



# ALIA NEWS

**A**LIA has a new State Manager in Queensland – Lyndelle Gunton. Lyndelle has many years of experience as a librarian and has worked in the TAFE, university and special library sectors. She has also worked as a LIS educator with Queensland University of Technology and has been published several times on information literacy and social media topics. Lyndelle has been an active ALIA Member for many years and has engaged with a wide variety of professional groups and committees. She is looking forward to meeting many of you in the Queensland library and information management sector and to working alongside you to strengthen ALIA and the sector at large.



Lyndelle Gunton

**T**he fundraising efforts by FAIR (Freedom of Access to Information and Resources) for Vanuatu have been successful. Churning in the South Pacific, Cyclone Pam made a direct hit on the island nation on 12 March 2015. Unfortunately the storm destroyed book collections used by many school libraries, to the detriment of students across the archipelago. Soon after the cyclone hit, ALIA CEO Sue McKerracher contacted Chief Librarian and Archivist of the National Library of Vanuatu, June Bela Navita, to see what help was needed. The National Library was spared major impact, so June requested that efforts be focused on replenishing the school library collections. ALIA quickly set up a fundraising campaign through its advocacy website ([fair.alia.org.au](http://fair.alia.org.au)). ALIA was joined by the American Library

Association, whose members also raised funds for Vanuatu. The combined effort raised \$4,000, which has been used to buy educational books at a discounted rate. They will soon be on their way to Vanuatu.

**A**LIA congratulates several members who have been elected to a range of IFLA committees, starting in August 2015. ALIA is an active member of IFLA, the international body for library associations. The Association is represented by the ALIA President and/or a senior officer at the annual World Library and Information Congress, and we have ALIA places on a number of committees:

- Continuing PD and Workplace Learning (2015–2019) Gillian Hallam, former ALIA President
- Governing Board of IFLA (2015–2017) Margaret Allen, former ALIA President
- Governing Board of IFLA (2015–2017) Christine Mackenzie, former ALIA President
- Library Theory and Research (2015–2019) Gaby Haddow, ALIA member
- Management and Marketing (2015–2019) Damian Lodge, former ALIA President
- Management of Library Associations (2015–2019) Judy Brooker, ALIA Director of Learning
- Public Libraries (2015–2019) Jan Richards, former ALIA President
- School Libraries (2015–2019) Judy O'Connell, ALIA member
- Asia and Oceania (2013–2017) Jayshree Mamtara, ALIA NT Manager
- Education and Training (2011–2015) Gillian Hallam, former ALIA President
- Information Technology (2011–2015) Edmund Balnaves, former ALIA Director
- Public Libraries (2011–2015) Jan Richards, former ALIA President

Representatives on these committees are self-funded.