

Thank You

Membership of the ALIA Board has changed, as it does this time every year, with the volunteers who have served their two year term saying goodbye. This year we say a very big thank you to Elke Dawson who has worked tirelessly on the Finance, Audit, Risk Management and Governance Committee. Elke leaves the Board with ALIA's finances in very good shape and some major work put into ALIA's by-laws.

Dr. Edmund Balnaves has managed the Professional Development, Research and Publishing Committee and overseen the growth in our professional development offerings, a widened scope for research funding and welcomed Ross Harvey as our new editor for the *Australian Library Journal*. I wish them both the very best and thank them for their work and time they have given to ALIA.

We welcome Beatriz Aroche (TAFE libraries), Anne Lahey (academic libraries), Marian Morgan-Bindon (public libraries) on to the ALIA Board and congratulate Aileen Weir (National Library of Australia) on being re-elected for another two year term. I have deliberately listed the type of library the new Board members currently work in so ALIA members can see just how wide the coverage is of the many different sectors that are now represented. We are fortunate that John Shipp nominated and has become our Vice President/ President elect. Our new Board members bring a tremendous range of skills and experience which will help ALIA build a better future for the library and information profession in Australia.

Finally I would like to thank, on behalf of all ALIA Members, Julie Rae on her year as ALIA President. Julie has been the driver of ALIA's Future of the Profession Project which has been a central focus of the ALIA Board over the last two years. Julie leaves the presidency with ALIA in a very strong position.

I am absolutely delighted to take on the ALIA presidency and am looking forward to the many challenges that lie ahead. In each issue of *INCITE* I will outline some of the challenges ALIA and our profession is facing and I urge you to get involved with these discussions. In next month's column I will post details about the ALIA President's LinkedIn discussion where ALIA Members can post information or discuss and debate topics covered in Frontline.

On behalf of the Board and the staff at ALIA house we thank you for your continued support of ALIA. We look forward to improving the value of your membership and building a stronger professional association.



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