

- draft *Statement on library and information services for people with a disability* has been out for comment and will go to the next Board meeting for endorsement.
 - procedures prepared by the Publishing and Editorial Reference Group for the publishing of ALIA conference proceedings were accepted and will be incorporated into the conference guidelines.
 - ALIA/ASLA joint policy advisory group is revising the statement on teacher-librarians.
 - Online Content and Regulation policy and advisory group is finalising a statement on online content regulation and supporting guidelines and will forward these to the Board in July.
 - *Guidelines for assistance to library and information personnel in developing countries* prepared by the International Relations Policy Advisory Group and the Asia Pacific Special Interest Group were endorsed.
 - Board endorsed the Peak Bodies Forum *Principles of Mutual Support*.
- Other business**
The Board:
- appointed Barbara Horn as the Association's representative on the Library Board of Queensland's steering committee for assessing current State Library service delivery to Queensland public libraries, and Christine Mackenzie as the Association's representative on the State Library of Queensland public libraries advisory committee.
 - gave in principle agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding between ALIA and the Australian Society of Archivists. The document will be prepared for joint signing at a formal occasion in the next few months.
 - agreed to support the distribution of funds arising from the winding up of AIMA Training and Consultancy Services Ltd to the AURORA Foundation.
 - received the Information Literacy Project report *Feasibility study for the development of a national coalition for information literacy advocacy* and agreed to assume continuing secretariat support within National Office, with expertise support from the Information Literacy Roundtable for the next stage of promoting the proposals for the coalition.

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Library expo gets results...

Mornington Peninsula Libraries celebrated the start of Library and Information Week on 18 May with our first-ever Libraries Expo. This was a fun-filled day which show-cased the best features of our libraries and gained some great community attention.



The ever popular face-painting for kids adds colour at Mornington Library

Staff at Hastings Library dressed as the characters from Alice in Wonderland and had patrons literally dancing in the shelves to a live brass band. Mornington Library set up face-painting for children (and some staff!) in their front window, which drew in a lot of interested passers-by from busy Main Street. Rosebud Library was a colourful mass of helium balloons and displays, and a visiting entertainer delighted children with music and a beautiful live Macaw. Somerville Library and the mobile at Bannarring impressed patrons with Devonshire tea, scavenger hunts, and story-time.

Results were very pleasing, with a forty-eight per cent increase in new borrowers; a twenty-two per cent increase in loans and a fifty-two per cent increase in numbers through the door

compared to a normal Saturday. All told it was an enjoyable (if exhausting!) day and a great opportunity to bring staff together to promote our libraries to the community.

Anne-Marie Raymond,
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Hastings Library was a wonderland during Library and Information Week

The Margery C Ramsay and Barrett Reid Scholarships

The Library Board of Victoria is offering two scholarships, each valued at \$15,000. The scholarships are named in honour of the late Barrett Reid and Margery C Ramsay, eminent librarians in Victoria.

Applications for the two scholarships are invited from Victorian public library staff.

Applicants must:

- hold a senior or middle management position in a Victorian public library
- have at least two years' management experience
- have a proven record of library management.

In previous years the scholarships have been awarded to library staff undertaking management courses, study tours within Australia and overseas, internships or secondments at appropriate organisations.

Guidelines for the scholarships are available from

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Closing date for applications is Friday 16 August 2002