



# ALIA Board of Directors meeting

## Take home messages

Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 May 2018

ALIA House, Canberra

### Present 15 May 2018

Vicki McDonald (President and Chair)  
Lyndall Ley Osborne (Vice President)  
Jane Cowell  
Jonathon Guppy  
Marian Morgan-Bindon  
Anne Reddacliff

Monika Szunejko  
**Observers**  
Robert Knight  
Helen Ebsworth  
Paula Kelly Paull

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Lyndall Ley Osborne (President and Chair)  
Robert Knight  
Jonathon Guppy  
Anne Reddacliff

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## Meeting summary


At the final meeting of the 2017/18 ALIA Board of Directors meeting, and the first meeting of the 2018/19 Board, a wide range of issues were considered including:

### 1. New Board Members

The incoming members of the 2018/19 Board, Robert Knight, Helen Ebsworth and Paula Kelly Paull were welcomed. Outgoing members, Vicki McDonald, Jane Cowell and Marian Morgan-Bindon were thanked for their contribution to the Board over the preceding two years.

### 2. Presidential agenda

The Board discussed the presidential theme for 2018 which will focus on Indigenous matters. The activities already undertaken by ALIA in this area were reviewed and potential new projects were identified. The projects being considered include everything from sharing information on how to make your libraries more welcoming spaces for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to helping celebrate the International Year of Indigenous Languages in 2019, and



working towards the improved description of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander materials in collections. More details about the projects will be available in the coming months.

### 3. Dr Suzanne Lewis Fellow

Dr Suzanne Lewis was congratulated on the conferral of an ALIA Fellow award. Suzanne has made a significant contribution to the Association and to the library and information profession through her work in health libraries. The award will be presented at the ALIA Health Libraries Australia Professional Development Day in July.

### 4. Conference update

The Board was updated on the progress of planning for a number of ALIA conferences and summits. In particular, the 2018 Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference (APLIC) was noted. The registration process for the conference is progressing well. APLIC will be preceded by the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Goals summit.

### 5. Advocacy

The Board considered a number of submissions that had been prepared in the first quarter of the year in support of ALIA Members and the profession as a whole. These include:

- Submission in response to the Australian Government Inquiry into Canberra's national institutions April 2018
- Submission in response to the Australia's second Open Government National Action Plan 2018-2020
- Submission in response to the Australian Government Inquiry into the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

### 6. Advisory Committee Chair appointments

The Board was pleased to confirm the appointment of Brenda Burr as the Chair for the ALIA Vocational Education and Training Advisory Committee and Elizabeth Alvey and Elizabeth Smith as Co-Chairs of the ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee.

### 7. International relations statement and protocol

The Board expressed their thanks to the ALIA International Affairs Advisory Committee for their review and updating of the statement on ALIA and international relations and the protocol on ALIA's relationships with international library associations and international organisations.

### 8. By-Law amendment

Amendments to ALIA By-Law 3 were approved by the Board to clarify eligibility to participate in the Board election voting process. The updated By-laws can be found on the ALIA website.

## 9. Financial Sustainability

The Board considered the financial report for March 2018, noting that the quarterly results were positive and ahead of budget expectations. A deficit budget has been approved by the Board for the current financial year to enable maintenance and upgrading of the assets of the Association including ALIA House and the ICT infrastructure. Efforts continue to identify tenants for the vacant areas at ALIA House.

The Board reviewed the risk register of the Association that had been updated and enhanced as part of the annual review by the Board Finance and Risk Management Sub-committee.

In addition, an updated version of the ALIA Delegations policy was approved by the Board.

## 10. Board sub-committee and advisory committee appointments

The function of each of Board sub-committee and ALIA Advisory Committee was reviewed and Board members agreed on their appointments to the following Sub-Committees and to liaison roles with Advisory Committees:

ALIA Board Sub-Committees	
Finance and Risk Management	Monika Szunejko (Chair) Robert Knight Paula Kelly Paull Jonathon Guppy
Membership and Awards	Robert Knight (Chair) Lyndall Ley Osborne Helen Ebsworth Paula Kelly Paull
Professional Development, Education, Research and Publishing	Anne Reddacliff (Chair) Helen Ebsworth Jonathon Guppy Monika Szunejko
Research Fund	John Shipp (Chair) Aileen Weir



<b>Sector Advisory Committees, Board Liaison</b>	
ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance	Paula Kelly Paull
ALIA Book Industry and E-lending Advisory Committee	Paula Kelly Paull
ALIA Education Advisory Committee	Helen Ebsworth
ALIA Health Libraries Advisory Committee	Anne Reddacliff
ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee	Monika Szunejko
ALIA International Affairs Advisory Committee	Robert Knight
ALIA National Library Technicians' Advisory Committee	Jonathon Guppy
ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee	Anne Reddacliff
ALIA Research Advisory Committee (academic)	Monika Szunejko
ALIA School Libraries Advisory Committee	Robert Knight
ALIA VET Libraries Advisory Committee	Helen Ebsworth

<b>External Committees, Board Liaison</b>	
Australian Committee on Cataloguing	Lyndall Osborne
Blue Shield Australia	Jonathon Guppy
GLAM Peak Bodies	Lyndall Ley Osborne