

Many lifetimes of great achievements and memories have gone into the past 70 years of the Australian Library and Information Association. There have been so many people involved and affected by the Library Association of Australia (LAA) — and now ALIA. David Jones talks of the first meeting of the Association on page 19 of this anniversary edition of *inCite*. Since then, our library leaders have driven the Association through many interesting times. As we often say — 'ALIA is its members'. Without members volunteering their time and energy and putting their passions and expertise into the work of the Association, ALIA would not be in the positive position it is in today.

I considered some of the pivotal events and achievements during our 70 years and in keeping with previous Directlines this year:

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- the Libraries Act
- the Horton Report
- the opening of the National Library of Australia
- ALIA House and the move to Canberra
- thousands of hours of volunteers being a part of the Association
- the contribution of Australian library workers to their organisations and communities
- the lobbying and advocacy that ALIA and its members have performed during the past 70 years
- education for the profession as a major focus for the Association.

Members will all have their own perspectives on ALIA's history, and we would like to hear from YOU. We would like to hear more of your memories, funny stories, photos and personal accounts of important events and activities from the past 70 years of ALIA. You can now submit your memories to the ALIA 70th Anniversary website at <<http://www.alia.org.au/alia70/>>.

What will the next 70 years hold? My Birthday wish: Good health and happiness for the Association and all of its members and staff.

Thanks to Alex Byrne who represented ALIA, CAUL, NSLA and ALLA at the public hearing of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Commission in Sydney on 17 July 2007. The Commission was seeking evidence regarding the submissions made to the Discussion paper on Material That Advocates Terrorist Acts. The combined submission is available at <<http://alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/terrorist.html>>. The Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 contains an amendment (in paragraph 3) that is a result of the consultation process. Further details available are available <http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/Committee/legcon_ctte/classification/index.htm>.



ALIA also congratulates two recent recipients of awards:

Helen Partridge of Queensland Institute of Technology received the Library Board of Queensland 2007 Award and \$5,000 for her contribution to the library and information sector. Helen has made a significant contribution to the library community in Queensland, and nationally in research, contribution to professional associations, education and training of library workers.

The **Graduate Information Literacy Program** at the Australian National University received their award for Programs that Enhance Learning from the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education awards at <<http://www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home>>. This is an innovative and engaging program which develops the skills of postgraduate research and coursework students. It provides integrated IT and information resources to the whole university. The team had demonstrated an ability to build creative ways of learning into a wide range of programs, engaging many students who were not aware that then needed to undertake skills development. The program successfully increases the learning skills of these students. Congratulations to Karen Visser, Hans-Jörg Kraus, Dr Jim Berryman and their colleagues.

Recognising the contribution of our colleagues is a very important activity. If you know someone who you believe deserves recognition, please consider nominating them for an award. Information on nominating for an Australian award can be found at <<http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/nominating/nominating.cfm>>.



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