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## Filtering goes further

June proved to be another month where ALIA focussed on the topic of internet filtering. Minister Coonan released details of the 'Protecting Families Online' package on 21 June (and ALIA National Office staff responded that afternoon with our own media release, <http://alia.org.au/media.room/2006.06.21.html>). The government's package contains three main components.

- the National Filter Scheme
- NetAlert receives additional funding
- regular review of filtering technology

The Minister's press release describes the effects the National Filter Scheme will have for libraries as follows:

*The National Filter Scheme will provide free filters to all public libraries nationally. As part of the implementation of this package the National Library of Australia will be required to provide filtering on all of its public access internet terminals, with the option of disabling the filter when the terminals are being used by adults.*

*In conjunction with the responsible state, territory and local governments, libraries will be encouraged to mirror the action required of the National Library of Australia and make as many of their computers as possible child-safe.*

There will be a marketing campaign to inform the community about the free filter initiative.

I initiated a meeting with the minister's advisors a week after the package was announced to discuss the free filters to be offered to public libraries. Dialogue is now ongoing with the minister's office. Further media interviews responding to other senator's media releases and related stories were conducted during the month. Thank you to all those public library staff I have contacted recently to gain background before interviews or to be updated on a situation.

ALIA is taking a leading advocacy role in this area, and in being the voice for public libraries in Australia. As outlined on page 4 of this issue of *inCite*, ALIA is now working more closely with the Public Libraries Australia (PLA) executive to capitalise on this and similar media opportunities and to ensure the maximum exposure for public libraries.

All the details continue to be updated at <http://alia.org.au/advocacy/internet.access/>.

### Farewell Ivan

In June ALIA National Office said farewell to one of our longest serving staff members – Ivan Trundle. Ivan started at ALIA in 1990 as the graphic designer, producing his first issue of *inCite* in August. His position evolved along with the Association to become the Manager, Communications and Publishing. Ivan, the creator of ALIANet and creativity

master of the National Office will be missed, particularly his capacity to turn his hand to all sorts of tasks, his dry sense of humour and his dedication to the organisation. We wish Ivan wonderful overseas travels and all the very best for his future endeavours.

### Fellowship presentation

In Brisbane on 4 July Tom Cochrane was presented with his Fellowship award. The citation for Tom's fellowship and those of recipients in the past few years are available on the website at <http://alia.org.au/awards/fellowships/recipients.html>.



I-r: Professor Peter Coaldrake, Vice-Chancellor, QUT, Fellowship recipient Tom Cochrane and Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, ALIA President

### See you in Perth!

ALIA National Office staff are looking forward to meeting everyone at the Biennial conference in a few weeks' time. Our trade stand will be accompanied by the first Job Networking@ALIA area, where employers will be displaying current job advertisements and connecting with potential employees. More details can be found at <http://alia.org.au/employment/jobnetworking/>.

All ALIA members who will be in Perth on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November are encouraged to attend the National Advisory Congress meeting. Join the regional representatives from around Australia to discuss ALIA's future directions for 2007 and beyond. ■

## You're invited!

### ALIA National Advisory Congress 2006

1:00–4:00pm, 19 September,  
Perth Conference Centre

The half-day national meeting will be held in association with CLICK06, and all ALIA members are invited and encouraged to attend.

For additional information, go to <http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/>. To RSVP, please e-mail [jane.hardy@alia.org.au](mailto:jane.hardy@alia.org.au) or telephone 02 6215 8235. ■