

Presidential changes at ALIA

New president

Dr Alan Bundy, ALIA's vice-president, will assume office as the Association's president for 2001 at the ALIA annual general meeting in May. This will be Alan Bundy's second term as president, having first filled the position in 1988.



University librarian and director of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library at the University of South Australia, Alan Bundy has over 30 years experience in the library and information sector spanning three states — Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia.

Alan sees the future of libraries in very clear terms. On the positive side, Australia's school, public, special and tertiary libraries have come a long way since Munn and Pitt in 1935 described them as 'cemeteries of old and forgotten books'. He asserts that they have made Australia a better place — more civilised, educated, information-literate, productive. On the negative side, libraries are under-recognised, and under-funded — at national, state, local and corporate levels. For the 21st century, he sees an urgent need for ALIA to advocate relentlessly — using all of the facts at its disposal — for a better investment by Australia in its libraries, their staff, their resources, their technology and their buildings.

ALIA members can look forward to a busy and vibrant year under Alan Bundy's presidency. He plans to attend as many ALIA conferences as possible to meet members and receive feedback on critical issues such as the restructuring process. He would also like to visit metropolitan and regional groups — large and small. Due to his many commitments, Alan would appreciate early advice from groups wishing him to visit them. alan.bundy@unisa.edu.au or mail University of SA Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale SA 5032.

Vice-president for 2001

Member of the ALIA Board of Directors in 2000, Professor Joyce Kirk was declared elected to the position of ALIA vice-president for 2001. With a distinguished career as a library and information studies educator, Joyce Kirk is currently Professor of Information Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney.



In a statement of professional concerns to support her candidature, Joyce Kirk affirmed the need for ALIA to continue to lead and influence developments that enhance the provision of information. She emphasised the integral role of information in an open and just society and the values and principles that underpin information services.

Her priorities include advocacy to all levels of government, business and industry of the capabilities of ALIA members and the central function of those capabilities in cultural, social and economic development. She will be aiming to ensure that ALIA continues to deliver innovative programs and services of value to members.

Joyce Kirk is keen to bring the Association's renewal process to fruition through the initiatives and communication processes of self-nominating groups and the National Policy Congress.

ALIA members will have the opportunity to welcome Joyce Kirk to the position of vice-president at the Association's annual general meeting in May. ■

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