

Inaugural South Australian Library Achiever of the Year

Excellence in virtual patient care support wins award for SA Library manager

Dr Jennie Hanisch has won the inaugural South Australian Library Achiever of the Year Award. The Award recognises her role as Chair of the South Australian Health Services Libraries Consortium, a group formed to facilitate access to electronic information for patient care for the state's health professionals. Jennie was presented with her award and the cash prize of \$500 at a ceremony at the State Library of South Australia. ALIA Directors, in Adelaide for a Board meeting, were delighted to be able to attend.

As Chair for the last three years, Dr Hanisch has acted as the consortium's principal negotiator for the joint purchasing of electronic products on behalf of 14 libraries within the portfolios of Health and Families and Communities. She has also provided leadership on strategic planning and policy and managed the operations of the consortium, whose members range from major teaching hospitals to commu-

nity care agencies across the state. And all of this is on top of her full time 'proper' job as Library Manager for the Children's, Youth and Women's Health Service.

Sponsored by library suppliers Raeco, the South Australian Library Achiever Award has been established to recognise excellence and innovation within the library and information profession in South Australia. Jennie's consortium colleagues nominated her for the award. The judging panel included State Library of SA Director, Alan Smith, Raeco's Area Manager for SA, Paul de Boer, local ALIA Board Member Philip Keane and Co-Convenor of the Association's South Australian group, Liz Walkley-Hall. The panel said the competition this year was very high calibre, making judging a hard task for the judges, but that Jennie's work was outstanding. ✧



Trevor McCaan, Jennie Hanisch and Alan Smith



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