

CLASS OF 2011: WELCOME TO THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Joseph Cullen

MBA, MPPM, Fellow LGPro, MAICD, PNA

Present position

Chief Executive of the Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation

Professional concerns

We must constantly innovate to enhance the opportunities and services for our communities. At the same time we must ensure the highest levels of service by providing professional development opportunities for our staff through associations such as ALIA.

I believe that libraries must be socially, culturally, environmentally and economically sustainable if we are to continue to provide relevant services and to being the 'third place' for our communities.

I believe that we can achieve these outcomes through co-operation, partnerships and alliances within the library profession and with our external stakeholders, and through the leadership and advocacy of ALIA.



Kathryn Cass

GradDipAppSc(Lib&InfoMgt), Dip. Lib.&Info.Services, BA (Hons)

Present position

Coordinator, Library Operations, Marrickville Library and History Services

Professional concerns

My professional concerns include free access to information for all Australians through the provision of appropriate technology and education (e.g. broadband rollout particularly to country areas, internet safety education rather than an internet filter and blacklists). I am also passionate about lobbying for increased funding and recognition of public, school and academic libraries. I believe that all libraries in every sector play an important role in their respective organisations, and the on-going professional development of library, records and information agency staff, as well as excellent representation and lobbying by ALIA of politicians and other stakeholders is the best way to ensure their continued success.



Vanessa Little

BA Lib Stud., Grad Dip Bus Admin., AALIA, FLGMA

Present position

Director, Libraries ACT.

Professional concerns

More than ever our profession involves adding value to our clients and making a significant contribution to the strategic objectives of our organisations. We are at a time when there are many opportunities unfolding for librarians in all sectors. The lifelong learning movement, increasingly important to the social and economic agendas of our governments, offers libraries and librarians from academic, special, state, national public and school library sectors a potential policy framework within which to collaborate.

A number of local and regional areas have already implemented place-based local development, involving collaboration across universities, TAFEs, private companies, state and national government agencies and local councils. All of these organisations have libraries and in a number of cases it is the librarians who are the driving force behind the policies and collaboration to benefit local communities and economies.

Instead, I see an unprecedented chance for our profession to collaborate across sectors to address local and national issues and further embed the library profession in the strategic objectives of governments and communities.



ALIA Board of Directors 2011 Left to Right: John Bayliss, Joseph Cullen, Margaret Allen, Julie Rae, Vanessa Little, Graham Black, Kathryn Kass