

# New South Wales Branch presents merit awards

End-of-year celebration rewards individuals and institutions



(left to right) Dagmar Schmidmaier (State Library of New South Wales), Jerelynn Brown, Michelle Ellis, Dianne Ayres (Clinical Information Access Project), Dot Dawson, Glenys Murray with Nina Suprun kneeling

Members are the backbone of ALIA and the Skeleton Gallery at the Australian Museum formed a fitting backdrop to an award ceremony and end-of-year celebration for the New South Wales Branch.

In the midst of wine, food, wonderful collegiality and eerily-lit skeletons, the New South Wales Branch with 1998 ALIA president John Shipp as guest, presented ALIA Merit Awards to a number of people and institutions who had contributed outstanding support to the association and the industry.

Individual members honoured included Michelle Ellis for her long-standing support and encouragement of teacher-librarians and service to the School Libraries Section; Nina Suprun for her enthusiastic commitment and

outstanding contribution to the development of the Library Technician's Section in New South Wales; Dot Dawson for her dynamic support and enthusiastic involvement in the TAFE Libraries Section; Glenys Murray for her long-standing commitment and active involvement in the Public Libraries Section; and Jerelynn Brown for her active involvement and enthusiastic encouragement of professional development, especially in the Acquisitions Section.

Two institutions were also honoured — the State Library of New South Wales for its ongoing commitment to the professional development programs of the New South Wales Branch Council; and the Clinical Information Access Project, New South Wales Department of Health for the provision of access to medical information resources benefiting libraries and the community.



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