

**Australian School Library Association
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The summary is presented under the ASLA Strategic Plan main headings.

A. Provide leadership in professional practice and school-based workforce planning

- The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), the Australian School Library Association (ASLA) and Edith Cowan University (ECU) announced the release of survey results from the Australian School Libraries Research Project. Please check the media release information at <http://www.asla.org.au/advocacy/mediarelease-May09.htm> The reports can be found at <http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/portals/ASLRP/publications.php>
- Supported a joint submission by the Australian Library and Information Association on the *Freedom of Information (FOI) Reform*.
- Endorsed the recommendation from the ALIA-ASLA Policy Advisory Group that the course recognition process of ALIA consider, as a matter of course, the core skills and knowledge criteria required to recognize teacher librarianship courses include the jointly-published ALIA-ASLA *Standards of Professional Excellence for Teacher Librarians*, and, the course recognition panel examining teacher librarianship courses, either as a teacher librarianship course or as a teacher librarianship element within a general LIS course, include a member who is a qualified teacher librarian as well as a teacher librarian educator with education qualifications.

B. Develop and maintain sound governance and management

- Brief for the development of options for the future directions of ASLA finalised and submitted to an external consultant for response.
- Appointed a Secretary to fill the casual vacancy.
- New *Access* journal editor appointed.
- Working towards the consolidation of a sub-committee framework for ongoing operations of ASLA.

C. Commit to communication and engagement

- The association continues to respond to and engage in discussions with Teaching Australia, National Education Forum, Electronic Resources Australia and Peak Bodies Forum.
- The association is currently represented on the program planning committee of the Teacher Australia Network Forum scheduled for August 2009.