

A united future

An important aspect of the formation of a new peak body for the library and information sector is co-operation between ALIA and ACLIS at the state and local levels. All states have held joint ALIA-ACLIS meetings and the outcomes have been very positive. This month, we hear from Tasmania, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and New South Wales about their joint ALIA-ACLIS activities, while next month's *inCite* will contain reports from South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

Tasmania

ALIA and ACLIS have held one designated joint activity since the decision to form the new peak body. It took the form of a 'bonding boozeup' and was held at the ALIA branch president's home. A purely social occasion with food, wine, talk and laughter, it was voted very successful by all who attended. Hopefully this meeting is a precursor to more joint functions as we come together as one organisation.

ALIA representatives have attended ACLIS committee meetings and vice-versa and the majority of people who are involved in ACLIS in Tasmania are also active members of ALIA. Because of this cross-representation we do not foresee any difficulties in bringing the activities of the two organisations together in Tasmania.

Chris Richardson, ALIA general councillor, Philip Keane, ACLIS national councillor

Western Australia

In Western Australia sound progress has been made towards the formation of a new body. The ALIA Western Australian Branch Council has taken a very positive approach to a framework proposed by ACLIS Western Australia executive to join ALIA Western Australian Branch Council. The ACLIS Western Australia chair is the incoming vice-president of ALIA Branch Council and joint activities are planned for 1998.

Ruth McIntyre, ACLIS national councillor, Jillian Beswick, ALIA general councillor

Northern Territory

ALIA Northern Territory Branch president, ALIA Northern Territory general councillor, ACLIS Northern Territory chairperson and ACLIS Northern Territory national councillor met to discuss how we were going to work together pending the formalisation of the new organisation. The meeting was extremely productive, with all four participants agreeing that joint meetings should be instigated as soon as possible, with the one overall committee.

Kaye Bartlett, ALIA general councillor

New South Wales

The ACLIS New South Wales Committee resolved on 30 July 1997 that Karl Schmude, Michelle Ellis and Jennifer Peasley form a special group to discuss joint activities and structures with ALIA New South Wales. On 17 October, this special group met with the ALIA New South Wales executive to make arrangements for 1998. A joint council of ACLIS and ALIA in New South Wales was formed at this meeting, consisting of ALIA executive and the ACLIS special group.

The joint council will hold quarterly meetings to focus on strategic issues relevant to members of both organisations. These meetings will be held on weekdays and will last approximately three hours. Regional representatives of ALIA will be invited, and ALIA proposes to fund them to attend during the next twelve months.

Additionally, ALIA and ACLIS propose to exchange listservs, to further promote communication.

Karl Schmude, New South Wales representative, ACLIS national council

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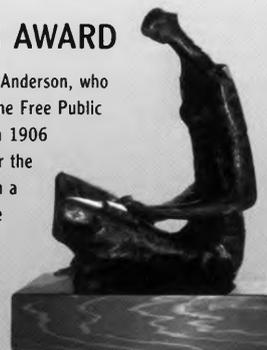
ALIA's PREMIER AWARDS

Nominations are now being called
for the following honorary awards of the
Australian Library and Information Association

HCL ANDERSON AWARD

This award commemorates HCL Anderson, who was the principal librarian of the Free Public Library of New South Wales from 1906 and is the highest honour the Association can bestow on a professional member. The HCL Anderson Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to librarianship, the profession, ALIA, or to the theory and practice of librarianship.

Previous winners of the award include John Wallace Metcalfe, Harrison Bryan, Warren Horton and Margaret Trask. To be eligible for the award nominees must be Associate members of the Association.



REDMOND BARRY AWARD

The Redmond Barry Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to ALIA, to the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science or an associated field. Nominees must be people who are not eligible to become a professional member; and not employed in the field of library and information science. Prof Donald Lamberton and The Hon EG Whitlam are previous recipients of this award.



ELLINOR ARCHER AWARD

Ellinor Archer was a foundation member of the Australian Institute of Librarians and its first woman president. The Ellinor Archer Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding service to a library and information service, the promotion/theory/practice of library and information science, or an associated field. Nominees must be, or have been, employed in libraries, but be ineligible for Associate membership. A previous recipient is Ena Noel.



Confidentiality

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Nominations close 1 February 1998