

Silver pin awards

Pins were presented at the LIW celebration held at RMIT University Library. Our sponsors for the evening were RMIT Publishing (<http://www.informit.com.au>) and RMIT University Library.

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l-r: Margie Anderson, Penny Scott, Jenelle Cleary, Marjorie Dalvean



Stuart Ferguson of CSU received his silver pin from Roxanne Missingham, ALIA vice-president, in March this year

The Jean Arnot Fellowship 2006

The Jean Arnot Memorial Fellowship honours Jean Fleming Arnot MBE and Fellow of the Library Association of Australia. Miss Arnot had a distinguished career at the Public Library of New South Wales and pioneered equal pay and women's rights in New South Wales.

The fellowship of \$1000, funded by the National Council of Women in New South Wales and the Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Associations in New South Wales, is awarded annually to a female librarian or student of librarianship for an outstanding paper on any aspect of librarianship.

This year the essays were judged by Jerelynn Brown, acting assistant state librarian, Collection Management Serv-

ices manager Mitchell librarian and Jan Richards, manager, Central West Libraries; Secretary/treasurer of the Country Public Library Association of New South Wales and member of the New South Wales Public Libraries Consultative Committee.

The winner

This year's winner is Elizabeth Beales, for a topical and thought-provoking essay, 'The librarian as cybernanny'. The essay treats the role of library staff in internet use by children, filtering and censorship, and particularly the responsibility of the community to monitor use of the internet by children and young adults. The essay may be found by going to <http://sl.nsw.gov.au/awards/arnot.cfm> on the State Library's website and clicking on 'Winning essays from 2001'.

Elizabeth works as the team leader for the Children's and Youth Services group in the Barossa Council Public Library at Nuriootpa, in South Australia, a 'joint use' library. Elizabeth says that 'staff fulfil council administrative tasks as well as general library duties, so dog registrations, development applications and ratepayers mingle with the Jane Austen, Wilbur Smith and Ben Elton fans'.

Elizabeth has been in the library/information industry for just three years and her background is in retail, administration and customer service. Currently studying for her first library qualification, a Diploma in Library and Information Services, Elizabeth says she hopes this will give her a broader context and understanding of libraries, their staffing and collections.

Elizabeth encapsulates her career direction with the comment: 'the role of libraries in the community is evolving and changing all the time, making this industry an exciting one to be in right now!'

The 2006 Jean Arnot Luncheon

The luncheon was hosted by The Honorable Dr Meredith Burgmann, president of the Legislative Council of New South Wales. The 2006 fellowship was presented by the guest of honour, Mrs Felicity Barr, chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing and chair of the War Widows' Guild (NSW). Guests at the Jean Arnot luncheon included 43 women aged over 90 years of age who had been contributors to the community throughout their lives.

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Congratulations, Anastasia!

Ms Anastasia Govan, an ALIA member, has won the Professions Australia Young Professional of the Year Award. Anastasia is based in Darwin and has made an outstanding contribution to her profession across Australia as a young professional involved as an Australian Computer Society Young IT Forum and as a member of the National Board.

Anastasia has demonstrated her incredible professionalism and has achieved results well beyond her years in her professional and personal sphere. Her obvious commitment to young people through the initiatives and activities she has undertaken as part of the forum confirm her commitment to helping other young people find their way in her profession.

In Ana's own words, 'I get a real buzz out of achieving goals and particularly in helping young people, regardless of their professions, to make the most of what they've got. Being in Information Management, I have to go across multiple professions and need to keep up my skills and knowledge, which means I end up with lots of learning and can contribute more both to the profession and to my employer.'