

Local flavour...

ALIA National Office is currently appointing ALIA local liaison officers in each state. These positions are part of an initiative to enhance the engagement of ALIA members through State/Territory and locally-based groups and programs.

The ALIA local liaison officers will be responsible for promoting ALIA and supporting members at a grassroots level. They will

- help to co-ordinate promotional activities with groups, including membership recruitment drives and promotions (for example, Library and Information Week)
- facilitate information exchange, and other communications, between group office bearers and National Office
- facilitate communication and coordination between groups locally,
- support members in remote and regional areas
- provide advice for group office bearers in the region, and
- act as the ALIA representative in the state, which includes being a point of contact for members and non-

members, lobbying (in conjunction with the executive director and key individuals locally).

We are pleased to announce that Kay Poustie has been appointed as local liaison officer for Western Australia.

Kay Poustie

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Kay Poustie is a director of Poustie Consulting Pty Ltd and the chairman of the Library Board of Western Australia.

She has been working in the library and information sector for forty years, with the majority of that time spent in public libraries in Victoria and Western Australia.

She held various positions in the Australian Library and Information Association, including four years as the chair of the Board of Education and member of the Executive of the General Council of the Association. She was made a Fellow of the Association for her contribution to public libraries and the profession in 1997. ■

A most deserving Fellow

It is with great delight that the ALIA Board of Directors announces that David J Jones has been awarded a Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association.

David's name will be well known to most. His long involvement on the editorial board of the *Australian Library Journal*, and his column *The source* would be familiar to many, and his continuing research and writings on the history of the profession have contributed significantly to the profession's capacity to understand itself.

David is even more well known for his work in library design. He has contributed directly, as a key member of design teams, to the building of many effective and efficient libraries throughout Australia and internationally. He has also ensured, through his writings, lectures and presentations, that other library professionals could update their skills and take advantage of his deep knowledge in the field. Through his work both librarians and architects have developed significantly greater understanding of the issues involved in developing user-friendly library buildings, which are as future proof as possible, to accommodate changing technologies.

David has worked tirelessly for the Association and the profession for many years. He is a very worthy recipient of the distinction of Fellow of the Association. The presentation of David's Fellowship will take place in November 2003.

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