



President Graham Black and Directors invite members to join them at 6:00pm, Tuesday 17 May 2011 for the

ALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

First notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held on Tuesday 17 May 2011. Proposed location, ALIA House, Canberra (TBC)

Rules of Meeting

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **Friday 4 March 2011**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division/group of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the March & April issue of inCite and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the Chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided) and delivered to the Chair.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliations. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker; no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the Constitution item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, email address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm AEST on 16 May 2011**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chair's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 10th ed, 2007. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chair on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8222; enquiry@alia.org.au

the last word

THE LAST WORD

IT'S A NEW DAY, IT'S A NEW NICHE AND THAT'S ALRIGHT BY ME

There is no denying that the digital and social networking age is causing library professionals from all sectors to reframe their value proposition to organisations and their outcomes. The demise of Borders bookshops in the United States and here will only heighten the questions being asked by funding bodies and senior managers about our role and value into the future.

This presents challenges for librarians and libraries, but also opportunities, if we look for new niches related to our role in information provision, literacy (of all kinds) and lifelong learning.

It has been the case in the past that our profession has been 'streamed' into silos – special libraries, law libraries, health libraries, academic libraries, parliamentary libraries, school libraries, public libraries and so on – however now, in 2011, there is an unprecedented opportunity for our industry to collaborate and drive the value proposition of all libraries and librarianship into the position of the core of public policy and community and business activity.

The National Year of Reading 2012 will be the catalyst to this new collaboration and the first tangible demonstration to governments and others of the broadened role that libraries across all sectors play in social and economic development in Australia.

If the Australian economy is to grow and diversify beyond the mining boom, it will be an educated and innovative workforce that achieves this future. Such as

workforce lives by lifelong learning principles and this is where libraries and librarians come in.

'Place based' engagement is increasingly being used as a tool for local social and economic development. Much of this, such as Hume in Melbourne, Salisbury in South Australia and Townsville in Queensland, is underpinned by encouraging the community to approach their lives as lifelong learners – continually learning and developing to meet the challenges of change throughout their lives. Such place based initiatives require collaboration across all sectors – government, community, education, business and the not for profit sector. In some cases, the libraries across all sectors in these 'places' are the basis upon which the learning community or learning city is being established.

In these learning cities both local and state governments are encouraging their libraries and library professionals to be the catalysts for change and the facilitators of cross sectoral engagement – a pretty good value proposition for us into the future – and one that provides us all with the exciting opportunities to achieve real and positive impacts on the lives of individuals and on the success of our organisations and economies. I look forward to seeing more of our libraries working together to encourage lifelong learning and, from that, strong individuals, organisations, families and economies.

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