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ALIA WA Forum

The Sharr Medal and the Ice Breaker

Well the year was launched to a very successful start with the WA Forum Icebreaker and Sharr Medal presentation on 6 March at LISWA in the Great Southern Room. Much to the delight of the hard working organizing committee over sixty members of the profession turned out to the event. We were most fortunate to have the State Librarian and Librarians from as far away as Albany and Bunbury who came for the event.

The pictures accompanying this article illustrate the gathering and the Sharr Medal winner and presentation. The Sharr Medal Committee was also pleased to present Certificates of Merit to the medal winner, Kim Grace and to Judy Allen and Pam Hartree. Certificate winners received a Certificate of Merit and a \$25.00 Boffins Book voucher.



Alan Bundy and Ali Sharr with Dr Sharr's book *Recollections*.

It was with great pleasure that the Sharr Medal Committee invited the ALIA National President, Alan Bundy to talk to the assembled company and present the 2001 Sharr Medal to the winner Kim Grace. This is the first time the Sharr Medal has been presented this century. Alan Bundy spoke on the significance of the Sharr Medal and the contribution of Ali Sharr, first State Librarian to the profession in WA. We were doubly blessed to have Dr Ali Sharr himself there to hand the medal to Kim and he signed a copy of Alan's book about Ali Sharr, making it the only signed copy in existence, which went to the Medal winner as well.



Some of the familiar faces at the Icebreaker. See page 6 for one of the reasons Kerry Smith has to smile.

The Sharr Medal is awarded to the graduating student in the various fields of Library and Information Studies, resident in WA, who exhibits the most potential; the one most likely to have a positive impact on their preferred stream of the library profession.



The two Graces.



Kim Grace receiving the Sharr medal from Ali Sharr.

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Kim Grace demonstrates these attributes and is busily consolidating them in his new professional position as Assistant Librarian at Maylands Public Library. Kim comes to the profession from a long association with Public Libraries and his other skills as a cartoonist and children's book author. He has conducted cartooning workshops in local public libraries for the last eight years and aims to see his passion for involving young adults in libraries fulfilled through his professional work.

Kim delighted his audience in his acceptance speech with a tale from his early association with libraries as a 'country kid'. It is most worthy of inclusion in the LIW 2002 "Libraries change lives" page on ALIA Net at <http://www.alia.org.au/advocacy/stories/>. Please take note Kim!

WA Forum would like to thank all those members of the profession who came to an evening of camaraderie and nostalgia combined with new young professional hope. We had advertised that Alan Bundy would speak on the current state of ALIA however Alan chose to couch his remarks in an historical context given the occasion. Tradition and a sense of belonging were the hallmarks of his speech and this appeared to strike a note of concord with the attentive audience.

At the end of a convivial evening twenty of the company adjourned to the Brass Monkey Brasserie for a dinner with the Sharr Medal winner and Alan Bundy.

My thanks to the WA Forum Committee, the Sharr Medal Committee and our Local Presence Officer for a job well done.

Bobbie Bruce
Convenor
ALIA WA Forum 2002



Left to right: Bobbie Bruce, Judy Allen, Alan Bundy.



Kim Grace receiving his medal from Ali Sharr.



Pam Hartree receiving her certificate from Alan Bundy.

CPD Column

Eilishia Bardoe has resigned as CPD Coordinator after serving in the position from September 1999 to January 2002. I wish to thank Eilishia for the many hours of hard work she has put into her role as coordinator. The highlights of Eilishia's term as coordinator include the "Is your manager bad for your library?" workshop which was so popular that all places were filled the morning it was advertised, the Internet workshop in Geraldton, the professional reading group meeting to discuss Ross Harvey's article from the *Australian Library Journal*, the Leadership seminar, and her report on the National Policy Congress. I also wish to thank Joanne Baines, Ruth Schofield, and Jeanette Hill for their hard work and dedication to the CPD committee last year, especially as Joanne and Ruth have left the committee due to other commitments.

Details of this year's programme of CPD events will be outlined in next month's column. Our first event will be a professional reading group meeting on April 17 to discuss Ian McCallum's paper: "Returning to Ithaca to get on with the

mission: Defining value in terms of our contribution to our customers and our profession." *Australian Library Journal* 51.1 (2002): 7-19 (also published at: <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/libnat/conferences/2001/papers/mccallum.html>).

