

Thank you

On behalf of ALIA members, the Board of Directors officially acknowledges the stepping down of Dr Ross Harvey as editor of *Australian Academic & Research Libraries (AARL)* and Vic Elliott as Chair of the AARL Editorial Board. Both have shown commitment and dedication to ensuring that the publication has been of a consistently high standard and we thank them for their time and professional insight into the library and information industry.

VALE Jean Hagger

1917–2008

Jean Hagger, who died on 16th July 2008, was the foundation head of the Department of Librarianship at RMIT.

Jean began her career as a primary school teacher in 1937 but changed direction after being asked to set up the school library at East Coburg Primary School. She resigned from the Education Department in order to enrol at Melbourne University where she graduated with a BA whilst also working part-time in the library and completing her professional qualification.

In 1952 Jean worked in the library of the United States Information Service in Melbourne. The time spent there inspired Jean to seek experience in the United States. Returning to Melbourne she worked in the Baillieu Library and was a part-time lecturer for Registration classes run by the library training school attached to the State Library of Victoria. In 1960–61 she was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study at the University of Illinois where she completed an MLS.

Jean was appointed to her position at RMIT in January 1963. She was a pioneer in Australia of undergraduate education for librarianship at tertiary level. She was also the first female head of department at RMIT and the only one in the Institute's first century. When, in 1964, she appeared before the Council to present a proposal for a two year undergraduate diploma course in librarianship, she was the first female to appear in a Council meeting.

Jean retired in 1977 and embarked upon a successful career as a freelance indexer. She was responsible for the indexes to five of the seven volumes of *Historical Records of Victoria*. Her achievements were recognised by the grant of life membership of the Australian Society of Indexers.

Jean made a significant contribution to professional education for librarianship and to indexing. She will be greatly missed.

Michael J Ramsden
rivendell5@bigpond.com

The next issue of *Australian Library Journal (ALJ)* will feature a more indepth article on the life of Jean Hagger.



Australian Academic & Research Libraries (AARL)

Australian Academic & Research Libraries

is a scholarly journal publishing original refereed articles produced quarterly by ALIA. It is devoted to all aspects of librarianship in university, TAFE and college libraries, and in research libraries of all types. AARL publishes contributions on all aspects of librarianship past and present, pure and applied bibliography, publishing, information science and related subjects. All articles appearing in AARL are fully peer-refereed.

ALIA is inviting expressions of interest for the position of AARL Editor and for membership of the AARL Editorial Board

AARL Editor: call for expressions of interest

The ALIA Board of Directors is seeking expressions of interest in the position of editor from suitably qualified and experienced persons. The position is available for 12 months.

Experience in the professional field, in serial publications and as an editor are essential.

Applicants should briefly address the selection criteria (indicating editorial experience) and supply the contact details of two referees.

The selection criteria are available on the ALIA website <http://www.alia.org.au/publishing/aarl/>

Further information on the duties and responsibilities of the editor and the roles of the Editorial Board and the Association is available from Sue Hutley, ALIA Executive Director, ph 02 6215 8215, sue.hutley@alia.org.au.

Closing date: 10 October 2008

AARL Editorial Board – new members: call for expressions of interest

ALIA is seeking expressions of interest from ALIA members who wish to take an active role as part of the AARL Editorial Board.

Editorial Board members will be involved in the overall policy and development of the journal, including determining the broad character of particular journal issues, assisting in the peer review process, and contributing ideas, themes and possible authors. Communication is via email and meetings are via teleconference.

Closing date: 10 October 2008