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2006: events, plans and people

ALIA responded to comments regarding internet filtering in libraries during April and also released the final version of the 2005 *Survey of Internet Access in Public Libraries*. A summary report and full survey results are available at <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/internet.access/>. Additional links to resources have been added to this webpage to assist libraries in providing a comprehensive response to enquiries on the issue. ALIA will continue to monitor and respond to developments in this area of advocacy. During Library and Information Week, ALIA will again join with NetAlert to emphasise that education is better than filtering to ensure the free flow of information and equitable access.

ALIA's Board 2006

In March ALIA's directors met for a strategic directions session and Board Meeting. Continuing with *Towards 2010*, the Board has set five main priorities for 2006. These will be developed with all stakeholders and member groups during 2006. To keep up with the Board and details of meetings, visit <http://alia.org.au/governance/board/>.

2006 Board priorities

- Membership growth
- Empowering groups
- Education and workforce planning
- Budget: linking finances to priorities
- Company health check (Directors, committees, governance)

The red autumn leaves in Canberra also mean 'Election time at ALIA'. In 2006 three new board members have been elected – Michelle Brennand, Helen Partridge and Phillip Keane – who will serve on the Board from May 2006 until May 2008. Roxanne Missingham has been elected vice-president, and will serve as president from May 2007 to May 2008.

National Advisory Congress 2006

National Advisory Congress (NAC) meetings will be conducted in regional areas during July and August. A member from each meeting who is attending CLIC06 in Perth will be asked to represent the region at the NAC combined meeting on Tuesday 19th September – a satellite event of the conference. All ALIA members are invited to attend this meeting in conjunction with the Biennial Conference to ensure that as many members as possible can contribute to discussions of issues of importance to the Association. More details will be posted in the coming months at <http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/>.

Tom Cochrane made a Fellow of ALIA

We are very pleased to announce that Tom Cochrane has been awarded a Fellowship for his distinguished contribution to library and information science. He has contributed in many ways to the field, but his work as a member and later chair of the ABN Network Committee, in ACLIS and ALIA, in library activity on copyright and in higher education is perhaps most outstanding. Tom has provided a significant leadership role in the management of converged services of libraries, IT and learning and teaching support. His committee and other professional work has been distinguished by his ability to translate strategic thinking into practical outcomes of benefit to the whole industry. He is an extremely worthwhile recipient of this high professional honour. <http://alia.org.au/awards/fellowships/>.



ALIA supports research

ALIA members Anne Lloyd from Charles Sturt University and Jennifer Berryman of the State Library of New South Wales recently participated in the two-day seminar *Expanding Horizons* in Canberra. Their attendance was sponsored by ALIA as part of the Association's ongoing commitment to encouraging LIS research.

Organised by the Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) (<http://www.chass.org.au>), *Expanding Horizons* brought together more than 200 early-career researchers from a number of disciplines to investigate the potential for collaborative research. At the same time participants could explore various aspects of collaboration – with fellow researchers, with Parliamentarians and with industry.

A major highlight for our sponsored members was discussing research with politicians – Anne with Gary Nairn and Senator Ron Boswell and Jenny with Simon Crean and Senator Glen Sterle – and briefing them on the range of library and information research and their particular areas. Anne and Jenny agree that the experience was stimulating and rewarding, and will further their research both personally and in their contribution to the profession.

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Tania Barry wins the Metcalfe Award. More details in a later edition of *inCite*. ■

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