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July 2003 meeting

A Fellowship has been awarded to David Jones for his outstanding contribution to the profession [see p 33].

'Leftovers and scraps' — ALIA report on library services in detention centres

In 2001 the Board endorsed a project led by Dr Alan Bundy for visits to immigration detention centres in mainland Australia to review the access to library and information resources and services by detainees. The Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs facilitated an approach by ALIA to Australasian Correctional Management Pty Ltd (ACM), the then service provider for the centres. This resulted in visits to Villawood Centre (NSW), Maribyrnong (Vic), Woomera (SA), Perth, Port Hedland and Curtin (Derby) in WA.

The report on the visits was endorsed at this meeting. The Board thanks Alan Bundy for his leadership of the project, and Larry Amey, Denise Barber, Kevin Dudeney, Tina Dunemann, Susan Feeney, Anne Hall, Stefan Jordanoff, Patti Manolis, Moyra McAllister, Grant Stone and Pam Whiteford-Hey for their participation in the visits and contributions to the report. The report is an important addition to achieving ALIA's first object 'to promote the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy and democracy'.

Needless to say, detainees are disadvantaged by their limited access to library and information resources. Services fall way below those for prisoners, tourists and people on working and temporary protection visas.

The Association will be forwarding the report and recommendations to the Federal Minister, the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, the new detention centre service provider, and seeking a progress report in twelve months on the recommendations. The recommendations include suggestions to encourage the service provider in working with local and state libraries in the delivery of appropriate library and information services in all operating centres. The report will be posted on ALIA's advocacy website and forwarded to participating library and information services agencies.

ALIA 2003 – 2004 plan: Making the difference

The Board signed off major milestones:

- the local support arrangements commencing July 2003 as a major milestone for Initiative A [see p33].
- the proposal for a review of member engagement and participation as a major milestone for Initiative A.
- agreements between ALIA and the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA) — Initiative D [see p20].
- the development of *aliaPUBNEWS* for trial as a major milestone for Initiative N.
- and further developed the ALIA Education

Framework as part of Initiative C.

Conferences

ALIA Online 2005 is endorsed and will be held at the Sydney Convention Centre in the first week of February. Kay Harris is the convenor.

A proposal from the New Graduates Group for a one day ALIA New Librarian's Symposium 1.5 (NLS1.5) in Brisbane on 5 December 2003 was endorsed. NLS1.5 will celebrate the anniversary of the successful inaugural New Librarian's Symposium in Brisbane last December. Sue Hutley is the convenor.

Membership

Preliminary figures for the end of the 2002–2003 membership year indicate an improvement on the decline in numbers of recent years. As at the end of June 2003 ALIA has 5082 personal members (5071 in June 2002) and 907 (921) institutional members. The Association no longer counts voucher-only members in its membership figures.

Journal editors

John Levett has been re-appointed to the position of editor of the *Australian Library Journal* for a period of three years from 1 July 2003.

Peter Clayton has been re-appointed to the position of editor of *Australian Academic and Research Libraries* for a period of three years from 1 July 2003.

The Board noted the excellent work being done by both these editors.

National Policy Congress

The program and arrangements for the NPC were confirmed and are available at <http://alia.org.au/governance/npc/2003/>.

Group changes

The ALIA Mentoring SA group is endorsed and the ALIA Off-Campus Library Services group has been dissolved. The Board acknowledged the excellent work done by the Off-Campus Library Services in the past and noted that with the advent of new technologies, flexible learning, open learning and increasing electronic resources and services within libraries the separate role of such a group was no longer sustainable.

Web policy

ALIA web publishing policy was endorsed. The Board commended the website's conformance with W3C guidelines on accessibility and html validity. The policy can be found at <http://alia.org.au/governance/committees/publishing/policies/web.html>.

AGM

The draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting were accepted for posting on the website [<http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/>].

The Board noted changes to the *Corporations Act 2001* that came into effect on 1 July 2003 to simplify document lodgement and compliance procedures. ■