

LASTING LEGACIES

12–18 May 2014 sees 25 years of Volunteering Australia's National Volunteer Week. During the week, we will be celebrating the achievements and contribution of our many ALIA member volunteers before heading into our own major event, Library and Information Week (19–25 May), including our Annual General Meeting.

This provides a good opportunity, on behalf of ALIA members and the ALIA House team, including our State and Territory Managers, to say a big thank you to our outgoing Directors at the AGM, who have given their time freely to make the Association even better for our members.

Stepping up to become an ALIA Director not only eats into your free time, preparing for and attending Board meetings, it also requires the ability to get to grips with the big issues, such as digital disruption, which have a major impact on our sector, and the insight to decide between often conflicting priorities. It has been a pleasure to work for the outgoing Board and to see members with very different experiences come together to decide the way forward for the Association.

I would especially like to thank outgoing President Julie Rae. Throughout her four years on the Board, Julie has been both challenging and supportive. She has focused on strategic issues, making us question what we do and how we do it, and helping to renew the Association, readying it for the times ahead. She has been the driving force behind the Future of the Profession and ebooks and lending projects, and her legacy will include a clearer vision of what the future holds for the Association, as well as significant steps forward in our relationships with other stakeholders in the Australian book industry.

This year, the Annual General Meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 21 May at ALIA House, followed by the presentation of 25 year pins to ACT members.

If you are able, please come along and help us celebrate the achievements of the former ALIA Board members, as well as supporting the new members who are taking up their positions.

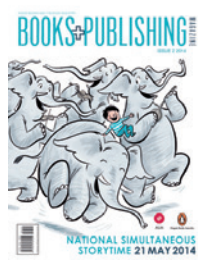


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Now our members have the chance to win one of five copies in our *INCITE* competition. To enter, email incite@alia.org.au with your name, membership number, address and the answer to this question: When and where is the 2014 ALIA National Conference? The first five correct answers will win a copy of Sorman-Nilsson's book.