Ltd board of directors, 1995–1996; member of the Australian Centre for American Studies board of directors, 1993+; president, Library Association of Australia New South Wales branch, 1988.

Ann Alderslade
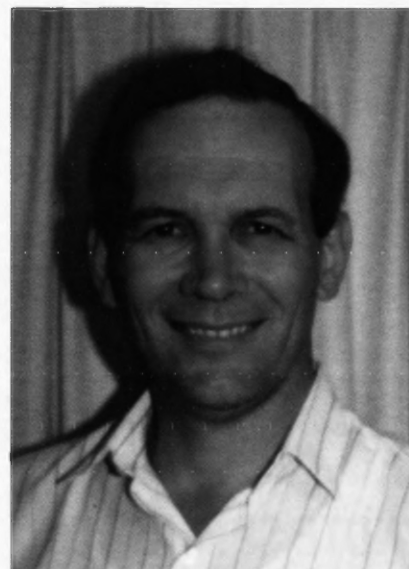
Northern Territory General Councillor

I am the newly-elected General Councillor for the Northern Territory. I have lived in the Northern Territory since 1981, have held a variety of library positions and have been an active member of the Northern Territory Branch of ALIA — including a term as president of the Northern Territory ALIA/ACLIS branch in 1998.

This is not the first time I have represented ALIA members on General Council. I was the Northern Territory General Councillor in 1987–88. The profession has changed dramatically since then, and I am once again looking forward to the challenges of representing member interests.

As well as trying to keep up to date with the impact of information technology on the delivery of library services, I take an interest in public administration and health administration.

I am currently the director or the Library Services Branch for the Northern Territory Health Services.

I look forward to being part of shaping the new directions of ALIA as we advance towards the Year 2000.

Jim Graham

Queensland General Councillor

I am the newly-elected General Councillor for Queensland. I have held a variety of positions within the Association over the last eighteen years, including spending the last two years as a Branch Councillor in Queensland. I am also a past-president of the Queensland TAFE section, and have been an office bearer in the North Queensland and Central Queensland regional groups.

Prior to talking up my present position of library manager of the McAuley Campus of the Australian Catholic University, I held positions in the Queensland TAFE Library system in Brisbane, Townsville and Rockhampton. I began my career in the then Queensland Institute of Technology library, and have worked briefly in the public library sector. I have studied at the Queensland University of Technology, and at the Sheffield and James Cook Universities.

I am looking forward to making a contribution to the renewal of our Association and ensuring that the opportunity for change, which the attempt to merge ACLIS and ALIA has presented, is not missed.