

## ALIA Fellowships awarded

At the ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference, the ALIA Board of Directors conferred upon Christine Mackenzie and Roxanne Missingham the distinction of an ALIA Fellowship. Here are summaries of their citations.



### Christine Mackenzie

BA, Grad Dip Lib, Grad Dip Mgt, FALIA

Throughout her career, Christine has demonstrated and sustained a high level of achievement and leadership in library and information services. Christine is an innovator, collaborator, networker, motivator, risk taker, and strategic thinker.

Joining the Brisbane City Council Library Services in 1998 as Manager Library Services, Christine's passion for improving client services and the professional development of staff were key platforms of her leadership.

As CEO of Yarra Plenty Regional Library Corporation, Christine has continued to show leadership to the library profession and is recognised by her colleagues for her innovative implementation of technology. She has reinvented library service using web 2.0 tools in order to embrace the future. She is a prolific supporter of the professional development of staff.

Christine's professional network is international. She is amongst the leading public librarians throughout the world and highly regarded for her innovative practices and her willingness to share her learning and ideas.

Christine is currently a member of the IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section (MLS) Standing Committee, and has made a number of presentations over the past five years. Prior to her involvement with IFLA, Christine was a member of a select group of international public librarians on the Bertelsmann Foundation's International Network of Public Libraries, participating in collaborative research with Bertelsmann colleagues.

An active ALIA member for over 20 years, Christine has made an outstanding contribution to the objects and work of ALIA, serving as ALIA Vice-president then President between 2002-2004, where she demonstrated a strong commitment to her profession and was an enthusiastic and effective advocate for public libraries. She has been a member of the ALIA Online Content and Regulation Advisory Committee as well as the Public Libraries Advisory Committee and during 2004-2005 was a vital participant of the National Broadband Strategy Implementation Group.

To conclude, Christine is a most admirable candidate for the award of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association. As an innovator and trendsetter, she gives her time and knowledge generously. Christine's zeal for user education has evolved into a passion for finding solutions to enable the community to embrace and engage in the benefits of the digital world.



### Roxanne Missingham

BSc, Grad Dip Lib, MPA, FALIA

Roxanne's career has been characterised by a focus on customer services. She has been an early adopter of technology, successfully implementing systems to support customer-focused service models—including automated systems, electronic databases, full-text electronic resources and websites.

She has had a varied and wide ranging career, that has spanned the industry; working in a number of special libraries such as the Australian Nature Conservation Agency, and CSIRO Wildlife and Ecology, at the National Library of Australia (NLA) and now in her current position of Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian.

Roxanne was active in the establishment of FLIN (Federal Libraries Information Network) to support and represent the Government Library sector and she continues to take an interest in AGLIN (Australian Government Libraries Information Network) as it is known today. Roxanne is the current chair of Electronic Resources Australia (ERA).

During the period 2001 to 2005, Roxanne led the Division in the National Library which managed the national bibliographic database and the Kinetica/Libraries Australia service. Towards the end of this period Roxanne co-managed the major redevelopment program for the Kinetica service.

Roxanne has demonstrated untiring energy and enthusiasm contributing to ALIA groups, committees and events and in being an advocate for librarianship in professional and government settings. Her dedication to the profession and support of the Association is continuously highlighted through her expert group membership and her role as Director, Vice-President and then President; ever willing to assist and support colleagues by mentoring them through their growth in roles and positions.

During Roxanne's tenure as President of the Association 2007-2008, she worked tirelessly to ensure that literacy levels remained on the government's agenda; highlighting the need for the library sector to be seen as major contributors to literacy, information access, business, education and communities across the country.

In conclusion, Roxanne is a most admirable candidate for the award of Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association, having made a notable contribution to library and information industry over several decades.

The full citations, and a list of all Fellows, are available at <http://www.alia.org.au/awards/fellowships/recipients.html>