

# Directline

## Membership – and your support

It's an exciting time to be a member of the Australian Library and Information Association!

And it's your support that drives your Association.

ALIA can help you contribute to your learning, offering you a comprehensive range of discounted professional development services and activities together with the ALIA Professional Development (PD) Scheme <http://www.alia.org.au/education/pd/> Find out what is happening in your area and around Australia at <http://www.alia.org.au/events/> or look at the Events page in *inCite* each month. You can attend any of ALIA's conferences, seminars and workshops, at our special member rates.

Let ALIA help you broaden your career prospects. If you're looking to move on in your career, you can subscribe to recruitLIS, our members-only vacancies e-list, to keep up with the latest positions vacant. Or visit our employment pages at any time for a list of the latest vacancies or other key employment resources. You can also call on the expert advice of your industrial relations advisor <http://www.alia.org.au/employment/>

Remember to nominate a deserving professional for an award – or put in for one yourself! ALIA offers a range of awards, scholarships and research grants, to honour outstanding contributions to the profession and recognise and celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations – check the options at <http://www.alia.org.au/awards/> (see page 21).

And don't forget, it is through your support that the Association has the opportunity to influence the development and quality of the profession. The Association is constantly advocating and lobbying for our profession and for library and information services in Australia <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/> and making opportunities for our profession to discuss the big issues <http://www.alia.org.au/education/summit08/> (see page 8).

## Not a member of ALIA yet?

Do you know a colleague who could become a member? To celebrate the implementation of ALIA's new database we're offering new and lapsed personal members a 20% discount during the months of May and June 2008. We also have a special gift for new people who join ALIA by the 16th May, 2008. Download a membership form today <http://www.alia.org.au/membership/benefits/forms.html> and fax or post it to us.



## Election results 2008

Jan Richards has been elected vice-president (president elect), and will begin her tenure as vice-president following the May 2008 Annual General Meeting of ALIA. She will take up the presidency in 2009, holding office until the 2010 AGM.

Helen Partridge and Michelle Brennand were elected as directors by the membership at large; Philip Keane was elected director by the institutional members of ALIA. Their terms will run until the 2010 AGM.

Ballot papers distributed: 4868 to members, 955 to institutional members. The ballot count was conducted by Ascent Pty Ltd.

- Vice-president: 836 formal ballot papers were received, with Kevin Dudeney gaining 193 votes, and Jan Richards 643.
- Directors elected by the membership at large: 789 formal ballot papers were received. Brenda McConchie received 187 first preference votes. Gail Schmidt received 202 first preference votes. Kate Sinclair received 301 first preference votes and a total of 476 votes following the distribution of preferences. Helen Partridge received 301 first preference votes, with a total of 513 votes, Michelle Brennand received 340 first preference votes, with a total of 560 votes; these candidates were declared elected. (Exhausted votes 7; total votes 1578)
- Director elected by the institutional members: 83 formal ballot papers were received. Brenda McConchie received 6 first preference votes. Gail Schmidt received 11 first preference votes. The 17 first preference votes for Helen Partridge and the 20 for Michelle Brennand were distributed as they had been previously elected. Kate Sinclair received 11 first preference votes plus 38 distributed votes. Philip Keane received 18 first preference votes plus 44 distributed votes and was declared elected. (Exhausted votes 0; total votes 83)

## Public Lecture

Libraries in East Timor: Rebuilding the knowledge of a nation.

Speaker: Patti Manolis, Chief Executive Officer of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation  
Wednesday May 21, 2008.  
6.30 - 7.30pm. Experimedia, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

For more information see <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/programs/ltf/index.html>



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