

Professor Laurel Anne Clyde

7 February 1946 – 18 September 2005

The international library and information community has been much saddened by the sudden death of Professor L Anne Clyde in Reykjavik. Anne has been a great friend and colleague to many of us in IFLA and the library and information profession. It is an untimely loss of an outstanding library educator, a vigorous proponent for school libraries and a strong IFLA supporter.

Until her death, Anne Clyde was the 2003–07 chair of the IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres and professor in the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Iceland, an Associate of the Australian Library and Information Association, a Fellow of CILIP and a Member of the Australian College of Educators. In an outstanding academic career, Anne held academic positions in three Australian states, as lecturer in School Librarianship at Townsville College of Advanced Education (now part of the James Cook University of North Queensland); as lecturer in Librarianship at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga; and as senior lecturer and head of the Department of Library and Information Studies at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia, with which she continued her relationship as an adjunct professor. She has since held positions at the University of British Columbia in Canada and at the University of Iceland.

Anne has taught and researched in many other places in Australia and Iceland and beyond, including projects in North America, Europe, Latin America and Southern Africa. Her extensive list of

publications includes *Weblogs and Libraries* (2004), *An Introduction to the Internet* (1994, twelfth edition 2004), *Managing InfoTech in School Library Media Centers* (1999), *School Libraries and the Electronic Community: The Internet Connection* (1997), and *Computer Applications in Libraries* (1993).

Although Anne's work has spanned many library fields, her contributions to school librarianship have been particularly noteworthy and valued. Besides her leadership in the IFLA Section of School Libraries and Resource Centres, Anne has contributed enormously to the International Association of School Librarianship for which she was most recently webmaster.

At a personal level, Anne and I have known each other since the time when she was doing her PhD at James Cook University and I was a novice reference librarian. We collaborated on a conference on Freedom of Information at that time and have since been working together in various ways, particularly of course in IFLA.

I know that I speak for many, many colleagues throughout the world in expressing both our great sadness at losing Anne and our gratitude for the ways in which she has enriched our lives. We join with her family, friends, colleagues and students in mourning Anne and in celebrating her achievements. We should lift a glass of good wine to her, as she would have liked us to do.

Alex Byrne, IFLA president



Loris Elaine Williams

16 September 1949 – 28 August 2005

Loris Elaine Williams was Queensland's first qualified Indigenous archivist. She had strong family connections to the Mulinjali Aboriginal group of Beaudesert through her father, Cyril Williams, and the Birra Gubba people of North Queensland through her mother, Agnes Williams (nee Bell). Loris grew up in suburban Brisbane, leaving school at 16 to start her working life, first as a machinist, then as a telephone operator.

After working for Telstra for over 20 years, at 42 Loris began a Bachelor of Education at the University of Technology, Sydney. She majored in Aboriginal Studies and in 1994 began working with the State Library of Queensland in the Indigenous Resource Unit where she was responsible for providing assistance to researchers requiring access to the State Library's Indigenous resources.

Loris was a founding member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library & Information Resource Network (ATSILIRN), the national organisation that represents Indigenous library and archive workers. She became a delegate for Queensland, editing the Network's newsletter between 1997 and 1999. Loris was

elected president in 1999 with overwhelming support from the membership. She was president for a further two years and afterwards continued to represent the people of Queensland at ATSILIRN events.

In 1998 Loris joined the Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Policy in the Community and Personal Histories section. The section was established to facilitate access to the non-current records of state government agencies that had administered government policy relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Queensland.

Loris was ideally suited to her new career. Her own painful experiences in uncovering her family history left her with an enduring conviction that 'the key to the personal identity of thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today lies in the knowledge to be found in the records'. Loris was a passionate advocate for Indigenous peoples' right to know their histories, but she also knew that access to these records had to be managed in an empathetic and sensitive manner.

Her convictions led her to seek further training in managing archival collections. The Department of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Policy provided Loris with financial support and she consistently received distinctions and high distinctions in the graduate diploma in archives and records at Edith Cowan University. When she graduated in 2004 she became Queensland's first qualified Indigenous archivist, and Australia's second.

Loris was a member of the Indigenous Advisory Committees of both the Queensland Museum and the State Library of Queensland and convenor of the Indigenous Special Interest Group of the Australian Society of Archivists. Loris left an indelible imprint on the development of access to Indigenous community and personal histories, which will be of lasting benefit. She was a caring, loving person with an endearing disrespect for authority figures and institutions. She was a gracious and accomplished public speaker. Loris is survived by her sisters Robyn and Eileen, brothers Brian and Ted, twelve nieces and nephews, and a god-daughter in Arizona.

Margaret Reid, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy

