

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER RECOGNISED

ALIA ACTive congratulates Ms Kym Holden on becoming the group's 2011 Outstanding Contribution Award recipient. Kym is the Director of Library Services at the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Melissa King, Director, Office of the Secretary DEEWR congratulated Kym on behalf of the Department's staff, noting that Kym has made an impressive contribution, working over a number of years to promote government libraries through the Australian Government Libraries Information Network including as Executive Convenor. Kym also sits on the University of Canberra Master of Information Studies Course Advisory Group as well as the Canberra Institute of Technology Centre for ICT Advisory Committee.

Kym has received this award in recognition of her contribution to ALIA and the profession through encouragement of capacity building and knowledge sharing for library staff across the ACT, her contribution to Information Awareness Month (which has effectively raised the profile of libraries within the information professions and supported many professional development activities), her contribution to the ACT ALIA committee, and her considerable achievements in the workplace, including delivery of new online training services along with development of library intranets and information skills in the department.

Parliamentary Librarian Roxanne Missingham said Kym's achievements reflect extraordinarily well on the skills and knowledge of the profession, adding that Kym has also made a major contribution to Australian government libraries through her leadership in the Australian Libraries Government Information Network.

Kym is a valuable member of staff in DEEWR, expanding the profile of the library within the department and leading a dynamic and proactive library team.

Kym originally came to librarianship as a mature age student and worked at the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian National University Libraries before beginning work in the government library sector. She worked at the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Department Of Industry in its various iterations from 1998 to 2006.

In 2006, Kym started at what was then the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) as Library Manager with the task of merging the DEWR and the Office of the Australian Safety & Compensation Council libraries. Her expertise in managing change was further utilised with the formation of DEEWR, merging the former DEWR and the Department of Education, Science and Training libraries.

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