

Your voice

aliaNEWS – timely service

Last Friday (14 May) I came home to find the supplement edition of 'aliaNEWS', with the latest news about, among other things, the *On-line Services Regulation Bill* and the just-delivered Federal Budget 1999. Talk about timely service! What a pleasant surprise, to be able to receive an immediate feed-back from my organisation on such issues that will affect us all.

Thank you for this fantastic service! It is great to be able to keep in touch with the organisation and be updated on all events and issues relevant to the profession so promptly. I also had a look at the 'new-look' ALIA website. Excellent! I particularly liked the 'map'— so useful to navigate the site.

I also appreciate the regular addition of the reference to the webpage(s) to each item of news. It allows me to access the news in detail, at my convenience, and avoids cluttering what is a flexible and fast delivery of essential information.

I can only thank you again, and congratulate

you and your team on an outstanding service.

Silvia Muscardin

An idea for Australian Library Week 2000

On 14 October 1996, at the request of the Swedish Library Association, libraries of all types completed a diary of their day's many and varied activities in serving the people of Sweden.

These diaries have become a valuable research, publicity and advocacy tool. Representative diaries have now been published in a book which begins with a short piece of library history, and each chapter with an introduction to provide the setting in time for pictures of an ordinary library day.

Worth considering for a day during Australian Library Week 2000, in print and electronic versions, to show just what our libraries and their staff contribute to Australia at century's end. And perhaps the launch of the derived publication on or about January 2001, or during ALW 2001?

Alan Bundy, Blackwood SA

Your voice

Your letters on any issue of relevance to the library and information sector are welcomed.

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