As the new CPD Coordinator I am seeking new committee members to help organise the events. Being on the committee involves monthly meetings, taking responsibility for particular tasks (booking the venue, contacting speakers, sorting out the catering, and so on), and receiving lots of emails. I wish to emphasise to anyone feeling diffident about volunteering that being on the committee counts towards CPD hours, new graduates are just as welcome as people who have 20 years experience, it gives the opportunity to learn useful skills, and it can be fun. Many hands make light work and I look forward to hearing from several volunteers. My telephone number is 9490 1730 and my email address is ctpeters@myrealbox.com

Camille Peters
CPD Coordinator



West Australian Department of Indigenous Affairs Research Library Visit

In March the ALIA Local Studies WA Group enjoyed an informative visit to the Department of Indigenous Affairs Research Library which is located in the Perth CBD. Librarian Sue Beverley outlined the scope of the library and provided the following information regarding the collection and how it is used.

“The Department of Indigenous Affairs supports a research library which contains the most comprehensive collection of materials dealing with Aboriginal issues in this State.

The collection contains books, reports, journals, newsletters, videos, annual reports and Royal Commissions. The collection is organised using the AMLIB library system. With the event of Native Title the focus of the library has changed drastically and the collection is now used heavily by researchers undertaking native title litigation. The library is responsible for access to the 15,000 old Native Welfare files held at State Records Office and these have become an invaluable source of information for Aboriginal people trying to prove their connection to the land. DIA also run a Family History Tracing Program where Aboriginal people who are part of the 'stolen generation' can trace back their family connections.

DIA have recently launched the Sites Management system on the Internet and this was demonstrated to the group. Access is available via the Internet and by putting in geographical co-ordinates it is possible to search local areas to establish what Aboriginal sites or areas where people once lived are in your local area”.

The Sites Management system referred to above can be accessed at:

<http://www.dia.gov.au>

The library does not loan resources to the general public but welcomes visitors to the library to undertake research using the resources. Some resources are also available through Inter Library Loans.

Contact details are below:

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Sue Beverley

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1st Floor
Governor Stirling Tower
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Perth, 6000
Western Australia

Pam Hartree
Local Studies Group

ALIA Board of Directors Elections 2002

As the Convenor of WA Forum, with a strategic perspective on professional Library and Information management matters in WA in mind, I encourage you to exercise your democratic right to vote and participate in the Board of Directors Election 2002.

It is of most particular significance for Western Australia that we have one of our own standing for election this time. Deanne Barrett, Library Manager at the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission has offered her services to the Association.

Deanne has a long and distinguished history of involvement with ALIA as a General Councillor, CPD Convenor, National President of Specials and numerous other office bearing and committee positions. Deanne brings to the Board her passion for Special Libraries and her long term CPD involvement and commitment. She also has one other most special attribute, besides the obvious one of our very own Western Australian representative, that of the new, fresh and vibrant perspective of youth. Deanne is the youngest person to offer herself for election and would be the youngest board member. This is a perspective we of the Association need to consider in order to remain relevant in today's fast moving information society. Whilst youth is one of Deanne's special attributes she also brings the wisdom and experience of involvement in Board processes as a member of the advisory board of the School of Media and Information at Curtin University.

Please remember to vote and I urge you to vote for our Western Australian representative.

Bobbie Bruce
Convenor
ALIA WA Forum 2002

Editor's note: Ballots must be received at ALIA National Office by 5pm, **22 April 2002**.

From the Editors

The deadline for copy is the 20th of the month 20th April for May 2002

We are always on the lookout for articles and photos about recent events, news about upcoming events, suggestions for Net Notes topics, and contributions from groups. Copy may be sent to either editor:

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Don't forget that the May issue is the last chance to advertise all the wonderful things your library or ALIA group is going to do for ALIW.

Camille, Alethea and Belinda



ALIA and Group Budgets for 2002

For those not on the office bearer broadcast e-list I thought it important to distill the decisions of the ALIA Board after the 11 March Board meeting. Following congratulations on the wide range of professional activities offered and the vibrancy of the association this indicated, Susanne Bruhn noted the creation of one new group Reference and Information Services group for NSW, Victoria and Tasmania and with regret, the cessation of three ALIA Groups, Central West NSW, Corporate Special Interest and TAFE Queensland Groups.

