



ALIA'S HIGHEST HONOUR RECOGNISES ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S LIBRARY LEADERS

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Recognising her outstanding contribution to the library and information sector, ALIA has awarded one of its most prestigious honours to one of our most senior library leaders.

Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM, Director-General of the National Library of Australia and an archivist by training, is the recipient of the Redmond Barry Award. This award was named after Sir Redmond Barry (1813–1880), who is regarded as the founder of the State Library of Victoria.

In 2011, Ms Schwirtlich became the Director-General of the National Library, where her list of achievements will long outlast her tenure. During her period in office, Trove has been embedded as an essential component of the Australian research infrastructure.

Under her leadership, the National Library successfully negotiated a change to legal deposit legislation that will enable the library to acquire and preserve electronic and born-digital publications for future generations.

Before joining the National Library, Ms Schwirtlich held many and varied roles in national and state cultural institutions, including the National Archives of Australia, the Australian War Memorial, the State Library of Victoria and Arts Victoria.

She has worked tirelessly for our profession, actively engaging with ALIA, IFLA, the Australian Society of Archivists and National and State Libraries Australasia throughout her career.

Ms Schwirtlich will be presented with her award at a forthcoming ALIA event. 

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