

Meet your new Directors

Helen Partridge

I am looking forward to taking on the role of director. I believe it will be an exciting, challenging and very rewarding experience. As a director of



ALIA I will work to ensure our profession continues its vital development as one of the most dynamic, exciting and invaluable professions in Australia. I believe this goal can only be achieved by practitioners, library educators and ALIA working together. I am therefore honoured to be able to take on a role that will allow me to 'give back' to a profession I really enjoy being part of. In coming to the position of director my professional passions and interests lie in three areas:

- (i) establishing professional development opportunities that meet our profession's changing needs;
- (ii) supporting and learning from our new graduates; and

(iii) strengthening our profession by embracing a scholarly approach to our practice by adopting a culture of evidence-based practice.

As an ALIA director I am also here to represent and support the many professional passions and interests of the ALIA membership (you!). I look forward to learning more about your passions, interests and concerns over the next two years.

Philip Keane

I have worked in a number of libraries – specials and health, academics, public and the National Library. Over many years, I have



been a committee member of various sections and groups of ALIA and the LAA, whilst working in Canberra, Hobart and Adelaide. I've worked on various steering groups organising forums, seminars and conferences – the most recent being the 10th Asia Pacific Special, Health and Law

Librarians' Conference in Adelaide in 2003. I have been an active ALIA member through the incorporation of the Association and participated in the early ALIA NPCs. I bring to the ALIA Board the experience of these years, and my experience of working on other bodies such as the Blackwell Publishing Advisory Board and the NLA's Kinetica and ABN committees.

As a director, I bring skills and experience in the Association to the Board. I also bring a business approach from years as a manager and from my MBA program. I hope to contribute to the ways in which ALIA can position its corporate thinking regarding the needs of present and future members. I have a particular interest in the strategic development of ALIA's events, conferences and seminars, and how these can be tuned to the needs of members.

In all this, I bring a 'can do' approach to the work of the Board, and would welcome being contacted by members with their issues and concerns.

The August issue of inCite will feature Roxanne Missingham, ALIA vice-president and Michelle Brennand, Director.



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