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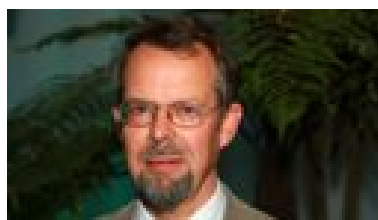
Awards for the Otago Southland Region



Alan Edwards receiving his LIANZA Fellowship at the 2008 LIANZA Conference from Barbara Garriock

The Otago Southland Region received eight awards at the recent LIANZA Conference in Auckland. These included a Fellowship, six Associateships and the YBP/Lindsay Croft Award for Collection Services.

LIANZA Fellowship



Alan Edwards is awarded the LIANZA Fellowship for his sustained contribution to law librarianship during his 35 years at the University of Otago's Law Library, and for his professional

contribution to librarianship in the Otago region. Alan is regarded as a quiet, modest professional, whose contributions were pragmatic, yet guided by principle, commonsense and efficiency. Alan is awarded the Fellowship for his specialist knowledge and contribution in the field of law librarianship, his dedication to excellence in service delivery and his sustained and generous contribution to librarianship both in Otago and nationally.

LIANZA Associateships



Louise Booth has a reputation for innovation and success in implementing and managing a lively library service, with emphasis on a friendly environment that meets the real

needs of the community. Louise's involvement in the Otago/Southland branch of LIANZA includes many years serving on the Committee in a variety of roles, and contributions to the highly successful weekend schools. Her innovation, community connectedness and professional commitment make Louise a fitting recipient of the award of Associate.



Helen Brownlie is recognised for her technical expertise, strong staff management, customer focus,

consistency, planning, collegiality, liaison and communication ability and for all the reasons above is a most worthy recipient of the award of Associateship.



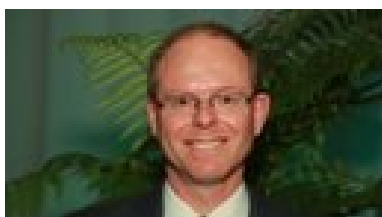
Elizabeth Finnie is recognised as being highly professional, well organised, an excellent project

manager and leader and motivator of people. She shares her knowledge and expertise with others both within the library, undertaking training needs analysis and ensuring new system installations are supported by training and documentation. Elizabeth's knowledge, skills and personal attributes make her an excellent recipient of the Associateship.



Bernie Hawke has been the Library Services Manager at Dunedin City Council since 2002.

Prior to this he had a distinguished career in Australian public and state libraries. Bernie's involvement in professional activities since his arrival in Dunedin includes contribution to the development of the LIANZA Standards for Public Libraries, regional co-operation initiatives, and the Pubsig review and subsequent development of the Association of Public Library Managers. Bernie is awarded the Associateship for his significant contribution to public library management and to the library profession over the 6 years he has been in New Zealand.



Mark Hughes Mark Hughes has been a tireless supporter of LIANZA, serving on the Otago/

Southland Committee since 1992 and in the capacity of Chair during the period 2004-2007. He is a consummate professional who is admired for his ability to adapt to ongoing and significant

changes in technical services and the management of large projects. He is a very worthy recipient of the award of Associateship.



Andrea Simonsen is focussed on providing access to collections for her customers, balancing

the need for quality, consistent and sustainable bibliographic standards with customer enhancements such as simplifying onscreen displays, creating indexes, enhanced bibliographic records and providing search training for staff and customers. Andrea's commitment to the values and ethics of the profession and her own ongoing learning and development make her a worthy recipient of the award of Associateship.



YBP/Lindsay and Croft Award for Collection Services

Linda Geddes. This award recognises the contribution made in libraries by the staff in the areas of collection development, collection management, acquisitions and cataloguing.

“Member” or “Patron”

So, are people who use libraries "patrons" or "customers"? Consultant Joan Frye Williams, speaking at the American Library Association annual conference in Anaheim, CA, said she asked "a bunch of civilians" how to describe library users, and they suggested "member." LJ readers aren't necessarily buying it. A reader poll (as of 7/21/08, rounded off):

Patron	79%	Customer	13%
User	4%	Member	2%
Reader	2%	Client	1%

Source: **Library Journal**. New York: Aug 15, 2008. Vol. 133, Iss. 13; pg. 13

From those who were there ...



