

Alan Bundy retires from the University of South Australia

Following a very distinguished 21 years as university librarian at the University of South Australia and foundation director of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library, Dr Alan Bundy said farewell to friends and colleagues at a lively and entertaining occasion hosted by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Denise Bradley on 11 March 2005.

In the presence of many friends, current and former colleagues and distinguished guests, most notably Bob Hawke and Blanche d'Alpuget, Alan presented a memorable farewell speech in response to an enlightening address by Professor Bradley. Bob Hawke offered a toast, delivered a joke and wished Alan a successful and energetic retirement, which we know he will have no trouble in achieving, without moving too far from the library arena. With his aim to expand Auslib Press and undertake more library consultancies and reviews and as the newly elected chair of the national committee of Friends of Libraries Australia, Alan will continue to contribute to the profession about which he is so passionate. Alan's other little-known passion — that of restoring old cars — will, no doubt, consume some of his spare time too.

Alan leaves behind a long legacy of achievements at the University of South Australia — from ensuring that information literacy is on the Australian agenda to the vision of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre as a University initiative. He has always championed outstanding client service, provided initiatives, created challenges, encouraged entrepreneurship and has continually upheld the philosophy of libraries serving their communities. His professionalism, dedication and approach to all things pertaining to libraries were recognised by his colleagues when nomi-

nating him for ALIA's premier award and by the acknowledgement of ALIA in conferring the HCL Anderson award on Alan in 1998.

Alan Bundy's contribution to the profession has been outstanding. First, as president of the South Australian Branch of the then Library Association of Australia and then twice national president of ALIA — the only person to do so — including when ALIA hosted the first IFLA conference to be held in Australia. Alan initiated and gained member support for the change of name to the Australian Library and Information Association, was influential in the decision to relocate the Association's national office from Sydney to Canberra, and initiated the Information for the Nation campaign, the first National Forum on Library Promotion, the first Industrial Forum and the award of the Library Technician of the Year.

To quote from the HCL citation, Alan Bundy has '*striven to improve access, deepen understanding and educate both his professional colleagues and the wider community to the nation's need for accessible library services. At all times he has continued to innovate and to strive for excellence in library and information services*'. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to work for and with this man of extraordinary vision and I wish him every success in the years ahead.

Jenni Jeremy, manager, Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library; secretary, ALIA Acquisitions SA and National; and convenor, ASSIG



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Key characteristics the judges will look for in nominations are innovation, initiative, originality and practicality. The Award is open to individuals or groups from anywhere in the world.

The Strix Award is presented in memory of Dr Tony Kent, a past Fellow of the Institute of Information Scientists, who died in 1997. Tony Kent made a major contribution to the development of information science and information services both in the United Kingdom and internationally, particularly in the field of chemistry. The name Strix was chosen to reflect both Tony Kent's interest in ornithology, and the name of one of the last and most successful information retrieval packages he created.

Nominations should be sent with full supporting documentation to: Alan Gilchrist, 32 Friar Road, Brighton BN1 6NH, UK, ph 01273 705226, cura@fastnet.co.uk.

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