

# Honour for Warren Horton

**W**arren Horton, former director-general of the National Library of Australia, was recently awarded a Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*) from the University of Technology, Sydney. The award was made in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of library and information science.

Warren has been a champion of users of information and has focussed on questions of user rights for access to information. He has led initiatives to ensure that new Australian copyright legislation struck a balance between the rights of the authors, publishers and the users of information. He brought learned academics and leading scholars together to ensure the growth of national collections that are vital to the conduct of research.

He was also responsible for a major re-orientation of the National Library of Australia's cul-

tural programs, achieving a balance of the library's roles as a primary information resource, major cultural institution, and provider of national services to libraries.

Warren has made an important contribution to ALIA and its predecessor the Library Association of Australia as both president and as a member of general council. He has provided general leadership by being a visible and articulate presence at every major library conference or meeting over many years.

Internationally he has been a highly effective ambassador for Australian libraries and librarianship, particularly in his work with IFLA.

Congratulations Warren on this well-deserved recognition!

*Pictured right are: Margaret Trask, deputy chancellor of the University of Technology, Sydney; Warren Horton; and Mairéad Browne, ALIA president and dean of the graduate school*



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