Keynote speaker Lawrence Lessig's phrase "It's all about trust" encapsulated the theme of the 2008 LIANZA Conference for me; I'm glad that libraries maintain their independence and integrity in a world where large corporations often manipulate information to their own advantage. [Wendy Unkovich]

We are lucky to work in a profession where there are so many intelligent and passionate people who give their all in the workplace and within LIANZA to make a difference. [Elizabeth Finnie]

The LIANZA Conference was useful from a practical aspect with regard to matters such as RDA and professional registration, but significant in my mind was the overall affirmation from the keynote speakers – non-librarians, and the value and importance which they clearly hold for libraries and librarians in today's world. [Andrew McPherson]

Keynotes sessions by Lawrence Lessig, Dylan Horrocks, Mason Durie and Marilyn Waring were truly inspirational. They were linked by themes of communication, understanding, and future planning. Lessig told us we were the last hope in a corrupted world, Horrocks showed us the subtlety of expression possible in graphic novels, Durie encouraged us to plan for a rapidly changing demography and Waring opened our eyes to other political environments and understanding how we know what we know. [Marilyn Fordyce]

One of my most enjoyable sessions was my first one "Any Questions/Many Answers". This was a hands-on session and we could have spent double the time looking round the Many Questions sections of the Any Questions website. What a fantastic tool, this site is made up of the most common questions or hot topics of the moment. It can make things easier for both students and librarians, the work is already done! So go on and have a look around this fantastic tool, I know that I will be again. [Dianne Mears]

Professor Mason Durie's keynote touched on changing demographics in New Zealand society and the increasing proportion of the population

represented by people identifying with Māori and Pacific Island ethnicities. Recognition of the growth of these potential library user groups underlines the importance both of relevant collection development and of the provision of access to all relevant resources through the accurate and consistent application of Māori subject headings. [Sonya Maclaurin]

For me personally, it hit home that to remain relevant in the changing demographic and technological climate, libraries need to “step outside the box” in terms of modifying their services to reach users in their own space and their own time – convenience, usefulness, and timeliness is key. I took away some practical ideas on how this might be achieved. [Paula Hasler]

I was impressed by Mark McCrindle's comments based on his professional psychologists' background about staff in libraries needing to be engaged with their hearts and their heads. The challenge for us is how to achieve this. [Sue Pharo]



Some of the keynote speakers – Lawrence Lessig, Dylan Horrocks, Marilyn Waring, Mark McCrindle

Generation Y and Zers are growing up “knowing” they are committing a crime when they use images and music in their school projects. The law needs to change such that simply and clearly including the source for each abstract in such “amateur use” projects will render it “legal” to use, just as we do now for printed abstracts. [Belinda Holdsworth]

The content was better than the pre-conference information suggested - excellent key note speakers - Prof Mason Durie, Prof Lawrence Lessig, Prof Marilyn Waring especially. I found many colleagues were as impressed as I by Lawrence Lessig's presentation skills, including the simple and very effective power points. Janet Arnet's session on strategic planning was practical and useful. There were some "hands on" online searching sessions which proved popular. The computer lab should be a

regular feature at conference. The need to spend Sunday morning in 2 AGMs (Healthlib and the HealthSIG) was not anticipated with joy - but these sessions were focussed on health library issues, and achieved a great deal, notably voting to accept the new *Standards for New Zealand health libraries*. It was great to have everything on one site, even if the casino seemed in our face a little if we used the "wrong" entrance. More importantly, I came home with a notebook full of ideas, new resources to put up on the library web page, things to follow up from all the networking with colleagues and discussions with suppliers, and inspired and re-energised! Just how it should be. [Frances Harrington]

Conference for me was an amazing opportunity to network with other librarians and share ideas. It was also an awesome experience receiving my associateship. Well done Otago and Southland for gain six associateships. [Louise Booth]

