



IMAGES (clockwise from left): Alison Gregg, Margaret Medcalf, Imogen Garner, Pamela Sotzik, Jim Downing, Patricia Walker and Pat Gallaher each have between 46 and 58 years of membership of ALIA and received Silver Pins in recognition of this support.

Dr Kerry Smith conferred as a Fellow of the Library Board of Western Australia.

Jane Jones, winner of the Kay Poustie Scholarship.

Sindy Dowden, Community History Librarian accepted the Library Board of Western Australia Award for Excellence on behalf of The Grove Library.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The State Library of Western Australia hosted an event during Library and Information Week 2014 to present awards acknowledging excellence in library endeavour. Award recipients included Dr Kerry Smith, The Grove Library and Jane Jones.

Dr Kerry Smith became a Fellow of the Library Board of Western Australia in recognition of her work as an outstanding advocate for libraries and the library profession, and as someone who has mentored and encouraged the education of librarians for two decades. Kerry's significant contribution to the profession at a national and international level was acknowledged by all present.

The Grove Library was announced as the 2014 winner of the Library Board of Western Australia Award for Excellence, which carries prize money of \$5,000.

Their mobile Apps History in your Pocket and the Peppermint Grove History Trail impressed the judging panel for their use of existing local history material, presenting it in an accessible and interesting way with the potential to reach new audiences.

The Peppermint Grove History Trail allows users to take a tour of the suburb and provides historical images and narration about points of interest viewable along the trail. History in your Pocket provides a digitised sample of the Grove's local history collection, including interviews, images and stories describing life in the suburb from the late 1800s through to the modern day.

Chairman of the Library Board, Dr Margaret Nowak, congratulated the nominees, saying 'All of the projects showed a great deal of exciting work going on in libraries

throughout the State in a variety of different areas. Many were innovative, and all fulfilled a need for their clients'.

Jane Jones, Coordinator Community Literacy and Learning at the State Library of Western Australia, was awarded the Kay Poustie Scholarship. This scholarship takes the form of an international study grant and is named in honour of Kay Poustie OAM, an ALIA Fellow who believed in an international perspective for the profession and was a role model and mentor for many members, both of the Western Australian public library profession and public librarians nationally.

Jane will use the study grant to investigate community-based programs supporting adult and family literacy through targeted strategies and collaborative partnerships in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

To round out the celebrations, ALIA's WA State Manager Noreen Kirkman presented 25 Year Club Member pins to seven members who have each been members for at least 46 years: Margaret Medcalf, Jim Downing, Imogen Garner, Alison Gregg, Patricia Walker, Pamela Sotzik and Pat Gallaher. ALIA has established that there are 80 ALIA members in Western Australia who have been members for 25 years or more, and many were present on the evening to receive their pin. ALIA also presented Silver Pins to Kym Andrews and Pat Gallaher for their longstanding contribution on ALIA Committees.

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