

Congratulations Kathy Sharrad

Winner of the 2000 Library Technician of the Year Award

Kathy Sharrad, president of the ALIA's Library Technician's national section has just won the section's most prestigious award.

Kathy graduated with an associate diploma in 1993 and has continued to upgrade her qualifications, and is currently studying towards her diploma.

Kathy has made a considerable contribution to the advancement of library technicians in South Australia. She initiated and has pursued issues of equity in discussions with the South Australian Commissioner of Public Employment, in order to gain recognition for library technicians in the ASO stream in South Australia.

Kathy has presented several papers over the years at various ALIA workshops, and has acted as chairperson at a pre-conference discussion group. Her most recent activity was a joint presentation titled 'Performance management/appraisal systems' at the ALIA Victoria and New South Wales Library Technicians' sections workshop in Mildura in May 2000.

Kathy's personal achievement in the development of library and information services in her workplace are well documented. For the past five years Kathy has specialised in audiovisual services. Her role involves the maintenance of some 1200 items of equipment and service to ninety classrooms. She also provides an off-air broadcast service to staff and students within the Adelaide Institute of TAFE. She has been instrumental in providing networking sessions for library technicians and library assistants within LEARN, the network of TAFE libraries within South Australia. Her most recent achievement has been the appointment as project officer on a national project called AESharenet. This position brings with it a shared responsibility to locate, identify and clarify copyright issues on educational materials produced by the Vocational Educational Sector in SA.

Kathy has been an active member of ALIA and has held executive positions at both state and national levels. She was also conference secretary for the ALIA national conference in Adelaide, 1998. Kathy's most recent achievement as



president of the National Library Technicians section, was presenting a strong argument and subsequently gaining approval from the ALIA Board of Directors for the establishment of a annual Library Technician's Day of celebration.

Her high standard of personal achievement, the record of her papers and conference presentations, and her longstanding commitment to the professional association are evidence of her outstanding contribution to the advancement of library technicians.

What Kathy has achieved is achievable by all. Dedication, pride and promotion of our chosen profession are in us all. It only requires one positive step to start your journey to the top. Library Technicians stand tall.

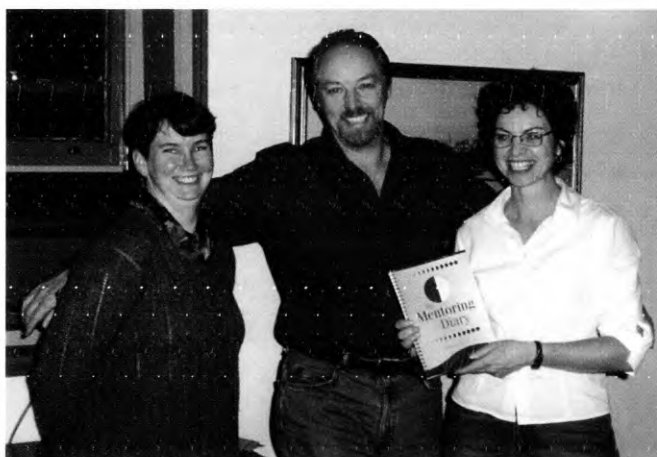
Yvonne Brock

Mentoring diary launched

In May a gathering with a dual purpose was held at the Brass Monkey Hotel in Perth. The occasion was planned to coincide with a visit by Ann Ritchie, who has recently left Perth to work with AIMA in Canberra.

Firstly, it was an opportunity for branch president Tracy Gerritsen to present Ann with an ALIA (WA Branch) Merit Award for her services to mentoring in Western Australia. Ann has been involved in both the individual mentoring program and the group mentoring program in Western Australia, and was for several years the convenor of the WA Mentoring Committee. It was pleasing to see that many of those who have benefited from these two programs attended in order to help Ann celebrate her award.

The second purpose of the evening was to launch a new publication, *My mentoring diary*, which Ann has co-authored with Paul Genoni. The diary is designed as a resource for all those who are involved in mentoring partnerships. The book introduces a number of



Tracy Gerritsen (WA president); Paul Genoni and Ann Ritchie

the key concepts and success factors required to get the most from mentoring, and it provides space for participants to keep a diary in order to encourage reflection upon their mentoring experience.

The diary has been designed with the ALIA CPD membership category in mind, and can be used to record your continuing professional development

activities to indicate compliance with the requirements of that scheme.

My mentoring diary has been published by DocMatrix Pty Ltd in association with AIMA Training and Consultancy Services. Copies are available from AIMA, PO Box 927, Dickson ACT 2602 for \$16 [ALIA members]. Discounts are available for the purchase of multiple copies. ■