I thought that this was one of the better Library conferences that I have attended. I particularly valued the longer breaks between sessions presenting an opportunity to catch up with colleagues from across the country. Also, the calibre of some of the keynote speakers was of the highest order - Lawrence Lessig, Marilyn Waring, Mark McCrindle, Mason Durie impressed me greatly. [Bernie Hawke]

Talk about how sweet the kumara is. [Andrea Simonsen— quoting Penny Carnaby]



All Conference photos taken by Ross Becker
<http://picasaweb.google.com/LIANZA2008Conference/>

"The future is behind us"

"Seek out the distant horizons but hold on to those which are near"

Maori proverbs quoted by Mason Durie speaking on *Transformational leadership in NZ 2008 - 2033*

Freedom to read : a centennial history of the Dunedin Public Library / Mary A. Ronnie

Freedom to Read is a comprehensive history of the Dunedin Public Library and the many personalities associated with the Library. Mary Ronnie's association with the Dunedin Public Library stretches back to 1937 when she joined as a 10-year-old and as a staff member for 34 years and City Librarian for eight. As well as the two years research, Mary has drawn on her own experiences and memories to produce a memorable book.



Mary Ronnie signing books at the launch of "Freedom to Read" – 16 October 2008

Opening of a new library 2nd December 1908

". . . The institution has been founded with a spirit of munificence that will make it a national undertaking, and one that will reflect credit on the city, and, indeed, on the Dominion.

It will provide a good average collection of standard works in literature and philosophy, and such an array of the latest scientific publications as will keep the student and the inquirer informed in the yearly progress of discovery and invention.

It will be the storehouse and armoury of learning and knowledge for the whole city - the place for youth and adult, student and tutor, statesman, councillor and artisan to attend, with the certainty of finding, as far as means will allow, that knowledge which his particular field of investigation requires."

*Mr J. McDonald, Mayor of Dunedin
Otago Witness 9 December 1908*

Library Assistants' Day Invercargill

A very successful Library Assistants' Day was held in Invercargill on 17 September, 2008 with participants from Dunedin, Invercargill, and other parts of Southland, Clutha District and Wanaka. Some comments from those who attended:

Christina Pokidin – *Invercargill Public Libraries*

1. Public speaking – this helped me with my first story telling session, shaking the hands to rid one's self of nerves, positive speaking (within yourself), visualization – the whys and how-to. I found it all very helpful.
2. It was terrific meeting library assistants from other libraries, and sharing ideas.
3. Websites, websites, websites – what an excellent list of readers' advisory resources.
4. Tim Shadbolt, always a very funny and interesting man.
5. Learning about resources, courses and information available to us professionally.
6. Networking, discussions about what libraries do, and how they contribute to the community. Be it through reference in archives, internet availability, reading programmes for adults and children, housebound services, free patron services, educational services through story times and activities, socializing for parents and children, and last but not least, a safe environment for most people to have a time out.

Stephen Doig – *Invercargill Public Libraries*

I found this to be a very well organized, well presented and most informative day, as well as a good opportunity to discuss and compare notes on the role of a library assistant in New Zealand.

Several topics were covered by the speakers, including public speaking itself, reader's development/advisory, and, more generally, ways in which libraries can improve their services to the public.

A tour of Invercargill Libraries new Archive facility was also included and was of great interest to all attending.

On a personal note, I particularly enjoyed meeting and sharing ideas with fellow library assistants from Invercargill and around the Southland and Otago regions.

Overall, this was a very beneficial day and appeared to be much appreciated by all. I would not hesitate to attend another Library Assistants' Day, should the opportunity arise again.

Angela Bain – *Invercargill Public Libraries*

Refreshed and revitalised after a yummy lunch, we met up again for the Readers' Advisory part of the day. First up was Vicki Darling from Clutha District Libraries who talked about her experience of presenting a paper at a conference dealing with developing readers in Australia and New Zealand which took place in Melbourne earlier this year. Vicki conducted a survey of NZ public libraries to find out whether reader development (of which readers' advisory is part) was seen and practised as core business. She found that there is still plenty of room for improvement but that many libraries are trying some really exciting reader development ideas.

