

Interviews with...

What do you intend to do once your term on the ALIA has finished?

Take a deep breath and a short rest... When I took on the directorship I didn't expect that my professional life was going to change quite as much as it did. I convened a national ALIA conference in 2005 and during that year also began the project management role for the library's restructuring. I've also started a core course in human resource management and, once that is completed, will do a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education Leadership (focus on HRM). At some stage in the next two years I would like to do a volunteer stint overseas – maybe India or Sri Lanka. There is always a new challenge...

Rebecca Evans

Why did you nominate for the ALIA Board?

After meeting other members of ALIA at last year's conference, I was prompted to nominate for the Board position, I had

previously been convenor of the national Library Technician Group and I knew I still had a contribution to make on the national level. I have strong opinions and ideas on many issues and I wished to be able to have an opportunity to voice them.

Should you be elected what would you like to achieve?

I have a number of areas that I would like to address; I believe that there should be better services and support for rural and isolated members in general and specifically in making continuing professional development and mentoring more accessible. Library services as need to stay relevant to the community.

What is your current work role and is your workplace supportive of your nomination?

I currently work in library and information support services particularly the corporate sector. Both my current employers have expressed not only support of my nomi-

nation, but they have encouraged me in my decision.

What aspects of your role as a library technician will you bring to your role as a director, should you be elected?

I have wide experience in many different library environments; it is this experience that I believe gives me a wide and balanced outlook on the library field. Whilst I have mainly been in the role of a library technician, many of the issues that concern the library field are broad across all library roles.

Over the next five years, what do you see the role of ALIA?

ALIA is a professional organisation that exists for the benefit of its members; it can only be of relevant service if it stays relevant and addresses issues as they arise in the industry. As we work in an 'Information Industry' we need to stay abreast of current and future demands. ■

Who's where

Recent movements in the library and information sector

Retirement from Tamworth

Alan Barclay retired from his position of library services manager, Central Northern Regional Libraries, Tamworth, NSW, on 6 February 2006. His retirement is for health reasons.

Alan worked in public libraries during his career in both Victoria and NSW. He has worked on professional library committees. He has seen the catalogue card and the Brown system of loans disappear in favour of online library technology and information retrieval and would never want to go back. He still believes that librarianship has to be one of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding careers to work in.

UNSW to Deakin (Burwood campus)

Sue Owen is leaving her position as online services co-ordinator for The University of New South Wales Library in Kensington, NSW, to become associate librarian – client services at Deakin University Library, Burwood, Victoria.

New managers at UQ Library

The new manager of the Law Library of the University of Queensland is **Julie Oates**, and **Tanya Ziebell** has been appointed manager of the Ipswich Campus Library.

New university librarian

Victoria University has appointed **Philip Kent** as university librarian, replacing Doreen Parker. Philip comes to the university with extensive experience in higher education and research organisations, including stints in university and TAFE libraries and a variety of library, IT, knowledge and information management roles at CSIRO. He began work at Victoria University in late April 2006.

Librarian joins James Bennett

James Bennett has announced that **Janetta Mascilongo** is the company's new sales representative. She will be based in Melbourne from July and will manage Victorian academic libraries, as well as all South Australian, West Australian, Tasmanian and New Zealand libraries. Janetta most recently worked at Flinders University library in Adelaide. ■

ALIAppointments

<http://alia.org.au/employment/vacancies.html>

WORK WANTED

Library assistant/ customer service/ technician position

I am Michael Swire. I am a qualified library technician currently employed (permanent Saturdays only) by a Sydney Council as a library assistant. I also work as a casual shelver in a University Library during term time (March – November).

I am a hard working and conscientious individual constantly striving to give the best quality customer service. I am a cohesive team player in an extremely busy and culturally diverse environment.

To increase my skills and experience, I recently completed a volunteer library project, please follow link: <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0302a/index.html> to see the results or see *inCite*, April 2006, p17.

I am looking for a permanent full-time, library assistant/customer service/technician position. I am willing to travel and am flexible with regard to hours of work.

Please contact me at: mmswire@bigpond.com.

Regards,
Michael Swire