

Eoin H Wilkinson Memorial Appeal

The Macquarie University Library Friends Foundation has launched a Memorial Appeal to mark the first anniversary of the death of Eoin Howitt Wilkinson on 15 April 2004. The appeal is being made to alumni and to past and present staff of the University and to Eoin's library colleagues through this issue of *inCite*.

Eoin was the University's second librarian, serving from 1971 to 1987. He is particularly remembered for his innovative approach to developing library services and facilities, his professionalism and his great humanity. Eoin also had an abiding passion for build-

ing the library's collections, particularly in the areas of Australian cultural and natural history, Australian literature and the study of comparative religion.

The Library Friends have launched the Memorial Appeal to honour Eoin and his achievements and have set a fund-raising target of \$25 000 to continue to build the collections in Eoin's main areas of interest. Your support for the appeal in memory of Eoin would be much appreciated. A copy of the appeal brochure can be found at <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/about/mulfi/ehwappeal.pdf>.

**Maxine Brodie, university librarian,
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The late Eoin Wilkinson at his desk at Macquarie University

Farewell Moyra

It was 1975 when a committed and very enthusiastic Moyra McAllister, decided to join the Library Association of Australia. In 2004, Moyra was rewarded with a Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association. Now 2005 sees Moyra leaving the profession that she has so earnestly contributed to.

But how did she fill in those years? As noted in the May 2004 issue of *inCite*, Moyra is only one of a few people who can claim to have worked in every library function — cataloguing, acquisitions, reference, reader education, reader's adviser, library manager — and also in every library sector — school, public, academic, special and parliamentary libraries.

Her contribution to ALIA at both a state and national level is to be celebrated and she changed the lives of many by developing the ALIA Victorian Group Mentoring Program. This program saw the creation and nurturing of careers, and ALIA memberships!

Her current position as the national library manager for the law firm Blake Dawson Waldron has seen her successfully lead and manage a group of forward-thinking library staff — many of whom are active in professional groups and associations. For this privileged group, Moyra is the exemplar, the motivator, the setter of high professional standards and the inspiration to do new and better things. The time Moyra has dedicated to her staff, Association and her professional colleagues has proved to be a most fruitful investment.

On behalf of the members of ALIA, we thank Moyra for her leadership, influence, enthusiasm and passion for our profession. Thank you for all your work — it is, and will always be, appreciated and commended.

Jenelle Cleary and Bruce Davidson



Government libraries seek new purchasing arrangements

Defence Standing Offers (DSOs) are designed to promote effective and efficient purchasing for government libraries by pre-approving selected suppliers of serials, non-serial publications and library support services (staff). The value of Australian Government orders placed under DSOs exceeds \$5 million per annum.

The Australian Government Libraries Information Network (AGLIN) and the Department of Defence have convened a task force of representatives from a number of interested libraries. The aim of this group is to revise libraries' requirements and negotiate new arrangements with vendors through a tender process managed by the Department of Defence. The current DSOs will expire throughout July–August 2005.

Working Groups are meeting to draft and finalise requirements for each of the

three Offers and it is expected that Requests for Tender will be issued early in April 2005, with the aim of having all new DSOs in place by 30 June 2005.

Libraries that have not previously used DSOs should bear in mind that DSOs are available to all Australian Government information services whose parent body is required to submit a financial report to Parliament under the provisions of either the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* or the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*. DSOs can be used for very small or very large orders.

Interested suppliers who register with the Department of Defence co-ordinator (Elaine Alexander) will be advised when the tender documentation is released. Alternatively suppliers can monitor the AusTender website (<http://www.tenders.gov.au/>)

for the announcement. The tender process will comply with the requirements of the Australia–United States Free Trade Agreement, which came into effect on 1 January 2005.

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