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## May Board of Directors report

This month I would like to summarise the initiatives and key decisions your Board has been making for the Association's direction over the next year. The Board had two days of meetings in May, concurrent with the Annual General Meeting.

The key outcomes of the May meetings were

- to establish five Standing Committees: Finance, Audit and Risk Management; Membership and Awards; Education, Research and Workforce Planning; Governance; and Conferences and Professional Development. A board member will chair each standing committee and report at each Board meeting on issues of strategic importance.
- planning for regional NAC meetings continues, and board members are looking forward to meeting as many members as possible at these meetings. For your nearest National Advisory Congress meeting, look at <http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/>.
- DCITA Clever Connect was discussed and advocacy will continue on this issue. ALIA's submission to the Clever networks program can be found here [http://www.dcita.gov.au/tel/broadband\\_connect/discussion\\_paper](http://www.dcita.gov.au/tel/broadband_connect/discussion_paper).
- Education and Information literacy statements were approved – read the updated versions at <http://alia.org.au/policies/>.
- to disburse the remaining Orana funds to two awards: the Bess Thomas Award and the Marjorie Cotton Award. Guidelines for these awards will be redeveloped to encourage teacher-librarian applicants.
- the Board agreed that ALIA should affiliate with the Council of Library and Media Technicians (COLT) <http://colt.ucr.edu/>.
- two ALIA conferences were approved: *Dreaming 08 Biennial*, to be held in September 2008 in Alice Springs, and *River of Opportunities IV*, Library Technicians event, to be held in November 2006 in Albany.

The 5 key strategic priorities for 2006 were again discussed: Increase Membership; Empowering groups; Education and workforce planning; Company health check; and Budget/finances.

The next ALIA Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Adelaide on Monday 17 July. For more reports on meetings <http://alia.org.au/governance/board/reports/>.

### ALIA Metcalfe Award presentation night

I was in Melbourne on 8 June, with the pleasant duty of presenting Tania Barry with ALIA's Metcalfe Award. It was presented at a dinner where ALIA Vic Techs, Specials, New Grads

and other groups assembled to acknowledge Tania's achievement; it was pleasure to meet everyone there, new and old friends.

To win the Metcalfe Award, an ALIA member must show high achievement early in their professional career. Tania has combined extensive work for ALIA with academic success in her study program and contributions above and beyond requirements at Wyndham Library Service.

She is a very active member of ALIA, part of the New Generation Policy and Advisory Group, the Library and Information Week Planning and Advisory Group, the Victorian Library Technicians Group, the ALIA Vic Specials and ALIA Vic. She was recently awarded the ALIA Silver Pin for five years service in 2005, an outstanding achievement for a member who first joined the Association in 2001!

At Wyndham Library Service she transformed the Junior fiction area, created and writes most of the monthly newsletter *Chatterbox*, and has also, as an extra project, led the Weribee/Wyndham Heritage Project, digitising the local history collection.

Tania has created partnerships for the library with many local organisations, including kindergartens, primary, secondary and cultural schools, the local Council, the Maternal and Child Health service, Family Day Care and educational institutions offering child care certificates. It is estimated she has reached over 1000 of the 1100 children enrolled in local kindergartens in 2005. Her work, particularly with disadvantaged children and a pilot program to support antenatal classes and teenage mothers, is an example of a library ensuring a free flow of information and support to groups with few resources.

Congratulations, Tania!



Tania Barry, Metcalfe Award winner, with her Brian Hurst glass trophy

### Local liaison officers

LLOs are ALIA representatives in each state/territory. Their duties include being a point of contact for members and non-members and ALIA groups.

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