

# Awards for outstanding ALIA members

## ALIA Manager of the Year and Library Technician of the Year

Each year ALIA awards members for outstanding service to the profession: the ALIA Manager of the Year and the ALIA Library Technician of the Year are open to personal members of the Association.

The ALIA Manager of the Year Award recognises and encourages good management practices within Australian libraries and information services.

The ALIA Library Technician of the Year Award aims to: promote the role of library technicians in library and information services; promote the role and image of library technicians in the library and information workforce and the wider community; and encourage library technicians to join and support the Association.

### ALIA Manager of the Year

The ALIA Manager of the Year is awarded for excellence in library management. Librarians are nominated by their superiors and subordinates, with supporting evidence. Last year the standard of nominations was exceptionally high and two winners were announced: Susan McKnight, university librarian of Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, and Janine Schmidt, university librarian at the University of Queensland. Both librarians had set clear visions, planned and consulted extensively and had transformed and positioned their libraries for the future.

#### Eligibility

Any personal member of the Australian Library and Information Association responsible for the management of a library service, an individual library or information service, or a significant service or project within a larger organisational unit, is eligible for the Award. As managers, nominees should have demonstrated outstanding skills in planning, resource allocation, project management, communication, leadership, interpersonal relations and marketing.

Selection criteria include:

- demonstrated leadership;

- demonstrated excellence in management skills;
- successful communication and relations between the service and its clientele; and
- significant improvement in service delivery as a result of the nominee's innovative management practices.

### ALIA Library Technician of the Year

Helen Pickers, a Queenslander working in a mining information centre, won the 1999 award of ALIA Library Technician of the Year. Helen's work includes collection maintenance, reference work, staff training and monitoring electronic information systems which require Y2K compliance. She also made significant contributions to the library profession for the past nineteen years, giving conference papers, organising promotional events and participating in the setting of professional competency standards.

#### Selection

The Award is administered by a sub-committee. The selection criteria include:

- the nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library technicians;
- the publication of a paper or papers relating to library technicians' work for presentation at a conference or for publication in a journal or monograph of library science; and
- personal achievement in the development of library and information services or for development within the Australian Library and Information Association.

#### Confidentiality

It is essential that nominations remain confidential and the nominee is unaware of their nomination.

Full details about the awards, including nomination forms are available from Sue Ridout telephone 02 6285 1877 (members' toll free line 1800 020 071), fax 02 6282 2249 or e-mail [awards@alia.org.au](mailto:awards@alia.org.au).

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### ALIA MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Nominations are now being called for the 2000 award**

The ALIA Manager of the Year award recognises and encourages exceptional management practices within the library and information sector. Nominees may be a personal member responsible for managing a library service or individual library, or responsible for a significant service or project within a larger organisational unit.

Entries should be sent to ALIA National Office,  
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### LIBRARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Nominations are now being called for the 2000 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.

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