Next up was Anne Maree Wigley from DP with a presentation about useful resources for answering readers' advisory enquiries. Anne Maree's list of great print guides had us all rushing to work the next day to make sure we had copies of the gems she spoke about. She then talked us through some of the most useful readers' advisory websites she had come across, showed some booklists which different libraries had created, and ended by talking about the Rewarding Reading sessions run by DP for staff of other libraries.

All in all, these were two very useful sessions dealing with the readers' advisory issues we all come across at work every day, with lots of practical ideas and tips for us to take away.

Yvonne Hughes-Young – *Dunedin Public Libraries*

I totally enjoyed the chance to see Invercargill Library, the new archives building, and the tours of the Southern Institute Library and Southland Campus. It was good to see the differences between Libraries as they catered for different needs. I was impressed with the wide range of speeches on interesting and relevant topics.

Well worth going, and would recommend it to anyone interested. We brought back and shared ideas that could be integrated into the Dunedin Public Libraries, such as the leaflets on authors and genres being kept in one location.

Anne-Maree Wigley – *Dunedin Public Libraries*

A great opportunity to meet up with colleagues from other parts of the region, and share experiences. Sessions/tours varied and interesting - a good mix.

Averil Thomson – *Dunedin Public Libraries*

As I have just started working at the Blueskin Bay Library I found the day very informative and enjoyed meeting many other library assistants from the Otago Southland region.

Professional Registration

Allison Dobbie recently spoke to the Otago Southland Region on professional registration.



Some key points were:

Professional registration recognises library and information professionals with a broad professional knowledge of librarianship; who can apply that knowledge to a satisfactory level; who work within a professional code of conduct; and keep their professional knowledge current.

“If you meet the ‘transition phase’ criteria you’d be a mug not to apply for Professional Registration NOW!”

The transition phase which finishes 30 June 2009 is a ‘fast track’ to registration – no library qualification is required and previous library experience is recognised.

From 1 July, the ‘mature’ phase requires a graduate qualification in LIS and one year’s mentoring of new graduates.

Why get registered?

It’s worth it

You’re worth it

It’s not that hard

Further information and application forms are available at <http://lianza.org.nz/registration/>

Blokes’ Day Out

Blokes’ Day Out needs to become an annual event, according to many of the blokes who attended the event on Winton on 1 November.

“The Southland District Libraries Blokes’ Day Out has to be considered successful, not based on the numbers of blokes who came through the gates, but rather, by the quality of the venue and of the many displays set up both indoors and out,” organizer Willie Solomon said.

Librarians involved were delighted with the way in which the day evolved. To see blokes discussing their interests, being actively involved in activities and actually taking an interest in the literature scattered around the displays was to them a measure of the successfulness of the event.

“High praise goes to those businesses and individuals involved who took this opportunity to showcase their product or passion in the best way they saw fit,” Mr Solomon said. “The generosity demonstrated through sponsorship by so many local businesses was so encouraging.”

Guest speaker, Mike King believed the event was a ‘brilliant day’ for big blokes and their children. Mike was taken by the innovative concept of the day and believed it should be repeated and spread further afield over time.



“The weather wasn’t exactly conducive to a ‘day out’ for those ducks with attitude, let alone blokes, but the event continued regardless. All the careful planning and preparation came through on the day and blokes and ‘blokettes’ of all ages appeared to be enjoying what was on offer for their enjoyment,” Mr Solomon said.

Under the competent guidance of facilitator, Gerry Forde the day unfolded with non-stop action keeping everyone involved and entertained. From the time the event opened there were giveaways galore being handed out for lucky ticket prizes as well as for folks who were prepared to get involved in the variety of interactive activities on offer. And interactive best describes it... martial arts demos, climbing the rock wall, riding the crazy bikes, tugging one’s heart out in the tug-o-war competitions and riding for gold on the mechanical bull. Watching model trains go round and playing with the computers was entertainment enough for some.

Our guest speakers, Eric Roy and Mike King provided the finale we were hoping for and it was most pleasing to hear their thought-provoking words and to have them both round off a truly ‘blokes’ kind of day.