Susanne went on to outline the concerns of the board in relation to the Budget 2002 requests from groups and the fact that of the 66 groups in existence only a dozen have budgeted at break even level. Whilst the Board is NOT requesting groups to submit revised budgets for 2002 it trusts that all groups will take on notice the Board's concerns and achieve savings and greater levels of cost recovery. Without this the funding may well run out within two years.

As a result the Board resolved the following:

Groups that do not operate on a surplus or break-even budget are to review their budgets to achieve break even on group activities. Exclusions relate to administrative support for state wide and national groups, with complex programs, expenses associated with CPD activities provided to remote and regional members and projects of importance to the Association and approved separately. All costs associated with social functions are to be recovered and catering expenses at committee meetings are to be kept to a minimum. Groups are expected to charge participants in group activities and to implement the charging of non-ALIA members at 33% more than members, By Law 2.

The Board also expects groups to achieve savings in respect of travel, conference grants, student awards and administrative support. The following guidelines are to cover those areas.

Travel – overseas and interstate travel for office bearers will not be funded. The one exception is where an active national/multi state group executive meets to plan or undertake key group activities once a year following prior approval from the executive director.

Conference grants and grants for CPD activities will not be funded in 2002 but principles and criteria will be developed for future budgets. The exception here is where groups have a budget balance or surplus to support this.

Student awards will not be funded as a matter of principle and new awards not yet in existence will not be funded in 2002. A process for proposing awards is to be developed for 2003.

Administrative support wages for statewide groups should not exceed \$10,000 in 2002 and administrative support for one group to support the work of other groups will not be funded unless related to specific joint projects.

Printing and distribution costs for newsletters are to be reduced and groups are encouraged to make the transition to email distribution. This excludes those groups where

subscriptions recover printing costs. In WA Biblia is posted on ALIA net and a notice posted on WAIN each month. The process costs us a very small amount, about \$11.00 to produce and post a few hard copies to members without email addresses. A Publishing and editorial Group has been asked to provide advice to the May meeting of the Board on a future strategy for funding group newsletters and the role of newsletters in the Association's publishing program.

If you have any questions regarding group funding and the information above for 2002 please contact your Group office bearers or Susanne Bruhn at ALIA National Office.

Bobbie Bruce
Convenor
ALIA WA Forum 2002

WA Special Librarian Award Nominations

Here is your chance to bestow some well-deserved recognition on your colleagues for their contribution to the library profession in Western Australia.

Nominations for the WA Special Librarian of the Year Award are now being called, closing on Friday the 26th April. Keep in mind that nominees must belong to the KISWA group, and can't have won the award previously. However previous nominees are welcome to apply.

Nomination forms and other details are available at <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/kiswa/special.librarian/>

Previous winners of the award are:

2001 Ini Campbell-Fraser
1999 Deanne Barrett
1998 Ruth McIntyre
1997 Trudy Parker
1996 Bobbie Bruce
1995 Kerry Smith
1994 Brigitte Glockner
1993 Bernadette Waugh
1992 Jill Maughan
1991 Roslynn Membrey

The WA Special Librarian Award will be presented at the opening event of Australian Library Week.

Please give me a call if you have any questions, or would like any further information. Nomination forms may be posted, faxed or sent via email. All nominations will be completely confidential.

Regards,
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Net Notes: Ready Reference and Research Web Sites

Distances

You can find out how far it is from one city to another using the "How far is it?" web site

<http://www.indo.com/distance/>

This is also a way of finding out how many cities share the same name as you are prompted for the country if more than one city has that name (there are 18 Londons in the United States, for example).

Folklore/Urban Legends

Urban Legends Reference Pages

<http://www.snopes2.com/index.html>

This is the site to check to find out whether a particular urban legend going the rounds is true or not. It has well researched explanations of why a particular story is true or false.

