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Life Membership

Life Membership of the School Library Association of New South Wales is a prestigious award bestowed on members who have demonstrated commitment to the mission and objectives of the Association through their sustained voluntary work. The Management Committee of the Association is pleased to announce Dr Lyn Hay as its most recent recipient of Life Membership.



Most qualified teacher librarians in NSW have been influenced in some way by the work of Dr Lyn Hay. Since the early 1990s in various capacities as a teacher librarian, university lecturer, researcher, professional learning leader and consultant, and member of the SLANSW Management Committee, Lyn has engaged with SLANSW to organise professional learning activities and present keynotes and workshops at SLANSW professional learning events.

As a lecturer in Teacher Librarianship at the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University from 1994-2012, Lyn collaborated with SLANSW to promote and strengthen the standing and qualifications of teacher librarians in NSW. Over more than two decades, she has also presented findings from her research into various aspects of teacher librarianship at SLANSW professional learning events and in SLANSW

publications. During this time, Lyn also developed and managed OZTL_NET, a discussion list for teacher librarians. In doing so, Lyn supported the Association's objective to provide members with access to a national professional network.

More recently, Lyn has made a significant contribution to the Association as a member of the SLANSW Executive and Management Committee from 2018-2021. During this period of rebuilding for the Association, Lyn managed the day-to-day running of the Association's Secretariat and served as Vice President. In this role, Lyn developed and organised a strong professional learning program of face-to-face and online events, including the International Speaker Series that provided members with access to international speakers during months of COVID lockdown and travel restrictions. Lyn also developed the Association's operational infrastructure, which included the creation of the Executive Officer's role, website development, and membership management.

Lyn continues to provide operational support for the Association as needed, and has assisted with the establishment and operation of the Research Special Interest Group. She also continues to represent SLANSW on the School Library Coalition, a national advocacy body for school libraries and those who work in them.

Dr Lyn Hay's voluntary work over several decades demonstrates her commitment to the Association's mission to promote the professional interests of teacher librarians and support staff in school libraries. Members of the School Library Association of New South Wales congratulate Lyn on her receipt of Life Membership.



The [School Library Association of New South Wales](#) (SLANSW) is a professional association centered on professional learning, advocacy and research. Our membership is interested in learning about, and supporting and advocating for, the importance of school libraries as a part of the K-12 educational experience.

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