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Over many years the outstanding contribution of libraries, library technicians and information professionals has been recognised across Australia. At times the tireless work of many in our professions seemed to be under recognised compared to other professions. I am delighted to advise that in 2007 there have been a significant number of people associated with libraries who have been recognised in national awards.

On 11 June the Queen's Birthday Honours List was announced. Recipients included:

Dr Judith Pearce

'For outstanding public service in the development and delivery of online library services.' Judith has been an outstanding thinker and contributor to systems development at the National Library of Australia. Her enthusiasm and ideas came to fruition with work on Z39.50, interlibrary lending and national resource discovery systems such as Libraries Australia and the Pictures catalogue.

Ms Gaynor Austen

'For service to library and information management, particularly through the integration and management of new and evolving resources available in university libraries, and executive roles with a range of professional associations.' Gaynor Austen was University Librarian at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) from 1991 to September 2006, from the merger of QUT with Brisbane College of Advanced Education, where she had been Head of the Resources Centre since 1987. Gaynor had a passion for high quality client service and good management and made an outstanding contribution to university librarianship in Australia and around the world.

Mrs Helen Brayne

'For service to the community of Griffith and the Riverina through a range of local government, civic, tourism and library organisations.'

Dr Richard Herr

'For service to higher education in the field of political science, as a commentator on national and international political issues, and to the community.' While Richard was awarded for his contribution to political science we knew him for his support for his wife, Twila Herr, and unfailing ongoing support for library services for people with disabilities, continuing through the family's support for the Twila Ann Janssen Herr Research Award for Disability Services.'

ALIA congratulates these recipients of Australian honours and thanks them for their wonderful contribution to Australians through library services.

ALIA has a range of awards which are ways of not just recognising our colleagues but also of supporting research in library and information science. Two awards close on 1 August:

- the Excellence Award which recognises excellence in any area, field or aspect of practice in the library and information services sector; and
- the Metcalfe Award which recognises high achievement by a personal financial member in their first five years of practice in libraries and information services.

You can apply for many other awards at any time. Information about ALIA awards can be found at <http://alia.org.au/awards/>.



On another note ALIA has been invited by the Department of Science, Education and Training to send representatives to attend a workshop (to be held as *inCite* goes to press) on the Research Quality Framework (RQF), Panel 11. This panel covers law, education and professional practices including librarianship. ALIA's representatives are Kerry Smith of Curtin University and Professor Don Schauder of Monash University. The ALIA Research Committee, with support from Marie Murphy, is doing a sterling job considering RQF issues and selecting representatives for the workshop. RQF has implications not just for the research work of those in academia but for all ALIA conferences and development activities. This issue includes two articles which discuss the RQF. Future issues of *inCite* will include reports on the workshop and related activities on the RQF.

Congratulations on behalf of ALIA to all the award recipients and sincere thanks to all our members who continue to support the activities of all Australia through their work. Don't forget you can nominate a colleague in the future!

