

1937-1997: A retrospective

Some of the major milestones in the history of the Association

1937

Australian Institute of Librarians established

1938

First conference of the Institute held in Sydney

1941

Board of Examiners established

1944

National system of examining and certificating librarians established

1950

Library Association of Australia established

1951

Australian Library Journal published for the first time

1963

Fifty founding members of the Association were awarded the first Fellowships

1971

First Australian Salary Survey undertaken

1972

Pilot survey on library services to migrants undertaken in New South Wales

1973

HCL Anderson and Redmond Barry award established

1976

Board of Examiners becomes the ALIA Board of Education

HCL Anderson to Wilma Radford

Redmond Barry to Sir Peter Crisp

Association headquarters move from Surry Hills to Clarence Street, Sydney

1977

The Association's Surry Hills premises sold

HCL Anderson Award to F M Thurtles Thomas

Last year in which new candidates were accepted for the Registration Examination

1978

HCL Anderson to Dietrich Borchardt

Redmond Barry to James Bennett

Final meeting of the Standing Committee of General Council

1979

HCL Anderson Award to Allan Horton

Redmond Barry Award to Professor Emeritus Frederick Alexander

1980

inCite published for the first time
Registration exam ceased

1981

HCL Anderson Award to Phyllis Mander-Jones
Redmond Barry Award to James Crawford

Amendments to the Associations By-laws accepted by Governor-General-in Council

1982

HCL Anderson Award to Ira Raymond
LAA house relocates to 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, Sydney

1983

HCL Anderson Award to Sir Harold White

1984

HCL Anderson Award to Harrison Bryan
Redmond Barry Award to Professor Gordon Greenwood

Ellinor Archer Award established, awarded to Ena Noël

Voucher-only membership of the Association established

1985

HCL Anderson Award to Jean Conochie
Redmond Barry Award to Sir John Starke

Inaugural Metcalfe Medallion awarded to Averill Condren

1986

HCL Anderson Award to W Laurie Brown
Redmond Barry Award to Justice Rae Else-Mitchell

Metcalfe Medallion to Dr Ambrose Ransley

1987

The Association's 50th anniversary celebrated

HCL Anderson Award to James Dwyer and Jean Whyte

General Council endorses the LAA Student Award

Inaugural LAA Library Manager of the Year awarded to Georgina Cane

1988

HCL Anderson Award to Warren Horton
Redmond Barry Award to Marcie Muir

Library Manager of the Year awarded to Alison Crook

Library Technician of the Year award established

Approval of the first professional members under the widened eligibility criteria

1989

The Australian Library and Information Association established

Head office relocates to Canberra

1990

Dunn & Wilson Scholarship for Technicians established

ALIA Press Board established

New ALIA building opened by the Hon Ros Kelly

Redmond Barry Award awarded to George Frederick Maltby

Fay Pattinson wins Library Technician of the Year

1991

Library Manager of the Year awarded to Warwick Scott Cathro
Library Technician of the Year awarded to Lexie Zantiotis

1993

Library Technician of the Year presented to Evette House
Metcalfe Medallion presented to Kylie Lau

1994

Enterprise Flexibility Agreement negotiated with ALIA National Office staff

Australian Library Week organised by ALIA National Office

Inaugural Ena Noël Australian IBBY Encouragement Award for Children's Literature presented to Arone Raymond Meeks

Redmond Barry Award presented to Hon E G Whitlam

Library Manager of the Year name change to ALIA Manager of the Year

1995

ALIANet, ALIA's Internet service, launched by Governor General Bill Hayden

Lobby for libraries program established

1996

Redmond Barry Award presented to the Hon Barry Jones