Postcode search

Australia

<http://www.auspost.com.au/postcodes/>

United Kingdom

<http://www.consignia-online.com/index.jhtml>

United States

United States Postal Service

http://www.usps.com/ncsc/lookups/lookup_zip+4.html

National Address Server - input address to find the ZIP code

<http://www.cedar.buffalo.edu/adserv.html>

Rulers of the world

<http://rulers.org/>

This lists every ruler: royalty or elected rulers for all countries for the past couple of hundred years or more. It is kept up to date and has even managed to keep track of who's in charge of Argentina (a particularly difficult task at the beginning of this year). There is also some biographical information on more recent rulers.

Standards

Check these web sites to find information about standards, search their catalogue of publications or order standards.

American National Standards Association

<http://www.ansi.org/>

IEEE standards

<http://standards.ieee.org/>

Standards Australia

<http://www.standards.com.au/catalogue/Script/search.asp>

International Organization for Standardization
<http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/ISOOnline.frontpage>

Statistics

Australian Bureau of Statistics

<http://www.abs.gov.au>

National Statistics (UK)

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>

FedStats

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

This is a gateway to statistics produced by US Federal agencies.

World Time Zones

<http://www.worldtimezone.com/>

Time and Date Com

<http://www.timeanddate.com/>

Find out what the time is anywhere in the world, calculate the number of days between two dates, check the time zones, or when daylight saving ends in particular countries.

Comic relief

For a library oriented laugh, check these sites:

The Lipstick Librarian

<http://www.lipsticklibrarian.com/>

Warrior Librarian Weekly

<http://www.geocities.com/bibliophist/index.htm>

Check out Biblia, the warrior librarian!

Librarian Avengers

<http://www.librarianavengers.com/flashindex.htm>

This site is a bit slow to load but it's worth the wait. The Reality 850 section "What they didn't teach us in library school" is patchy in quality but has some real gems.

IFLANET Library Humour

<http://www.ifla.org/I/humour/humour.htm>

Camille Peters



Libraries Looking Out A South West Forum

Showcasing the diverse interests
and skills of the WA Library Sector



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***Contact: Brenda Ellen
bellen@sro.wa.gov.au
for registration form and information pack.***

Insights from *Incite*

Pat Gallaher has been nominated for Geraldton Citizen of the Year (*Incite* March 2002, p.38).

It's official, WA now has another FALIA. Kerry Smith has joined the exulted ranks of Fellows of the Association and will receive her award during Australian Library and Information Week (*Incite* April 2002, p.33).

Congratulations to Pat and Kerry from the Biblia team.

Diary Dates**APRIL**

DATE: 8TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATES: April 8 15 22 29 May 6 [Monday nights]
 TIME: 6 - 8pm
 EVENT: Law for Non-Lawyers Course, UWA Extension
<http://www.extension.uwa.edu.au>
 COST: \$125

DATE: 13TH
 EVENT: WALTG Job application and interview skills workshop. Pick up tips on addressing selection criteria and writing a winning CV! Learn how to make a great impression at an interview. This is an interactive workshop where ideas and hints will be shared in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Includes a light lunch.
 TIME: 1 - 4pm
 VENUE: Rosie O'Grady's, James Street, Northbridge
 COST: Members and Students \$12
 Non Members \$16
 RSVP by 9/4 to Brenda Ellen bellen@sro.wa.gov.au

DATE: 17TH
 EVENT: Professional Reading Group meeting
 Reading: McCallum, Ian. "Returning to Ithaca to get on with the mission: Defining value in terms of our contribution to our customers and our profession." Australian Library Journal 51.1 (2002): 7-19.
 VENUE: Dome Café, 149 James Street, Northbridge
 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE
 TIME: 5:30pm
 RSVP by 16/4 to Camille Peters 9490 1730
ctpeters@myrealbox.com

DATE: 23RD
 EVENT: RMAA WA Focus Group meeting: "Preparing a Business Case."
 Speakers: Trevor Yardley, Alchemy Knowledge Solutions, and Ann Murdoch, Water Corporation
 VENUE: Great Southern room, 4th floor, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 2:30 for 3 to 5pm
 COST: \$10 RMAA members, \$15 non-members (pay on the day by cheque or cash)
 RSVP by 19/4 to Anthea Ulvestad 9222 9913
aulvestad@dpc.wa.gov.au

DATE: 24TH
 EVENT: WALTG Mentoring programme meeting
 VENUE: LISWA
 TIME: 5:30 for 5:45pm

