

S^{the}Volunteers in potlight

Jo Beck, Convenor, ALIA Tasmania



Why do you enjoy volunteering for the library profession?

The most enjoyable thing about volunteering is meeting and working with new people and forming relationships with librarians and library technicians in other fields of librarianship. It has also given me lots of opportunities to take on projects that are not part of my usual working day.

What are 3 things you'd like us to know about you?

I live in a riverside suburb of Hobart with my husband and a busy Jack Russell who rules our lives.

I have three gorgeous grown-up children, who live in other parts of Australia and visit regularly.

I love anything to do with Ancient Rome. In 2006 I spent three glorious weeks visiting Roman ruins in Tunisia and Libya and soaking up the Muslim culture. The local people are very gracious and made our group most welcome.

How do you ensure balance between your work, volunteering and home commitments?

Not as well as I would like, in fact, finding a better balance is my goal for 2007 – more time for walking and spending time in the garden.

What gives you a sense of purpose and accomplishment?

I'm very driven by lists and plans of things to do, so I get a lot of pleasure from completing those tasks and ticking them off!!

If you could have your ideal role in the world, what would it be?

Throughout my career I always thought that where I was at any one time was the best place to be, and then opportunities would come along and I moved to take on those new roles. For the moment I believe I'm in the ideal role – working in a busy public library with a dedicated team of people all committed to providing the best service.

Which kinds of libraries have you worked in?

I have worked in various sections of the State Library of Tasmania – cataloguing, public and reference libraries and systems.

What are you currently reading?

The Eagle in the Sand by Simon Scarrow.

What do you feel are your greatest achievements and successes?

I never envisaged that when I started my career as a librarian at a more *mature* age that I would be given the opportunity to enjoy so many rich and rewarding experiences. My greatest sense of achievement has come from working with teams on various projects – newspaper and serials projects, creating a newspaper timeline, introducing a new library software system and working to make our library an inviting place to visit.

What do you currently do for a crust?

Senior Librarian at the Rosny City Library, in eastern Hobart.

ALIA Membership

ALIA welcomes these new members who joined the Association in December 2006 and January 2007, and congratulates our members who have upgraded their qualifications.

Associate members

Jackie Bettington QLD
Galina Brejneva VIC
Esther Buys QLD
Michael Christie NSW
Karen Conway NT
Catherine Corbitt WA
Jeremy Cullis NSW
Kaye Cumming QLD
Margaret Daly QLD
Cheryl Ann Davis UK
Jeanette Dazkiw VIC
Emma Debnam WA
Elizabeth Derouet QLD
Gerard Egan NSW
Shiralee Franks QLD
Colin Freeman ACT
John Glennon NSW
Tonia Hinton QLD
Mei-fung Ho Hong Kong
Sandra Horsell SA
Michelle Hudson NSW
Judith Hutchinson ACT
Justin James SA
Melanie Jones QLD
Dana Kennedy QLD

Deirdre Kesteven QLD
Katrina Kittel NSW
Ila Kumar NSW
Andrew Lavender NSW
Dalia Malaeb VIC
Elizabeth Gunson Marsden NSW
Jean McKay WA
Nicholas McPhee VIC
Alan Murrie QLD
Anne Nevins NSW
Judith Nicholson NSW
Therese O'Keefe NSW
Petrina Osborne TAS
Luke Pastorelli SA
Daniel Payne VIC
Suzanne Pearse WA
Jennifer Peck VIC
Kylie Poulton QLD
Roberta Rentz QLD
Vanessa Schwerdt ACT
Kenneth Scott QLD
Priscilla Rene Sen WA
Claire Senior VIC
John Shea NSW
Katrina Shillam ACT
Barbara Slattery VIC
Rosemary Smith VIC
Adrian Stagg NSW
Erica Van Der Meer WA
Imeri Waibuca VIC

Vanessa Warren TAS
Kylie Weightman SA
Simon Williamson NSW

Members elected as Associates

Sally Baker QLD
Sheena Bell WA
Daniel Giddens VIC
Jennifer Hansen NSW
Kristie Jones QLD
Margaret Purnell NT
Alison Shaw WA
Denise Vitalone NSW

Library Technician members elected as Associates

Chris Adamou NSW
Joyce Sendeckyj VIC
Leslie Sharples VIC

Library Technician members

Danielle Black NSW
Cheryl Brown NSW
William Chamberlain NSW
Penelope Davies SA
Peta Dunbar QLD
John Geijsman WA
Judith Hawkins QLD
Rachel Johnson VIC
Jennifer Lee VIC
Kerrie-ann Lynch NSW
Marie Murphy VIC

Lea Spratt NSW
Richard Vankoningsveld QLD
Urszula Wilmott QLD
Patricia Wilson QLD

Members elected as Library Technicians

Rebecca Dunne WA

Members

Paul Aeria NSW
Maree Brabender VIC
Catherine Brady ACT
Julie Brailey NSW
Marie Burrell WA
Julia Bustamante QLD
Samantha Byrne QLD
Caroline Dadd NSW
Deborah de Silva NSW
Rosalind Dunn NSW
Wing-Leong Cheung QLD
Alexandra Cooper ACT
Jann Debenham NSW
Sarah Dunn NSW
Julie Faulkner ACT
Deirdrie Gregory VIC
Lynette Grevsmuhl NT
Kenton Habner SA
Cathy Hilder NT
Andrew Hill NSW
Helen Venina Hill NSW

Joyce Inglis NSW
Marjorie Jeffers QLD
Deborah King QLD
Noriko Kuchi VIC
Angela Kuzelicki NSW
Sharon Lam QLD
Jiawen Lin WA
Megan Luhrs QLD
Deirdre McMahon QLD
Kay Neville NSW
Georgina Nolan NSW
Corinna Pierce NSW
Deborah Rennardson WA
Danny Sa NSW
Kathryn Simes WA
Susan Simpson ACT
Rachel Solyom QLD
Teresa Sweetman SA
Harlinah Teoh VIC
Ibrahim Underwood QLD
Jackie Van Praag ACT
Peta Wellstead WA
Cathy Zdanowicz ACT
Anna Theresa Zylstra TAS

Institutional members

Australian Technical College
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