

- ▶ resisting attempts by individuals or groups within their communities to restrict access to information and ideas while at the same time recognising that powers of censorship are legally vested in state and federal governments;
- observing laws and regulations governing access to information and ideas but working towards the amendment of those laws and regulations which inhibit library and information services in meeting the obligations and responsibilities outlined in this Statement.

Related documents

Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights <http://www.un.org./Overview/rights.html>.

Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights http://www.unhcr.ch/refworld/refworld/legal/instrume/detent/civpot_e.htm

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Statement on Libraries an Intellectual Freedom <http://www.faife.dk>. ■

Farewell to Alf Gans

Alfred Gans, managing director of RoweCom Australia, retired in July after many years in the serials subscription industry.

Alf was an accountant for twenty-seven years before he took over the family owned company of ISA in 1979. ISA was established in Brisbane by his father in the mid-1950s, and under Alf's outstanding leadership and development, RoweCom has become an innovative, client-focused, friendly and effective

organisation. During his time as managing director of both companies, no-one has made a greater contribution to Australia's libraries than Alf Gans.

In his support for libraries and the library profession, Alf has provided generous company sponsorship and participation at conferences, seminars and workshops. A founding member of ASSIG (the Australian Serials Special Interest Group) in 1987, Alf has since held the position of treasurer on the ASSIG

committee. In recognition of Alf's consistent and considerable contribution to the library profession the ALIA Board of Directors recently conferred on Alf the Redmond Barry Award — an award well-deserved well received. On behalf of the profession and ASSIG in particular, I thank Alf for his outstanding contribution to the library industry and wish him a long, rewarding and relaxing retirement.

Jenni Jeremy, convenor, ASSIG

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