MAY

DATE: 1ST
 EVENT: Trimagic Software
 DB/TextWorks Introductory Training

Trainer: Katie Blake
 CONTACT: Tara Lord (02) 9880 8666
tara.lord@trimagic.com.au

DATE: 2ND
 EVENT: Trimagic Software
 DB/TextWorks Advanced Training
 CONTACT: Tara Lord (02) 9880 8666
tara.lord@trimagic.com.au

DATE: 2ND
 EVENT: Trimagic Software
 Knowledge Management Solutions presented by industry and information experts
 Demonstrations of the latest Trimagic Solutions
 CONTACT: Tara Lord (02) 9880 8666
tara.lord@trimagic.com.au

DATE: 3RD
 EVENT: Trimagic Software
 DB/TextWorks webpublisher Training
 CONTACT: Tara Lord (02) 9880 8666
tara.lord@trimagic.com.au

DATE: 13TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 14TH (Please note change of date)
 EVENT: WALTG general meeting at Discussion Room, Level 4 (next to the library), Curtin University Graduate School of Business Building, 78 Murray Street, Perth (near Miss Mauds). Meeting will be preceded by a tour of the Murray St Library.
 TIME: 5:15 for 5:30pm start (building is locked at 5:30).
 RSVP: Brenda Ellen bellen@sro.wa.gov.au

DATE: 21ST
 EVENT: WALTG National Library Technicians Day
 Breakfast
 VENUE: TBA

DATE: 21ST
 EVENT: Web Accessibility Workshop
 Vision Australia Foundation
 TIME: 9am - 5pm
 COST: \$495
 CONTACT: Andrew Arch (03) 9864 9282
Andrew.Arch@visionaustralia.org.au
 Registration form available at:
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/disability/training/>

DATE: TBA
 EVENT: WALTG Library and Information Week Dinner
 VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA
 EVENT: Health Libraries, QEII site. Meeting to be organised by Cecily Gilbert, SCGH, and Diane Nielsen, PathCentre.
 TIME: 5:30 for 6pm



JUNE

DATE: 10TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 24TH
 EVENT: WALTG AGM and dinner
 VENUE: TBA

JULY

DATE: 8TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: TBA
 EVENT: WALTG - Metadata - what it is and how it works
 VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA
 EVENT: Health Libraries - Psychiatric services
 TIME: 5:30 for 6pm

AUGUST

DATE: 12TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 20TH
 EVENT: WALTG General Meeting
 VENUE: TBA

SEPTEMBER

DATE: 9TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 14TH-15TH
 EVENT: WALTG, WA Forum & South West Library Link
 Libraries Looking Out: *A South West Forum*
 VENUE: Sanctuary Golf Resort, Bunbury
 COST: \$90 ALIA, \$120 non-ALIA
 CONTACT: Brenda Ellen bellen@sro.wa.gov.au for
 registration form and information pack

DATE: TBA
 EVENT: Health Libraries HIRS @ KEMH
 TIME: 5:30 for 6pm

OCTOBER

DATE: 14TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 16TH
 EVENT: WALTG General Meeting
 VENUE: TBA

NOVEMBER

DATE: 4TH
 EVENT: Introduction to Metadata, CAVAL
 TIME: 9:30am - 12:30pm

DATE: 11TH
 EVENT: WA Forum meeting
 VENUE: Room 2.9, Alexander Library Building
 TIME: 5:30pm

DATE: 25TH
 EVENT: WALTG end of year function
 VENUE: TBA

DATE: TBA
 EVENT: Health Libraries Royal Perth Hospital
 TIME: 5:30 for 6pm

**Objects of ALIA**

It became evident at the Icebreaker that few people remembered the exact wording of the objects of ALIA so, as a gentle reminder (and to fill out the last bit of white space in this issue!), the text of the objects is given below:

- a) To promote the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy and democracy;
- b) To promote and improve the services provided by all kinds of library and information agencies;
- c) To ensure the high standard of personnel engaged in information provision and foster their professional interests and aspirations;
- d) To represent the interests of members to governments, other organisations and the community; and
- e) To encourage people to contribute to the improvement of library and information services through support and membership of the Association.

