

# **ALIA Government and Special Libraries Sector Committee**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Government and Special Libraries sector committee (GSL) is to provide a forum to discuss professional development, policy, advocacy, and other issues relevant to ALIA members and library and Information specialists who work in government or special libraries. The GSL will celebrate, promote and support the value, diversity and richness of collections and knowledge in the sector.

The ALIA Board may seek advice from the GSL as required.

### **Focus**

The key areas of focus for the GSL will be:

- Advocacy for the sector and for high-quality information services
- Development and promotion of best practice delivery models
- Networking and knowledge-sharing

### **Commitment to sustainability and leadership development**

The GSL is committed to leadership development and sustainability of the group. This is carried out by establishing working groups to progress tasks and encouraging broad participation.

### **Membership**

All people who work in government and special libraries of any type are welcome to join the GSL.

### **GSL Executive**

As an ALIA committee, office holders are required to be an ALIA personal member or the formal nominee of the institutional member. Office holders are appointed by the ALIA Board for a term of three years. A person may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

The GSL Executive has the following office holders:

Convenor: Kylie Poulton, appointed 27 September 2023

Secretary: Karen Collier, appointed 27 September 2023

Treasurer: Karen Collier, appointed 27 September 2023

### **Reporting**

The GSL are to provide an annual report to the ALIA Board providing an overview of GSL's activities and current issues for the sector. The ALIA Board will invite a GSL representative(s) to present the report at an ALIA Board meeting.

### **Relationships**

The GSL Executive will work collaboratively with ALIA National Office and other ALIA Committees and Groups as required. The following ALIA Groups or Committees are of particular relevance:

- Health Libraries Australia
- Australasian Libraries in Emergency and Security
- ALIA Law Librarians Queensland

The following external organisations are of relevance:

- Australian Law Librarian Association
- Australian Parliamentary Library Association

### **Frequency of Meetings**

The GSL Executive will meet at least 4 times per year.

The GSL will hold an open meeting for all GSL members at least 2 times per year.

### **Changes to the terms of reference**

The terms of reference may be revised by the GSL Executive in consultation with the GSL members and submitted to the ALIA CEO for approval by the ALIA Board.

Approved by	ALIA Board
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