

Library champions recognised at the NSW State Library

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The prestigious Honours of the Library Council of NSW were announced at a special awards ceremony at the State Library of NSW last night.

Andrew Tink AM, President of the Library Council, conferred the Honours on eight individuals in recognition of their contribution to the cultural enrichment of Australia through library and information excellence.

“The Honours of the Library Council of New South Wales are establishing a great tradition of recognising the highest achievement in libraries, information and related fields,” said Mr Tink.

“These individuals are tremendous champions for libraries and through their work give prominence to the vital role libraries play in the cultural life of our State and nation.”

The following Honours were awarded:

Dixson Medal

Mr Michael Crouch AO

For his distinguished contributions to business, innovation, philanthropy and the cultural sector, including the State Library of NSW.

Mr Kerry Stokes AC

For his distinguished contributions to business, philanthropy, history, the arts and the understanding of Australia and support for libraries and other cultural institutions.

Ifould Medal

Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM

For her distinguished service to Australian libraries and archives and leadership within the cultural sector.

Emeritus Curator

Emeritus Professor Alan Frost FRHistS FAHA

For his major contributions to history, research and the understanding of the colonisation of Australia, and to the State Library of NSW.

Mr Mark Hildebrand

For his major contributions to history, research, the NSW Parliamentary Library and the State Library of NSW.

Honorary Fellow

Mr Richard Fisher AM

For his major contributions to the law and the State Library of NSW (will be conferred later).

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Ms Megan Martin

For her major contributions to history, collections and libraries including the State Library of NSW.

Ms Samantha Meers

For her major contributions to business, the not for profit sector and philanthropy and her support for the cultural sector, including the State Library of NSW.

NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive Alex Byrne offered his congratulations to all the recipients on their extraordinary achievements and thanked them “for their ongoing commitment to the State Library’s mission and values, vision and strategic priorities.”

“The awards are an important, and public, celebration of the significance of cultural collections to interrogating our past, understanding our present and imagining our future,” Dr Byrne said.

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