



ALIA Board Election 2019

Directors

ALIA is pleased to announce that Vicki Edmunds and Kim Sherwin have been declared elected unopposed to the two general Director positions that become vacant in May 2019. The candidates have supplied the following information about themselves:

Vicki Edmunds



Qualifications:

- Graduate Diploma, Library and Information Science
- BA (Honours)
- ALIA Member.

Current position:

Manager, Libraries & Customer Services, Blue Mountains City Council.

Previous positions:

2004-2008 Upper Mountains Library Coordinator, Blue Mountains City Council
2001-2004 Branch Librarian, Katoomba Library, Blue Mountains City Council
1994-2001 Olympic Games Organising Committee: Research & Library; Press Centre Help Desk Supervisor; Archivist
1993 Librarian, Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants and British Museum of Natural History General/Zoology Libraries

1991-1993 Audio-Visual Librarian, Department of Architecture, University of Sydney.

Professional activities:

- 2019 NSW Public Libraries Association Conference Committee
- 2017-2019 NSW Public Libraries Association, Western Sydney Zone Secretary
- 2017-2019 WestLit Libraries Chairperson
- 2017-2019 SLNSW Strategic Network Committee member.

What I'd like to accomplish:

As an ALIA Board member, I would like to promote the importance of libraries in Australian society.

Libraries offer services and products that level the intellectual playing field – they are the epitome of access and inclusion principles, ensuring knowledge and technology is available to everyone.

I believe the digital age has made libraries more important than ever and will work to promote responsible digital citizenship and digital literacy to increase the capability of citizens to participate more fully in our society.

I will raise awareness of the relevance and economic value of libraries to help ensure their ongoing future.

Social media connections:

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Kim Sherwin



Qualifications:

- BA (Hons) Sociology
- MA Librarianship
- AALIA (CP).

Current position:

Arup University Leader, Australasia - Arup.

Previous positions:

- Senior Librarian & Knowledge Specialist - Arup
- Information Research & Training Consultant - Sparke Helmore
- Liaison Librarian - University of Sydney
- Deputy Head of Library Services - Joint Services Command & Staff College, UK
- Learning Centre Manager - Wiltshire College, UK
- Librarian - Joint Services Command & Staff College, UK
- Graduate Librarian - University of Reading, UK.

Professional activities:

- MCLIP
- ALIA Special Libraries Working Group
- Co-author Arup's Future of Libraries and Rethinking Libraries Research Reports
- Conference speaker - ALIA Information Online, KM Australia and others
- Mentor ALIA, Arup, CILIP.

What I'd like to accomplish:

I'm driven to provide a voice to an underrepresented sector - Special Libraries. This sector serves diverse organisations, has limited public visibility, often lacks public advocacy, is an unfamiliar career path, has variable but often smaller professional numbers and is ingrained within the fortunes, or otherwise of parent organisations. There is an air of mystery that surrounds this sector and I'd welcome the opportunity to advocate. I have a diverse special library background, as well as a non-direct library role at present, so I feel that I can provide a different perspective, to compliment the current Board.

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