

NSW Parliamentary Library Staff Reunion

A unique reunion luncheon for staff who had worked with Russell Cope (Parliamentary Librarian, 1962-1991) brought together a cross-section of staff from those years. A working party of present and former staff organised the contact of the dispersed staff and the reunion arrangements. The venue, Bill and Toni's East Sydney restaurant, was festively decorated for the 35-40 people who attended the reunion in late November.

John Botherway and Andrew Cope flew up from Melbourne, Necia Agnew came from Canberra, Marlene Knowles and Lyn Miller came from the Central Coast, several came from the Blue Mountains.

The reunion stretched from noon to 6 pm, allowing plenty of scope for reminiscences to be exchanged and photos inspected. A number of working highlights and personalities of the past were recalled with hilarity. Only the news of the death of former Deputy Parliamentary Librarian, Richard Baker, brought a note of sadness.

Recalling happy times and events, participants mentioned the celebrations throughout 1990 to mark the Parliamentary Library's sesquicentenary. As Australia's oldest parliamentary library, it received wide notice at the time and even held the first Open Day in the Parliamentary Library's history. The 1990 celebrations mark a highlight in the library's annals. A second, earlier highpoint, but no less significant, was the move in 1980 to the spacious, elegant new library in the award-winning parliamentary building facing the Sydney Domain.

The reunion did not let sad developments dampen its spirits. The general consensus was one of gratitude for the good, stimulating times we enjoyed. An added pleasure was seeing old colleagues doing well in family and professional life. The camaraderie from those days was still much alive at the reunion.

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Currently reading *The Politics of Professionalism* by Juris Dilevko



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President Jan Richards and Directors invite members
to join them at 6:00pm, Tuesday 18 May 2010 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

Second notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

*The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association
will be held on Tuesday 18 May 2010
Proposed location, ALIA House, Canberra (TBC)*

Rules of Meeting

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **Friday 5 March 2010**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division/group of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the March & April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the Chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided) and delivered to the Chair.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliations. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker; no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the Constitution item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, email address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm AEST on 17 May 2010**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chair's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be *Joske's The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 10th ed, 2007. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chair on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP Jenna Walter, ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8222; jenna.walter@alia.org.au